



## ILLUSIONS

A while ago this writer read a scholarly treatise by a British scientist on the subject of "Optical Illusions". While it was beyond my limited comprehension to a large extent, I did glean some important thoughts from it. It was interesting to note that while optical illusions have been known and recognized on a broad scale for thousands of years, science has made almost no progress in explaining these various phenomena.

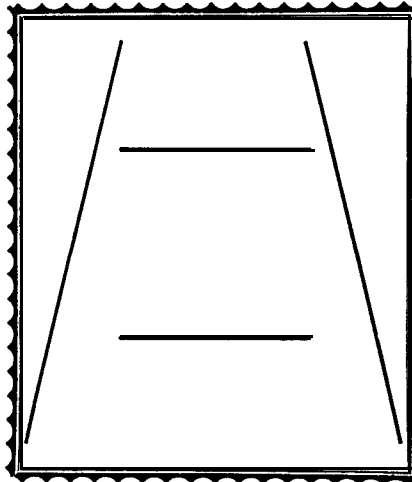
In the box on this front page is one of the simplest examples of an optical illusion. If the top horizontal line appears longer to you than the bottom one (be honest about it), then you have a normal reaction. Actually they are both the same length!

What do optical illusions have to do with our way of life? Perhaps a great deal. If looking at a simple line drawing can give us a false impression, then how about our observations and reactions toward other people? Surely the margin for possible error must be many times as great in connection with people. And so it behooves us not to judge others on the basis of what we see or believe from casual contact, but instead we should give them the benefit of every doubt. When we judge others, we can be wrong and probably are.

Yet, even knowing this as we do, our fellowship contains more supreme courts than all the nations of the free world put together. "He is simply not ready". How many times about how many newcomers, by how many experts, have you heard this finding made? Where has the tolerant, relaxed and kindly attitude of the amateur gone in our fellowship? Our society has neither graduates, nor even graduate schools. Nobody reaches the point of studying for a master's degree. A newcomer may be ready or he may be premature. By the time he is ready, he may be far beyond help. If he keeps coming around, then he wants it, ready or not. Should we pass judgment, or should we simply do all that we possibly can under any circumstances? Surely the margin for error in the latter procedure is negligible beside the former.

The lesson of the optical illusion business has its greatest impact in still another area. While we should be charitable and understanding in not judging others, we simply must know ourselves. How easy it is to be wrong about ourselves, particularly for folks like us with the master's touch for rationalization. Yet we can afford less error about ourselves, than about others. So the next time you go into that little back room of conscience and turn on the lights while you take inventory, remember the example in the box on this page, and take an extra long hard look at everything just to be sure.

Being sure about ourselves is important. Here is where we need the absolute peak of honesty as nearly as we can reach it. Through the highest peak of honesty we can achieve, we may reach humility. If we give the other fellow the compassionate benefit of every doubt, we may have a little humility toward him too.



## CRISIS

Will any of us ever forget the moments of apprehension and worry which prevailed in most everyone's hearts and mind during the trying days of the Cuban crisis last October? The fate of the entire world was in the balance.

Our President and his counsellors were faced with a terrible responsibility, making a decision which might embroil the entire world in a devastating war which could destroy all civilization.

God was merciful and answered the prayers of millions of apprehensive and frightened believers by directing our leaders into making their historic stand for what was right for our country — and our collective self-respects.

God certainly must also be credited for staying the hands of our aggressors and causing them to withdraw and finally remove the immediate threat of a world conflagration.

We thanked God then and we continue to thank him for the respite which He gave to every human being in the entire world.

How did it affect your life? Has it brought Him closer to you? Or have you shrugged your shoulders after your soul-searing scare and have gone back to your once-a-week or in-time-of-emergency contact with Him?

We in AA have received a mandate from that Power Greater Than Ourselves (whom we prefer to call God) to show manifest appreciation for being beneficiaries of a gift bestowed upon but a chosen few — the gift of sobriety!

This gift cannot be held lightly! Unless it is shared with others it will lose its lustre and its value and effectiveness. Paradoxically, the oftener

we give it away, the greater will be our store of knowledge. In fact, the more hungrily and avidly will we seek to increase it by attending meetings and reading to improve our effectiveness in carrying the message.

Many new in the AA program, even those who have been in for a long time, think they have made a monumental sacrifice when they gave up the privilege of drinking. They expect special favors from their wives, relatives and employers and often feel resentful because they're not constantly applauded and praised.

Be reminded, we adjure you, that this stage of an alcoholic's life has been experienced by the majority of those that preceded you in the past 27 years. Profit by their experiences. Some of them over-experimented and are not with us any more. However, their experiments which destroyed them, did serve a purpose. It prevented many from trying the experiment themselves.

The AA membership is composed of people of many natures. While all of us are extremists and have an exaggerated opinion of our abilities, we have in common many good qualities. We are generally above the average mentally. Most alcoholics are highly personable, entertaining, fun-loving, and affectionate.

But we are also mulishly stubborn and opinionated. Like it or not, let's face it. If our desire for the respect and love of others is great enough, and we come to realize that our character weaknesses increase when we drink, we will finally find the secret that God has ready for us if we but keep in close contact with Him.

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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

Customarily it is at Christmas that we hang stockings to be filled with the extra little and good things. However, as we approach the New Year we are hanging our stocking on the mantle of prayer, earnestly hoping that it may be filled with the things we need to travel our way with the precious gift of sobriety.

We trust that there may be a share of the sweetmeats of fellowship and love, of the leavened bread of tolerance and understanding, at least a toeful of open-mindedness, and perhaps above all and in greater measure an attitude of service.

Therein lays the power and the force that has prevailed these many years . . . *service* . . . carrying the message by whatever means to those who still suffer from the disease of alcoholism.

It has been said that the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is *the greatest force for good in the World* today, and with each succeeding day, month and year, we learn of new frontiers, new beachheads of happy sobriety being established.

With every new horizon, however, there are millions who continue to trod the lonely road of alcoholism, its shadows to enfold, both near and far.

Most of us want to serve. Most of us are willing to serve. But unfortunately most of us wait to be called to service, when actually our call to arms came with our acceptance of our powerlessness.

The Force that has been the source of our strength has made us the instrument for good that can be expressed only in the gratitude of action-responsible service at group, local, state, national and world levels of need.

There is much to be done. How is your share of service attitude?

Happy New Year !, by George!

## OBITUARIES

God summoned four AA stalwarts to their eternal reward. Each had contributed greatly of their time and their talents to carry the message. Many members attribute their success to the wise counsel each had imparted to them. Each leave a vast aching void. Our sincere condolences go first to their mourning families and secondly to the groups who have lost vital leaders. They are:

**Lawrence ("Larry") O'Connor**, one of the founders of the Arcade group, died in Elmira, N. Y., on November 20. He is survived by his wife Mary Frances and one son.

**John ("Jack") Kellogg**, one of the early members of the Orchard Grove group in 1949 and a tireless and effective worker, passed away suddenly on December 3. He is survived by his wife Muriel, a son and daughter and six grandsons.

**Stanley Paul**, a valued member of the Orchard Grove group, whose enthusiasm was infectious, passed away on December 8. He is survived by his wife **Eola**, one son and three grandchildren.

**Albert Tanner**, the active treasurer of the Collinwood group for over 20 years passed away on December 18. He is survived by his wife Mildred and one daughter.

## THE OLD TIMER

To see the Old Timer settle into his chair was an event to be noted. He did not fold or plop or even ease himself in. It was a gradual process starting with his knees then undulating upward like a gentle swell until he, at last, was quietly ensconced.

He would then go into his right pants pocket for his Barlow knife, at the same time delving into his left for his plug of chewing tobacco. Then he would whittle off a goodly sized cud, placing it in his mouth with the knife—and being careful to lick the last remaining vestige off the blade.

The preliminaries having been executed, the Old Timer would tilt the cane bottom chair back against the front of the Village Store, hook one heel over the lower rung and swing the other leg over his angular knee. He was now ready to expound. The boys lolling on the porch watched him with undiluted concentration awaiting his first word. It was not long in coming.

