

March

~ SOBER HORIZONS ~

2019

One Day at a Time



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

Selfishness self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate. Sometimes they hurt us, seemingly without provocation, but we invariably find that at some time in the past we have made decisions based on self which later placed us in a position to be hurt.

So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so. Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us! God makes that possible. And there often seems no way of entirely getting rid of self without His aid. Many of us had moral and philosophical convictions galore, but we could not live up to them even though we would have liked to. Neither could we reduce our self-centeredness much by wishing or trying on our own power. We had to have God's help.

This is the how and the why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most Good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, *as we understood Him*: "God, I offer myself to Thee-to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!" We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.

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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 = Jake Burroughs

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.

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Promise 3: We will comprehend the word serenity.

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

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

March 2019

**Tiffin New Hope Group
45th Anniversary
April 6, 2019**

**Old Trinity Church
125 East Market St.
Tiffin, OH**

**Doors Open 5:00
Dinner at 6:00
Lead to follow – (TBA)**

Please bring a covered dish (with something in it) to share.

50/50 and door prizes.

Please join us for some great fellowship!

Spirit of the Pines

April 12th – 14th, 2019

**Lutheran Memorial Camp
2790 SR 61
Fulton, OH 43321**

Codependency in Sobriety

Cost - \$120 per Person (incl. lodging and meals)

Registration Deadline – April 1, 2019 – Checks payable to Larry Cassady 40078 RT. 18, Wellington, Ohio 44090

Check-in time is 2PM on the 20th. See the flyer for things to bring with you.

Contact persons:

Rose W.	419-357-4220
Larry C.	440-667-5492
Lee F.	419-217-0119
Bob P.	440-522-3832

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.**

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.

The Birmingham Youth Center will be closed in January, February and March. 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, February and March.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jan. 2019**Literature Room:**

Sales	\$1155.75
Book Purchases	726.94
GAIN for the Month	\$ 428.81

Operating Account:

Group Donations	\$1242.00
Total Income:	\$1242.00

Payroll	\$ 421.89
Telephone/Telecomm.	156.80
AA Purpose	309.59
Accounting Fees	20.54
Supplies	109.98
OVH Donation	150.00
Total Expenses:	\$1168.80

GAIN for the Month \$ 73.20

January 2019 Group Donations

\$ 500.00	Vacationland
300.00	Sandusky 'Into Action Discussion
100.00	Ladies of the Pines
61.00	Workshop
40.00	Intergroup
20.00	Monroeville Thursday Nite
85.00	PC Young at Heart
30.00	Fremont Tuesday Big Book
30.00	Sandusky 12 Steps
26.00	Monday Night Living Sober
50.00	Catawba Friday Night
\$1242.00	

Thank You All

AA Birthdays

3/3 Greg F.
3/10 Bob T.
3/10 Jeremy C.
3/11 Andrea S.
3/12 Jeff S.
3/23 Jeremiah M.

January 2019 Phone Report

Total Calls	67
12 Step Calls	2
Rides	2
Meeting	43
Office Info	20
Volunteer Hours	119

AA Anniversaries

3/4 Gary F.	22 yrs.
3/5 Alan D.	5 yrs.
3/7 Patti K.	35 yrs.
3/11 Jeremy C.	5 yrs.
3/14 Al D.	3 yrs.
3/16 Jason S.	5 yrs.
3/17 Shirley O.	25 yrs.
3/17 Larry B.	39 yrs.
3/21 Bob S.	28 yrs.
3/24 Chris P.	6 yrs.
3/24 Ron S.	30 yrs.

Friday Bellevue 'Lighthouse'

3/1 Chrissy P. (Port Clinton)
3/8 Deb C. (Crestline)
3/15 Johnny W. (Shelby)
3/22 TBA
3/29 Randy E. (Crestline)

Port Clinton Thursday Night

3/7 Nate B. (Port Clinton)
3/14 Ally
3/21 Jeremy (Milan)
3/28 Mitch