"Once had a feller around here named Sam Grubb. He was the orneriest, meanest cuss ya' ever seen; wouldn't even speak civil to nobody and spent all his spare time gettin' drunk and fightin' and jist bein' plain nasty.

"Y'see, Sam wuz a blacksmith and he imagined folks didn't like him and looked down on him.

"One day one of his kids come home from school and said 'Poppy, Ginny Watts says you're the meanest man in town—what makes you so mean?'" and Sam sat down and took a good look at himself and he said 'What does make me that way?' and he didn't know.

"But he did know he wuzn't having any fun bein' ornery. Somehow he decided that from then on he'd be different, he'd turn things around, he'd just imagine everybody liked him.

"Well sir, Sam begin to smile. It wuzn't easy. An' he begin to speak to folks, *an'* after they got *over* the shock they started to smile back and speak. An' Sam started *goin'* to socials and box suppers and things with his wife and kids, and first thing, he realized he was having lots of fun and that his orneriness wuz about gone. What's more he suddenly realized he had begun to imagine that he liked *hissself*.

"About a year later Sam got an offer of a good job out West, and y'know, *afore* he left, folks had a surprise party and give him lots of stuff, and they made a big sign that said, 'We'll miss you Sam,' and Sam cried like a baby.

"Now it was the same Sam. Same feet, *same* hands, same head and everything—only difference was what was inside his head. Sam imagined he wuz one of us and he *wuz*. He *thought* he wuz a nice feller and he *wuz*. Soon as he started imaginin' he was all right, other folks started imaginin' he was all right, and he was all right."

The Old Timer released another stream towards the small flat stone and eased the front of the chair to the floor. He stood up and shook a cramped leg as he pushed his hat back.

"Bout noon," he said, "guess I bett'r git over and see if Ma has imagined she ought to put the skillit on."

—Herschel H., Mansfield, 0.

## THIRD AL-ANON ANNUAL DANCE

The Al-Anon Inner groups will hold their annual dance on Saturday, January 12 at the Masonic Temple, Euclid Avenue and E. 36th Street from 8 p. m. till . . . ?

There will be no speeches—just music, dancing, fun and prizes, followed by a buffet lunch. Everyone from teenagers to adults is welcome to attend.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Six groups in the Cleveland area now meet in new quarters. Look under Group News on Page Three for full details. They are: The Lee Road Wednesday, the Three Night & Day, Euclid-Wade and the C. A. H. Discussion groups.

**Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!**

**GROUP NEWS**

To insure publication group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

**Allendale**—January speakers : 3—Margaret M., Lander Circle : 10—Howard F., W. 25th: 17—Allen B., Wiekcliffe; 24—L and Chuck S., Allendale (their 14th anniversary) ; 31—Ted R., Valley View.

**Brooklyn**—January speakers: 2—Orrie K., Brooklyn (his 14th anniversary) ; 9—James J., Brooklyn (his 1st anniversary) ; 16—Ruth V., Westside Women ; 23—Ken W., Independence ; 30—Scotty C., Freelancer.

**Brookpark**—January speakers : 7—George and Ray DeL., Crossroads ; 14—Jack R., Orchard Grove; 21—Nellie F., 6700 Discussion; 28—Ted R., Valley View.

**C. A. H.-Now** meet in their new location at 13857 Euclid Avenue on Sunday mornings at 11 :00 a.m. January speakers : 6—Russ DeB., Collinwood ; 13—Steve F., Euclid Friday ; 20—Jack H., W. 26th ; 27—Bill S., Friday Lee.

**Chesterland**—January speakers : 2—Bill G., Mentor-on-the-Lake ; 9—Tom M., Friendship: 16—Don D., Redwood: 23—Marge V., Friendship: 30—Al W., Redwood.

**Euclid-Wade-Now** meet in their new location at 13857 Euclid Avenue on Thursdays at 8 :30 p.m. January speakers: 3—Leany U., Superior; 10—Joe F., Superior; 17—Rudolph G., Garden Valley; 24—Roy B.; 31—Tom C., Night & Day.

**Friday Lee**—January speakers: 4—Joe F., Superior: 11—Val G., North-east; 18—Bill N., May-Lynd; 25—Tony P., Borton.

**Garden Valley** Thursday—January speakers : 3—Ed H., Free Lane ; 10—Levi W., Garden Valley; 17—Skid S., Newburgh ; 24—Roberta K., Lakewood Women; 31—Herman V., Garden Valley.

**Garden Valley** Sunday—January speakers : 6—Herbert A., Superior ; 13—Albert S., Garden Valley ; 20—Mary H., Westside Women; 27—Pauline C., Eastside Women.

**Hague**—January speakers : Z—Bob L., Independence ; 9—Walter S., Valley View; 16—Warren C., Jr., Edgelske ; 23—Jim D., Edgelake; 30—Mazie S., Hague (her second anniversary).

**League Park**—January speakers : 5—Jim R., Edgelake; 12—May D., Eastside Women; 19—Eddie L., Norwalk; 26—George M., Edgelake. Lee Road-St. Ann's Church Basement, Coventry & Cedar (Parking Lot entrance) 9 :00.

**Lorain County Women**—January speakers: 2—Warren C., Sr., Canton, O. ; B—Kitty M., Strongsville ; 16—Fred K., Elyria Thursday ; 23—Ray T., Strongsville; 30—L S., Allendale (the group's thirteenth anniversary dinner).

**Matt Talbot**—January speakers : 5—Marie B., Mentor Plains ; 12—Hank B., Hilltop ; 19—Hank H., Mentor Plains; 26—Al N., Mentor Plains (his first anniversary).

**Night & Day** Tuesday—Now meet in their new location at 13867 Euclid Avenue at 8 :30 p.m. January speakers : 1—Jimmy McA., Matt Talbot ; 8—Tom A., Solidarity ; 15—Bill T., Akron; 22—Steve N., Garfield Heights; 29—Bob F., Newburgh.

**Night & Day** Thursday—Now meet in their new location at 13857 Euclid Avenue at 11 a.m. January speakers : 3—Rose Marie B. ; 10—John T. T. ; 17—Charles R. ; 24—Frank K.

**Night & Day** Sunday—Now meet in their new location at 13867 Euclid Avenue at midnight. January speakers : 5—Harry B., League Park ; 12—Walter K., Sr., Ansel Road; 19—Mose Y., Hartsville, O. ; 26—Ed M., Matt Talbot.

**North Olmsted**—January speakers: 2—Louie F., Stella Maris ; 9—Pat P., Night & Day: 16—Howie L., Angle; 23—Harry R., Stella Maris; 30—Farrell G., Angle.

**Sheffield Lake**—January speakers: 3—Watson F., St. Mary's: 10—Art Olt., Vermillion ; 17—Jerry C., Lorain Central; 24—Ed G., Shaker Heights ; 31—Bud S., Elyria.

**Solidarity**—January speakers : 4—Howie L., Angle ; 11—"Gus the Baker" ; 18—Billie H., Newburgh; 25—Skid S., Newburgh.

**West Park**—January speakers: 1—Leroy R., Berea Friday: 8—John J., Garden Valley; 15—Charles McC., Lorain-Triskett; 22—Ray C., Broadway-Harvard ; 29—Robert D., West Park.

**West Shore**—January speakers: 2—Harry D., Edgelake; 9—Jack D., West Shore ; 16—Jack B., Rocky River; 23—Jim R., Edgelake; 30—Harry H., Rocky River.

**West 25th**—January speakers: 7—Phillip C., W. 25th (his second anniversary) ; 14—Harry C., W. 25th (his eighth anniversary) ; 21—Tom N., Westside Morning: 28—Mary H., Westside Women.

**Your**—January speakers: 6—Bill T., Northeast; 13—Bud O. S., Wiloughby; 10—Women's Panel ; 27—Jerry W.

**BOUND BULLETINS READY**

Seven bound books of Volumes 19 and 20 of Central Bulletin are available. First come, first served. They are bound in an attractive green hard cover and can be purchased at a cost of \$5.00.

**GIGGLES**

A guy in Indiana sued his sister for Five G's. She spiked his coffee with a chemical that spoiled his taste for whiskey.

A Kansas motorist, arrested for intoxication, sued police for not giving back his blood after they finished testing it for alcohol.

**ONLY THREE BUCKS**

What happens when you put \$3.00 in the hat? This is a mild discourse, "lifted" from a GSO pamphlet, on the somewhat unconventional way AA shares its service costs. We say there are more than 300,000 men and women who consider themselves to be good AA members.

And there are! Yet our ACTIVE membership, as reported in 1961 by the groups themselves, was 176,474 in 9,305 groups.

Of this active membership, less than 50 percent contributed anything at all to GSO last year. In short, about 4,000 groups and approximately 75,000 members footed the bill for the entire Fellowship.

Unfair? Perhaps. But before anybody starts crying in his or her coffee, let us look around a bit. First of all, 17 percent (31,229) of our members are in hospital and prison groups where even a little money is hard to come by.

Thirteen percent of our groups are outside the United States and Canada. Money is not only scarce but it is illegal to send it out. Besides, most of these areas are new to AA territory and such money as they have is needed for local AA work.

That still leaves quite a few groups, and members who might contribute, but don't. Some of these groups are new, still struggling for survival. Other groups, for one reason or another, don't yet know enough about GSO and World Services to feel any great sense of responsibility.

So that's why it works out to \$3.00 each, for those of us who want to pay the bill for AA World Service. Certainly a small price for sobriety and not enough to quibble over with those who don't yet contribute.

**PLANNING TO MOVE?**

Subscribers who are planning to move to a new address should notify us before the 15th day of each month of the change.

Eighteen were returned during the past month. Each one returned now costs us eight cents, and though the new known address is scribbled on the envelope, it is often illegible. Please co-operate by not procrastinating.

A playboy is a fellow who records his daily activities in a loose-life notebook.

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**ALANON GROUP MEETINGS**

- ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
- BROOKLYN—PARMA—Redm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30
- LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon. 8:30
- EUCLID—Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
- SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
- MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd., Tues., 8:30
- BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton... Wed., 8:30
- BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway . . . . . Wed., 8:30
- E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid . . . . . Fri., 1:30
- CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central . . . . . Fri., 8:30
- CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. . . . . Fri., 8:30
- LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. Q :00
- VALLEY—7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed . . . . . Sun., 4:00

**NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS**

- (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
- AI-J. Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. . . . . WH 4-2244
- Euclid-79th Clinic (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. . . . . 391-4115
- Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit. . . . . AT 1-3353
- Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma . . . . . TU 5-1882
- Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. . . . . SU 1-0660

**CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE**

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

# CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
BROOK PARK-Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
8161 Smith Road, Brook Park a:30  
EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church,  
1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6087 Pearl 8:00  
FRIENDSHIP-Bld. Presbyterian Ch.,  
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal,  
W. Clifton and Detroit— 9:00  
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch.,  
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
LORAIN AVE.—St. Ignatius Hall,  
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
ORCHARD GROVE—St. Mark's Church,  
15305 Triskett Road, 8:30  
PEARL—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
RAMONA—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church,  
8446 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00  
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd.,  
St. John's Par. House, Independence. 12:30  
SOUTH EAST-7626 Broadway 8:30  
TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
WEST 26th ST.-Marvel Hall,  
2868 W. 26th St. 9:00  
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes,  
Lake and Dewey 8:30  
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30  
WILLOUGHBY, O.—First Presbyterian  
Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:aa

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish  
Hall, 8845 E. 181st St. 8:30  
EAST SIDE WOMEN—11285 Euclid,  
Church of the Covenant 8:00  
EDGE LAKE—Lakewood YMCA,  
Community Room, 16916 Detroit. 8:30  
EUCLID MORNING—Lake Shore Christian  
Ch. Lake Shore Blvd. & 28th 10:30 A.M.  
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
PALS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
AILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
MAY-LYND-E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,  
E. 164th. north of Miles Ave. 8:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13867, Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SMITH-WILSON—St. Joseph's School,  
9821 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
TAKE IT EASY-28920 Chardon Road,  
Willoughby Hills, O. a:00  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman. 7:00  
WEST PARK—Puritas Lutheran Church,  
Puritas Ave. and W. 188th St. 8:30  
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church,  
3rd & Church Sts. a:00 EST  
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—  
Methodist Church, South Broadway  
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday. 8:30  
KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306. 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall,  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor. 8:30  
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church,  
41 Bowman St, Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. a:30  
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Pres-  
byterian, across from Post Office. 8:30  
STREETSBORO, O.—Methodist Church,  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

ANSFI—Lithuanian Hall,  
6835 Superior Ave. 8:30  
BAXTER—St. John's heran School,  
6826 Cable 8:30  
BEDFORD-Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrenville Center and Blaine 9:00  
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall,  
8316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 8:30  
DOAN MEN—YMCA (University Circle),  
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30  
EASTSIDE MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave.,  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & K. Church,  
4692 E. 181st St. 8:30  
HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,  
West 45th and Colgate 8:30  
LEE ROAD—First English Lutheran,  
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00

LORAIN-TRISKETT—Bosworth Road,  
Presbyterian Church, 3631 Borworth. 9:00  
NO. OLMSTED—City Hall, Dover Road. 9:00  
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL—1708 Aiken. 8:30  
ST. JAMES ST. James Church,  
E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian,  
20401 Hilliard Rd. Rocky River 8:30  
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club  
8804 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
BRUNSWICK O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42. So. of 308 a:ao  
CHESTERLAND-Chesterland Methodist  
Church, Mayfield Road and Rte 306. 8:30  
ELYRIA O.—St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, aide entrance. 8:30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center,  
Eagle St., Fairport Harbor. 8:00  
INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church. 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian,  
4786 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Route 264,  
one block N. E. of Route 67 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria. 7:30  
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
ANGLE-St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington. 9:00  
BAY WEST-Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake. 8:30  
BROADWAY-66th-Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 8898 E. 55th St. 8:30  
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
CROSSROADS—St. Luke's Episcopal, 8:30  
W. 78th St. and Lake Ave. 8:30  
EAST LAKE—First Congregational Church,  
37700 Vine St. 9:00  
EAST SHORE WOMEN—Richmond Library,  
26151 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
EUCLID-WADE—13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite)  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
GOLDEN GATE WOMEN—Golden Gate Plaza,  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd., 8:30  
LORAIN THURSDAY—4470 Ridge Rd.,  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. 11 A.M.  
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,  
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road  
Laux Realty Basement (rear ent.) 8:30  
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3301 Wooster Road. 9:00  
ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Meth-  
odist Church, St. Clair & Melville. 8:30  
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,  
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
AMHERST, O.—St. Peter's Church 8:30  
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club,  
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30  
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,  
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
ELYRIA O.—Catholic High, Gulf Rd. 8:30  
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset. 9:00  
DISCUSSION-112 E. 19. Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
PAINESVILLE—Congregational Church,  
Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave. Paville 8:30  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.—St. Thomas  
School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway 9:00  
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 6006 Euclid 8:15  
C.E.I.—55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,  
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lake Shore and E. 210th 9:00  
FREEMAN STAG-15619 Holmes Ave. 8:30  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room 1:00  
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall,  
1867 W. 66th St. 9:00  
HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear). 8:30  
HUDSON, O.—Closed meetings.  
Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall,  
Post 162, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,  
16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SKID ROW—Wayf'r's. Ldge, 701 Lakeside 7:30  
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating  
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 861, 66 Public Sq. a:30  
SOLIDARITY—Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2362 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
STRLLA MARIS MIXED  
1820 Washington Ave. 8:15  
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1876 W. Clifton Road. 9:00  
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church,  
32801 Electric Blvd. 9:00  
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,  
16 Bell Street 9:00  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,  
118 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.—26 Mulberry -8:00 E.S.T.  
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

FOREST CITY-2126 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway. 8:30  
LANDER CIRCLE&Garfield Mem. Methodist,  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00  
LEAGUE PARK—Unitarian Church,  
8143 Euclid Ave. Cor. E. 82nd St. 9:00  
LIBERTY-946 E. 162nd St. 9:00  
MAPLE HTS.—Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:ao  
MATT TALBOT—Windermere Presb. Ch.,  
14 1/2 Euclid Ave. at Windermere. 8:30  
MEMPHIS—Lakewood Congregational Ch.,  
1376 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL—Williams  
Rldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rdn. 7:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
NORWALK TRUCK LINES—  
1147 E. 66th St., at Shore Drive 9:00  
PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan,  
6960 Ridge Road 8:45  
PLAINS—Plains Methodist Ch. Mentor, O.,  
Rts. 806 and 288, Mentor, O. 9:00  
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,  
2626 W. 25th St. 9:00  
VALLEY VIEW-Pilgrim Congr. Church,  
2692 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
ELYRIA SAT.—NITE-St. Paul Bldg., ard  
Middle St., Elyria, O. 8:30  
LORAIN SATNITE—7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement. 8:30  
MANSFIELD-20% S. Pan. 8:00 EST  
MIDDLEFIELD-Methodist Church,  
South Main St., Middlefield, O. 8:30  
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS-28920 Chardon Rd.,  
Willoughby Hills, O. 7:30

## SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,  
6661 Perkins Rd. Bedford Heights 7:30  
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:ao  
C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a. m.  
COLLINWOOD-946 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
DETROIT SUNDAY—8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
GARDEN VALLEY—Outhwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
GOLF LAKELANDS—Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison. 3:00  
LAKEWOOD ARMORY—  
1457 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit. 9:00  
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church,  
9286 Superior Ave. 7:00  
NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church,  
3442 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
SUNDAY A. M. BREAKFAST, T. I. E.  
Club, 28920 Chardon Rd. 10:30 A. M.  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction. 5:00  
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
YOUR—Euclid Community House,  
240 Briardale 7:15  
AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank,  
86690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
CHIPPEVA-SEVILL E—V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St.,  
corner of So. Eagle 7:30  
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—  
St. John's Sch. 31 & Rt. 67, Lorain. 7:30  
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park. 8:00 EST  
NEWBURY, O.—St. Helen's Church 8:15  
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt 60,  
Axtel, O. 7:30



## BY WHATEVER NAME

When the current authorship of this left column began, we were told that there was a certain sensitivity on the part of readers to the word "drunk". Even "alcoholic" was supposed to be offensive to many. The term "problem drinker" was supposed to be a more palatable phrase. Adherence to that admonition for a few years does not indicate surrender to it. Why, in all honesty, should an aversion be humored? How does a demand for acceptable phrases jibe with our search for truth in fearless self-inventories?

Both "drunk" and "alcoholic" must have scores or even hundreds of synonyms, including "problem drinkers". That is probably due to their repulsive character. Conversely "hangover", has no synonyms, possibly because it is less repulsive. A fair definition of an alcoholic might be that it is a person who gets drunk compulsively on alcohol.

An equally fair definition of drunk might be that it is a person who gets drunk on anything. The world is full of drunks who never touch alcohol. Take, for instance, the fellow who is drunk with power. Our fellowship must team with people who are drunks although the last taste of alcohol was long ago.

Our need goes beyond getting dry. We need to make at least a constant stab toward balance and moderation in all things. As a dry alcoholic who still has to fight constantly and consciously for achievement in moderation, this writer would hate to feel **that** his is an isolated case in our society. Surely there must be others.

I am a drunk in all things. I will acquire a taste for a certain dish and given the chance will eat it so often that soon it becomes repulsive. I will become interested in a certain hobby or activity and will give it such a whirl, that I ignore and neglect obligations and rightful duties. In the end it will be dropped suddenly and unceremoniously for something else. The whole process is vicious. It warps the beauty of life. It destroys perspective. It decimates stability and reliability.

Here is an element of immaturity we often ignore. A recently related Yuletide experience illustrates this point. The adults and older children waited breathlessly to watch the reaction of wonderment that the toddler would have when he saw the ornate assortment of gifts. After a wide-eyed "casing" of the situation, the little fellow reached for the least attractive **gadget**. It was a relatively worthless little item which had just sort of been "thrown in". That was it. It never left his tight, sticky little fist all day long, even while he ate and slept. All the wondrous gifts so carefully chosen and bought were ignored.

Finally in the late afternoon after his nap, the little guy stood clutching his prize and seemed to look vaguely across the room. He spied one of the other things, vaguely for the first time. Abruptly he dropped his beloved item with a bang and toddled over to grab the new attraction. How like many of us!

If we would find the good life that sobriety can really be, perhaps we should think less of our aversion to certain

## AA STANDARDS

It was quite a shock to hear a visitor argue quite sincerely that in his opinion, if AA kept an habitual drunk sober *half* of the time, it deserved just as much credit as if the **patient** remained sober all the time. He used such platitudes as "Better to have tried and lost, than never to have tried at all," and "At least he was sober some of the time."

The attitude of this member seems to be getting rather prevalent in the minds of too many people. It's something for every AA to think about. Are we relaxing too much in maintaining our high principles?

Just because the problem drinker still has a home, a job, a car, and still has money is no excuse for **countenancing** occasional binges. Altogether too many people in this class seem to think they're entitled to more chances, gambling with their lives and souls, because they haven't, in their distorted minds, qualified as alcoholics yet.

Too many, selfishly, have hitched themselves to AA because they find so many who have become over-tolerant, or have become lazy in their thinking. Perhaps, though they might not be drinking themselves, are setting a low evaluation of the AA standards of *absolute* abstinence.

We believe that the greater percentage of AA's are constant. We believe too, that they deplore the glaring disregard of the fundamentals of AA — *absolute* abstinence, complete surrender and turning their will and their lives to God. All too many sponsors neglect to emphasize these three as of supreme importance.

We personally believe that there is a growing tendency **toward** making AA groups into social clubs, emphasizing the entertainment and minimizing the prime purpose—"Carrying the message to the alcoholic."

Going to extremes is one of the major faults of most alcoholics. If we make the AA meeting just incidental, or secondary, we will lessen our effectiveness, invite diffidence and disinterest and soon find that we have many "casualties" on our hands.

Once AA claimed 85% of its members successfully overcame their compulsion. What percentage of our present membership can claim *absolute* sobriety since embracing the fellowship? 60%? — 50%? — 40%? It's anyone's guess. But is certainly is much less than 85%.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to find out how many have not had a drink since they embraced AA.

We simply cannot lower our standards. The more grateful we are to God for the gift which He has entrusted to us for His glory, the greater will He reward us.

If we hold this gift too lightly, He might take it away.

words and think more about moderation and balance. Putting alcohol aside for the moment, perhaps we need to strive against habitual drunkenness in other directions. By whatever palatable name you call them, these excesses are deplorable, whether they be alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

Going around in  
circles will not  
eventually make  
you a big wheel.



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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

It has been a revealing thing—our approach or approaches to the preparation of this column each month. Sometimes there is a word or phrase from some lead that opens into thoughts and ideas that take many tangents, each with unlimited horizons.

At other times guidance and suggestions seem to come from nowhere to warrant individual concentration and development into thoughts to be shared, which is of course, the primary aim of MILL ENDS.

Something of the sort occurred the past few days when we happened upon some verse—The Saloon Bar, by an author unknown. Not having been what is known in the better circles as a clothes closet alky it smacked us good, and has proven a means of taking an honest inventory for today.

A bar to Heaven, a door to **Hell**—  
Whoever named it, named it well!

*(Yes, and we were on our way there in a bushel basket  
was our stupid wont to say.)*

A bar to manliness and wealth,  
A door to want and broken health.

*(And these four things—two our loss and two our gain.)*

A bar to honor, pride and fame.  
A door to sin and grief and shame;

*(Our crop unharvested—only the chaff our due.)*

A bar to hope, a bar to prayer  
A door to darkness and despair.

*(Soul-sick the lonely road we trod.)*

A bar to honored, useful life,  
A door to brawling, senseless strife;

*(Unwanted, selfishness, unpleasantness our gift.)*

A bar to all that's true and brave,  
A door to every drunkard's grave.

*(Evil thoughts of self-destruction—the cowardly phony  
boozing way.)*

A bar to joy that home imparts,  
A door to tears and aching hearts;

*(Oh, that we should make amends to them all.)*

A bar to Heaven, a door to **Hell**—  
Whoever named it, named it well!

That's what the man said, by George!

## OBITUARIES

**Thomas C. Eckert**, a valued twenty year member of the Brooklyn group passed away on November 25. Our sincere sympathies go out to his wife, Doris, his son, daughter and sten-daughter.

## SECRETARIES LIST-IMPORTANT!

The list of groups, their meeting places, day and time of meetings and names of secretaries are an important service rendered by the AA District Office. Every effort to keep them up to date is made—BUT—it needs the full cooperation of every group and its secretary.

The AA District Office publishes the list quarterly, and every group is urged to make instant contact with the AA Office at 2063 East 4th St. if a change in secretaries, new location, or change in meeting place or time of meeting is made.

These lists are *absolutely* confidential! They are a trust. They should never be used for any political advertising purposes, nor be loaned to anyone for any other purpose than AA. Recently the list was used for political advertising. The number of indignant calls, protesting this abuse of confidentiality most certainly cost the candidate many votes.

Any continued abuse of the Secretaries List will result in a forfeiture demand and exposure.

When a new list is mailed, the old list should be *completely destroyed*. A newly elected secretary must be impressed with the importance of the trust he has inherited.

The next list **will be published on February 1, 1963. Any changes must be in the AA District Office by January 28.**

Another abuse of confidentiality should be called to the attention of every group. Open postcards with full names of speakers and identified with AA connection should *never* be sent out. They should be enclosed in a *sealed* envelope bearing no reference whatsoever to an AA connection.

Please co-operate. If you will, they will.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE-1963

The collective voice and group conscience of AA in Greater Cleveland, got off to a vigorous and enthusiastic new year on January 8, 1963. Twenty-eight groups were represented by group secretaries or their selected representatives. The Moderator, Peg H., presided over the meeting, and the Recording Secretary, Genevieve B., took the minutes. Other trusted servants, in addition to those mentioned, are: John B., North Olmsted, Vice-Moderator; Harry D., Edgelake, Editor of Central Bulletin and Chairman of Action Committee; Jim S., Friendship, new member of the Action Committee; Howie L., Angle, Chairman of Public Information Committee; Ray M., C. E. I., Chairman of Public Information Committee.; Ray M., C. E. I., Chairman of Refresher-Training meetings; Gates H., C. A. H., new Chairman of Consolidated meetings, and Ann W., West Side Women, new Chairman of Hospital Committee.

Reports from the various chairmen demonstrated that the best interests of AA are being most capably served. Service is the prime purpose of Central Committee; not policing, governing or legislating such as some uninformed persons seem to think. This is means by which unity of thought and action can be increased among groups, at the same time the autonomy of the groups is being protected. Each group is entitled to a voice and a vote, and this privilege should not be allowed to wither from disuse.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, 1963. Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month following. These meetings are always held in Room 401 of the Hanna Building at 8:30 p. m., following the meeting of the Hospital Committee which meets at 7:30 p. m. in the same room. If your group does not have a representative, ask your Secretary to appoint one.

J. T. B., North Olmsted

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Clarence S., a Cleveland veteran now residing in St. Petersburg, Florida, will observe his Twenty-fifth Anniversary on February 11. His many friends in the Cleveland-Akron area could make him happy by sending him a card at 3827 Highland St., S.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-February speakers: 7—"Whitey" C., Allendale (his 17th anniversary); 14—Ben H., Monday-Lee; 21—Jack K., Liberty; 28—Bill H., Allendale.

Brooklyn-February speakers : B-Alice M., Independence ; 13-Chuck B., Crossroads; 20—Jim Y., Brook Park; 27—Roger R., Orchard Grove. C.A.H.-February speakers : 3-Farrell G., Angle ; 10—Doug McC., Friendly Suburban; 17—John W., Collinwood. Sunday : 24—Frank E. Stella Maris.

Crossroads-Now meet at 9 :00 p.m.

Edgelake—February speaker: 5—"Trish" K., Shaker; 12—Ollie C., Monday Lee; 19—Harry H., Rocky River; 26—Tom McG., Edgelake.

Elyria-Wednesday-This first Elyria group will hold its Twentieth Anniversary on Wednesday, February 20 at 8:30 p.m. in St. Paul Hall, corner Middle & Third Street. Speakers will be Frank S. and his sponsor Tom V. Frank S. has spoken at each of the preceding anniversaries.

Euclid-Wed-February speakers : ?-Dick C., Euclid-Wade ; 14—Richard L., Solidarity; 21—Robert G., Solidarity; 28—Tom G., Redwood.

Friday-Lee-February speakers : 1—Maggie M., Lander Circle; 8—Bill L., Superior; 15—"Whitey" C., Allendale; 22—"Scotty", Doan Men. Friendship-February speakers : 4—Howie L., Angle ; 11—Joe H., Euclid Friday; 18—Neil G., St. Clair Thursday; 25—Closed Discussion meeting-Second Step.

Garden Valley Thursday-February speakers : 1-Minnie C., Mistletoe ; 14-Jim R., West Park ; 21-Marty R., Willoughby Hills ; 28—Eddie D., Matt Talhot.

Garden Valley Sunday-February speakers : 3-Henderson H., Garden Valley; 10-No meeting; 17—Christ H., Forest City; 24-Frank F., Westside Morning.

Hague-Observes its Fifth Anniversary on Wednesday, February 20, at 8 :30 p.m. in Grace Congregational Assembly Hall, W. 65th and Colgate. The guest speaker will be Kenny K. of Doan Men's group. Other February speakers: 6—Joe McK., Northeast; 13—Ray C., Broadway-Harvard ; 27—No meeting, church events.

Independence—February speakers : ?-Bob L. ; 14—Bernadine K. ; 21—Ken W. ; 28—Ellis B.

L.S.1. Formerly the Jack & Heintz group, still meets on Saturdays at 8 :30 in the same meeting place at 17600 Broadway.

League Park-Starting February 2, the group will meet in the Teamsters Union Hall, E. 22nd & Carnegie at 9 p.m. February speakers: 2—Howie L., Angle; 9—Farrel G., Angle; 16—Chuck B., Crossroads; 23—Open.

Lorain County Women-February speakers: 6-A film, "Effects of Alcohol" will be shown; 13—Bill C., Elyria. Thursday; 20—Warren C. Jr., Edgelake; 27—Jim R., Edgelake.

Matt Talbot-February speakers: B-Jerry M., Wednesday Lee; 9—Maggie M. ; 16—Leo M., League Park; 23-A man named Joe, Ramona. Memohis-February speakers: 2-Bill M., Meadville. Pa. ; 9—Charlie C., West Shore; 16—George & Ray DeL., Crossroads; 23-Harry H., Rocky River.

Monday Lee-February speakers: 4—Jim W., Allendale; 11-El H., Hilltop ; 18—Geno D., T.I.E. ; 25—Alan B., Hilltop.

Night & Day Saturday-February speakers: 2-Tom C., St. Clair Thursday ; 9—J.T.L., Superior Stag ; 16—Clay H., Norwalk Truck Lines; 23—Vic H., Allendale.

Night & Day Tuesday-February speakers : 5-Mike M., Matt Talhot ; 12—Don R., Friendship; 19—George D., Night & Day; 26—Harry M., Mentor Plains.

North Olmsted-February speakers: 6—Leon W., Rocky River; 13—Bob F., Newburgh; 20—Ina G., Independence ; 27—Elwood O., Forest City.

Norwalk Truck Lines—February speakers: 2—Mike M., Your; 9—Howard B., Independence ; 16—Regina R., Westside Women; 23—Gene R., Rocky River.

Orchard Grove-February speakers : 1-Pat McC., Clark ; 11—Peter Y., Berea Thursday ; 18-Marty K. ; 25-Bill W., Lorain-Triskett.

Parma—February speakers : 2-Bill O'B., Independence ; 9—George O'H., Edgelake ; 16—Jerrv W., Independence ; 23-John W., Fairmount.

Parma Heights--February speakers : 7—Gene G., Pearl ; 14-Francis F., Westside Morning; 21-Ed W., Forest City; 28—Jim H., Fairview. Rosary Hall Alanon-Observes its Eighth Anniversary on Sunday, February 3 with a" open meeting in Jordan Hall. The panel of speakers includes Ruth T., Janet A. and Lillian M.

Smith-Wilson-Observes its Seventeenth Anniversary on Tuesday, January 29 at 8 :15 p.m. in St. Joseph's Auditorium, 9321 Orleans Ave. Guest speaker will be George G., Forest City.

Solidarity-February speakers : 1—Kris H., Forest City ; 8—Bonney K., Solidarity ; 15—Joe K., Ramona ; 22-Ed H., Broadway-55th.

Sunny Monday Women-Now meet on Mondays at 8 :45 p.m.

T.I.E. Tuesday-February speakers : 5-Dick A., Fairmount; 12-Frank & Nan D., Angle; 19—John & Jack Y., (father and son), Wickliffe; 26—Jim D., Parma with an Alanon member.

T.I.E. Sunday Breakfast-February speakers : 3-Tom M., Shaker ; 10—Vince C., T.I.E. ; 17—Jack B., Shaker; 24-Mae D., Eastside Women. Trinity-February speakers : 2-Norman H., Pearl ; 9—Evelyn W., Trinity (her 13th anniversary) ; 16—Dick G., Columbus, O.; 23—Evelyn G., Parma Heights.

West Park-February speakers : 5-Gus the Baker, Baxter; 12—Gene H., Berea Friday; 19—Harry H., Rocky River; 26—Bob F., Newburgh.

West 25th St.-February speakers: 4—Tony M., Hilltop (his 13th anniversary) ; 11-Joe B., Clark; 18—Lewis H., Westside Morning; 25—Mary H., Cleveland Women's.

Willoughby Hills-February speakers : 2—Neil G., St. Clair Thursday ; 9—Don B., Willoughby Monday; 16—Joe S., T.I.E., Sunday A.M. Breakfast; 23-Bill S., Friendship.

YOUR-February speakers: 3-Allen Y., YOUR; 10-Paul R., Warren, O. ; 17—"Butch" R., Collinwood; 24—Minnie C., Mistletoe.

COMING EVENTS

February — Cleveland AA District Office Financing Campaign.

May 4 — Intergroup Dinner at 7 p. m. in Pick-Carter Hotel. Speaker: Tom P., New York City. \$5.50 per plate.

June 15 — Founder's Night, Memorial Hall, Akron University, Akron, O.

July 12.14 -Ohio State AA Conference, Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, Cincinnati, O.

CIRCULATION MANAGER

Jim R., formerly of Erie, Pa., and now a resident of Cleveland, was appointed Circulation Manager and Goodwill Ambassador of the Central Bulletin by the Central Bulletin Foundation Board.

Jim has been an enthusiastic booster of the Bulletin for many years. He gets around to at least five meetings a week as visitor or speaker, and readily accepted the assignment of fully acquainting secretaries and groups with the moral boosting values which the Bulletin attempts to convey every month.

We are most grateful to Jim for his unselfishness and willingness to help build our subscription list to where it deserves to be.

We might add that this assignment does not provide any remunerations.

G I G G L E S

And then there was the alcoholic who carried a razor blade with him for splitting headaches.

One reason so few people recognize opportunity is because it is disguised as hard work.

The only fellow you should try to get even with is the fellow who has done you some good.

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ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams.1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30  
BRK PK.-PARMA-Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.1 8:30  
LAKEWOOD-Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30  
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30  
SUBURBAN WEST--Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30  
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd ..... Tues., 8:30  
BETHANY--Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton... Wed., 8:30  
BROADWAY--Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway Wed., 8:30  
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA. Lee Boulevard and Euclid ..... Fri., 1:30  
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central..... Fri., 8:30  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St..... TU 5-1882  
LORAIN COUNTY-Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9 :00  
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed ..... Sun.. 4:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-J', Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O.....WH 4-2244  
Euclid-79th Clinic (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave..... 391-4115  
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit.....AT1-3363  
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma .....TU 5-1882  
Stella Maria Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. ....SU 1-0550

CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.



# CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
BROOK PARK-Redeemer Lutheran Church.  
8161 Smith Road. Brook Park 8:30  
EARLY-EARLY-B&T Church.  
1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00  
FRIENDSHIP-Bldv. Presbyterian Ch.  
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal.  
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch.  
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall.  
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
ORCHARD GROVE-St. Mark's Church.  
15305 Triskett Road 8:30  
PEARL-St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
SHAKER-Chrt Episcopal Church.  
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN-Sunset Rd.  
St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
SOUTH EAST-7626 Broadway 8:30  
TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
WEST 26th St.-Marvel Hall,  
2858 W. 25th St. 9:00  
WOMEN'S-Westside-West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes,  
Lake and Dewey 8:30  
VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30  
WILLOUGHBY, O.-First Presbyterian  
Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish  
Hall, 8845 E. 181st St. 8:30  
EAST SIDE WOMEN-1205 Euclid.  
Church of the Covenant 8:00  
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,  
Community Room, 16916 Detroit 8:30  
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian  
Ch., Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.  
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal.  
F&mount and Coventry 9:00  
FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fair & w Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary.  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
MAY-LYND-E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.  
E. 164th. north of Miles Ave. 8:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,  
9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church.  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
TAKE IT EASY-28920 Chardon Road,  
Willoughby Hills, O. 9:00  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction.  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church.  
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church,  
3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-  
Methodist Church, South Broadway  
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30  
KIRTLAND, O.-Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY-M&H. Fellowship Hall.  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood. Mentor 8:30  
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church.  
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
MEDTNA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-  
byterian, across from Post Office 8:30  
STREETSBORO, O.-Methodist Church.  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

ANSER-Lithuanian Hall,  
6875 Superior Ave. 8:30  
BAXTER-St. John's Lutheran School,  
6826 Cable 8:30  
BEDFORD-Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,  
3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
COLLINWOOD-946 E. 152nd St. 8:30  
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle).  
2065 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30  
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
GARFIELD-Pilgrim E. & R. Church,  
4692 E. 131st St. 8:30  
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall.  
West 45th and Colgate 8:30  
LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran,  
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00

LORAIN-TRISKETT-Bosworth Road,  
Presbyterian Church, 3631 Borworth 9:00  
NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road 9:00  
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken 8:30  
ST. JAMES-St. James Church,  
E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
WEST SHORE-Went Shore Unitarian.  
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30  
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club  
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
BRUNSWICK, O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42, So. of 303 8:30  
CHESTERLAND-Chesterland Methodist  
Church, Mayfield Road and Rte 806 8:30  
ELYRIA O.-St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center,  
Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:06  
INTERACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian,  
4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Route 254,  
one block N. E. of Route 57 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
SANDUSKY, O.-Pmvid. Hse. Cafeteria 7:30  
WICKLIFFE-Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 30th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16837 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
ANGLE-St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 9:00  
BAY WEST-Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 8398 E. 55th St. 8:30  
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
CROSSROADS-St. Luke's Episcopal,  
W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue 9:00  
EASTLAKE-First Congregational Church,  
33700 Vine St. 9:00  
EAST SHORE WOMEN-Richmond Library,  
26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
EUCLID-WADE-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outwaite)  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
GOLDEN GATE WOMEN-Golden Gate Plaza  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.,  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. -11 A.M.  
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,  
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road  
Laux Realty Basement (rear ent.) 8:30  
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00  
ST. CLAIR-THURS.-Nottingham Meth-  
odist Church, St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 95th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,  
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
AMHERST, O.-St. Peter's Church 8:30  
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club,  
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30  
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,  
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
ELYRIA, O.-Catholic High, Gulf Rd 8:30  
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
DISCUSSION-112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
PAINESVILLE-Congregational Church,  
Edue. Bldg., Mentor Ave. Psville 8:30  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.-St. Thomas  
School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway 9:00  
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 6005 Euclid 8:15  
C.E.I.-55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,  
At Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lne Shore and E. 210th 9:00  
FREEWAY STAG-15519 Holmes Ave. 8:30  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room 1:00  
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helens Hall,  
1367 W. 65th St. 9:00  
HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:00  
HUDSON, O.-Closed Discussion,  
Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,  
Post 163, 15644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,  
15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SKID ROW-Wayfrs. Ldge, 701 Lakeside 7:30  
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating  
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 66 Public Sq. 8:30  
SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2382 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
STELLA MARIS MIXED  
1320 Washington Ave. 8:15  
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1875 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church,  
32801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church 8:00  
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,  
76 Bell Street 9:00  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,  
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-25 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

FOREST CITY-2126 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
L.S.I.-17600 Broadway 8:30  
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist,  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
LEAGUE PARK-Untarian Church,  
8143 Euclid Ave., Cor. E. 82nd St. 9:00  
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00  
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
MATT TALBOT-Windermere Pub. Ch.,  
14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch.  
1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL-Williams  
Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-  
1147 E. 56th St. at Shore Drive 9:00  
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,  
6950 Ridge Road 8:45  
PLAIN-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,  
Rts. 306 and 233, Mentor, O. 9:00  
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,  
3525 W. 25th St. 9:00  
VALLEY VIEW-Pilgrim Congr. Church  
2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
ELYRIA SAT-NITE-St. Paul Bldg., 3rd &  
Middle St., Elyria, O. 8:30  
LORAIN SATNITE-7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
MANSFIELD-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS-28920 Chardon Rd.,  
Willoughby Hills, O. 7:30

## SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,  
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a. m.  
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
DETROIT SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
GARDEN VALLEY-Outwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
GOLF LAKE(L.A.N.D.S)-Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 3:00  
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-  
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,  
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00  
NELA PARK-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,  
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
SUNDAY A. M. BREAKFAST, T. I. E.  
Club, 28920 Chardon Rd. 10:30 A. M.  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
YOI R. Euclid Community House,  
240 Reginald 7:15  
AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank,  
36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St.,  
corner of So. Eagle 7:30  
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-  
St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 S. Park 8:00 EST  
NEWBURY, O.-St. Helen's Church 8:15  
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60,  
Axtel, O. 7:30





## CONSCIENCE

"What part does conscience play in one's sober life?" That was the subject on which a panel of three was to speak and then answer questions. Regrettably (for us) we were unable to participate on that panel, but the subject was intriguing. Reflection on it led to the conclusion that the first stage should be to isolate a definition of conscience. All of us talk about conscience as a matter of course, but seldom do we pause to reflect on just what we mean by the term.

Over 700 years ago, the immortal Meister Eckhart talked incessantly of the existence of the snirit of God in each of us. Call it the seed of good, if you-like. Like any other seed it can be misplanted. It can be so close to the surface that it is damaged by mortal sin. It can be so deeply imbedded that it never has a chance to sprout and grow through the heavy mass of mortal things, sinful or otherwise. But unlike most seeds, it seldom is extinguished by these hazards. It seems virtually indestructible. Yet occasionally by the time someone "is ready", in the judgment of some of our pseudo-experts, that seed is at least damaged to a point which places the newcomer beyond our help.

But let's get back to conscience. After much thought a vague definition has gradually taken form. Conscience must be the tiny voice in the temple of each individual's soul! There are those who will tell you that alcoholism is a disease of the soul. In terms of conscience it would surely seem so. The little voice inside was muffled during the darker days of our sickness. Muzzled would probably be the better word, muzzled, but thank Heaven not destroyed.

It is in the throes of practicing Steps 10 and 11, that the little voice in our own little temple is heard, in tones loud and clear. If we are rejoicing in our liberation, and are trying to demonstrate our gratitude through the way we live and think and act, it truly sings a joyous tune. We are on the high road of sobriety then, with a horde of wonderful people who share its significance with us. Instead of burying the little voice with deliberation! we are nurturing it. We are watering and feeding the little seed, which has now begun to sprout. We are listening to the little voice, not with trepidation or self-reproach, but with careful, grateful attention.

"What part does conscience play in a sober life?" It is the voice of God's will for us, however we may understand Him. The quality of our sober life is labeled by the clarity and constancy of our voice of conscience, and the pleasure with which we listen. A healthy sobriety means that we should be well in body, mind and spirit. No more accurate thermometer exists than the little voice in the temple of our spirit.

Some of the happiest people are those who know very little, but have learned to turn what they do know to best advantage.

## AA-CULT OR CURE

The current issue of Harper's Magazine stirred up a great deal of excitement in the Cleveland area since it hit the newsstands last week. High indignation was expressed by every member of AA who read it, for the author, Arthur H. Cain, Ph.D., really tore into us.

He must have realized that he was inviting a great deal of recrimination by attributing to AA as a whole, some of the practices of which a few professional AAs have been guilty. By the acts of a few in the meetings he attended in "a dozen major cities," he draws the erroneous conclusion that ALL members of AA are of like mind.

Certainly AA has extremists and cultists among its members. We have some here in the Cleveland area and undoubtedly every major city has them. But they are in the great minority. They are tolerated with indulgence and patience. Sometimes they are slapped down verbally when a member loses his tolerance.

Had the author taken time out to further his research by talking to a few more of the members of each group he would have discovered that very few were in accord with the speaker who had warped his opinion of AA.

The author claimed to be disturbed by the fact that AA is not as effective as it once was and he placed the blame on the "omniscient attitude" which AA's have developed. He cited instances of disillusioned men and women who appealed to him with "Doctor, I've tried AA over and over, and I still can't stay sober. There must be something else wrong with me! What is it?"

Did the doctor ask the patients whether they had been absolutely sincere in their desire to stop drinking? Or did they want to find a way of becoming just social drinkers? Did the patients express a fear that they might be asked to help "carry the message to other alcoholics"? Were they afraid they would lose caste in their social circles by abstaining?

Many of us in AA have spent a lot of time and patience with alcoholics of this type. They very evidently need the program, but dread the price they must pay — complete surrender, and a complete revision of their thinking. It takes a lot of time and patience. Sometimes we penetrate. Many times we fail, but we always leave the door open.

He claims that by refusing to take into account problems of mental confusion, emotional immaturity and social adjustments, AAs are seriously hindering, not only their own recovery, but scientific research as well. In for their return.

He predicts that the AA gets drunk sooner or later and — alcoholism being in the dogma of AA a progressive disease — he'll be worse than ever. According to AA, the disease progresses. This according to Mr. Cain is erroneous thinking, that though the patient gets sicker than ever, it is *because he has aged!*

Claiming to be a Ph.D., shouldn't he be aware of the fact that the patient is full of shame and false pride and feared criticism?

Well, he had his say! We had ours. We feel sure he did us all a favor, for we're sure every group will take a thorough moral inventory this month.

Take an interest  
in the future—  
That's where you  
will spend the rest  
of your life.



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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

It is continually amazing the many tools that are made available to group secretaries and all of us in A. A., for that matter, the use and understanding of which makes it possible to do a more responsible job in any assignment with which we may be entrusted.

One of these tools is the monthly EXCHANGE BULLETIN of news and notes from G. S. O. in New York, which is made available without cost to every group secretary. If you haven't seen it, ask your secretary to post it on the bulletin board for all to benefit.

In the February 1963 issue the following is shared here for many reasons, not the least of which is its timeliness:

### "Why Is Anonymity Important?"

*"We're asking this because we've had quite a bit of correspondence lately about one aspect of anonymity. There has been an increasing emphasis on 'name speakers' at special A. A. meetings and even at regular A. A. meetings. Even though anonymity is often protected technically in that no last names are used at the public level, the speakers can easily be identified by their reported occupation, first name, network or studio affiliation, etc.*

*"Often at the group level, no attempt at all is made to protect the anonymity of the speakers. Full names are used in notices going out to groups. Even though it could be said that this is not a violation of anonymity at the public level, it could also be said to be in violation of the spirit of anonymity that has come to mean so much to our entire Fellowship."*

We won't undertake to explore all of the facets of anonymity breaks which we have observed during an enriching and rewarding experience as a group secretary encompassing more than a couple of years.

Your writer is of the opinion that it isn't the intention of the person responsible for the preparation and mailing of the notices to breach anonymity, but rather in some cases the lack of guidance and instruction into the duties of the area of service to the group that the individual has been assigned. This guidance can well be given by an older and wiser member of the group and passed on by retiring secretaries, etc., to their successors.

In other cases, we feel it to be, for the lack of better description, careless thoughtlessness. Both of these causes might well be corrected through reading, rereading and a thorough study of the Twelve Traditions which will affect a constant awareness of each and particularly the Twelfth, which is the basis for our discourse this month.

While increased postage has resulted in some abatement of individual postal card mailings and resulted in their being mailed in sealed envelopes at approximately one-fourth of the monthly mailing expense, there are still many cards posted.

Sometimes (and for the most part) cards are mailed to the home address of the secretary, and on the reverse or "meat" side of the card are listed names of the speakers as "Joe S.", "A.B.C. Group", with the cards being signed by the secretary and/or chairman in full. In other cases, the cards give the full name of the speaker, and the secretary and/or chairman sign first name and initial.

Let's all give some thought to the subject, and taking a cue from the Exchange Bulletin—

"What do you all think? We'd like so much to know, so please write us", by George!

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A productive and inspiring meeting was held by Central Committee on February 5, 1963, even though your correspondent goofed last month and announced that February 12 would be the date of the meeting. The number of groups represented was rather small, but the representatives who attended were decidedly interested in the proceedings.

Harry D., chairman of the Action Committee, reported indications that a "Professional AA, whose unwholesome activities were causing injury to some and apprehension to others, had sensed the disapproval and antipathy which his actions were breeding." Thus does mass opinion influence the outcome of an issue before it comes to a boil.

Howie L., chairman of the Public Information Committee, presented cheering evidence of the effectiveness of radio- and television spot announcements concerning the availability of AA to those who suffer. Also, he spoke of revisions that would be made in the future.

A magazine article dealing with alcoholism was brought to the attention of Central Committee. Published in one of the nation's leading magazines, this article made some unfair and untrue statements about AA, but it also contained some well-deserved and thought-provoking criticism of AA attitudes. A great deal of discussion was generated by this presentation.

The next meeting of Central Committee will be held March 5, 1963. These meetings are always held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 8:30 p.m., in Room 401, of the Hanna Bldg. If your group does not have a representative do yourselves and AA a favor by asking your Secretary to appoint one. Every group is entitled to a voice and a vote, and what concerns one AA member concerns all. This is your Central Committee. -J. T. B., North Olmsted

## CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE FUNDING

In keeping with tradition that we are self-supporting through our own contributions, members of Alcoholic Anonmous in the greater Cleveland area will be given their annual opportunity to express their gratitude and share their goods during the Cleveland District Office 1963 Funding Campaign.

During the period February 18 through March 1, volunteer member-workers will be in contact with groups and individuals to solicit group and individual contributions in support of the office. To assure an always open door and the continuation of the high standard service functions of the Cleveland District Office needs are estimated to be \$16,000 for 1963. (Ed. Note: See Box, Page 3.)

## ATTENTION SECRETARIES

Jim R., Circulation Manager and Ambassador of Good Will has covered a great deal of territory since his appointment to this post last month and has met with a fine response in every group that he has visited. Naturally we are grateful.

Inasmuch as we have been emphasizing the need of protecting the anonymity of every member in our columns, eyebrows were raised when Jim asked secretaries for permission to check their group's membership list to learn how many of their members were subscribers and the date of their expiration. He offered to secure this information from the Central Bulletin records so that the Secretary or an appointed group member could make direct approach to each member.

Several calls came to us, questioning the possibility of destroying one of AA's basic guarantees of absolute anonymity. We hastened to reassure each of the callers that confidentiality would be observed. Every list would be compared with our confidential records which are available to no one but your editor and his wife, who does the addressing each month.

If doubts still persist, the secretary or representative can do his own checking by coming to Room 419, 1104 Prospect, any afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturday and Sunday.

We absolutely guarantee absolute confidentiality!

**GROUP NEWS**

To insure publication group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

**Allendale-March** speakers: 7—Jim N. Doan Men ; 14—Frank W. Euclid (his 19th anniversary) ; 21—Bob G. Allendale (his 11th anniversary) ; 28—Carol M. Lander Circle.

**Borton-March** speakers: 4—Jeff A. May-Lynd ; 11—Mary S. Borton ; 18—Irish K. Shaker; 25—Earl S. Monday Lee.

**Brooklyn-March** speakers: 6—Ed C. Freelance (a 20-year member) ; 13—Jim R., Edgelake; 20—Fred D., Coventry (a 10-year member) ; 27—Genevieve B., Cleveland Women.

**Brookpark-March** speakers: 4—Bill F., Brooklyn ; 11—Jim D., Independence ; 18—Howie L., Angle; 25—Steve L., Memphis.

**C.A.H.-March** speakers: 3—Harry C. Matt Talbot; 10—Walter S. ???; 17—Eddie H. Monday Lee; 24—"Pappy" S. Coventry; 31—Fred D., Newburgh.

**Clark-March** speakers: 5—Ed W., Forest City; 12—James C. Night & Day; 19—Theresa M. D., Clark; 26—"Brownie" L., Brooklyn.

**Eastlake-Has** moved to a new meeting place in Reformation Lutheran Church, 34300 Lake Shore Blvd.

**Collinwood-Will** observe its 22nd Anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Irrepressible, but beloved Jim B. will make his 23rd St. Patrick's Day appearance, but will not address the assembly. Instead, a tape recording of one of his previous talks will be played. Jim deserves a big crowd.

**Edgelake-March** speakers: 5—Arch H., Monday Lee; 12—Tom V., Parma; 19—Harry D., Edgelake (his 21st anniversary) ; 26—Harry H., Rocky River (his 20th anniversary).

**Euclid-Wade-March** speakers: ?—John H., Euclid ; 14—Mae D., Friday Women; 21—Tony K., Smith-Wilson; 28—Marie B., Mentor Plains.

**Fairview Park-March** speakers: 5—Mary W., Westside Women ; 12—Marty K., Fairmount; 19—Tom R., Fairview Park (his 4th anniversary) ; 26—Alen Y., YOUR.

**Freeway-March** speakers: 1—Jack B., Tape recording; 8—Larry L., Night & Day ; 15—Howie L., Angle; 22—Ed D., Matt Talbot; 29—Farrell G., Angle.

**Friday Lee-March** speakers: 1—Howard F. W. 25th ; 8—Frank S., Doan Men ; 15—Tom V., Borton; 22—Harry R., Stella Maris; 29—Harry D., Edgelake. (Over 100 years of continued sobriety will be represented at these five meetings.)

**Friendship-March** speakers: 4—Bonnie P., Golden Gate; 11—Jo S., Golden Gate; 18—Ben B., Lakewood Men ; 25—Closed Discussion—3rd Step.

**Garden Valley Thursday-March** speakers : 7—Tom A., Solidarity ; 14—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; 21—Gail M., Eastside Women; 28—Richard L., Solidarity.

**Garden Valley Sunday-March** speakers: 3—Agnes N., Mistletoe; 10—Julius B., Garden Valley ; 17—Ann B., Lander Circle; 24—No meeting at Solidarity ; 31—Charles P., Garden Valley.

**Hague-March** speakers: G—John D., Monday-Lee; 13—Ed D., Hague (his 1st anniversary) ; 20—Howard C., Hague (his 1st anniversary) ; 27—Grace N., Strongsville.

**Laurel-A** new southside group which will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 5 in Brooklyn High School Cafeteria, 9400 Biddulph Road. Parking lot entrance off West 96th St. March speakers: 5—Norm T. ; 12—Harry R., Stella Maris ; 19—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—Joe K., Brooklyn.

**League Park-Has** moved to a new meeting place in Teamster's Hall, 2070 E. 22nd St., Saturdays at 9 p.m. March speakers: B—Pat P., Night & Day; 9—Bill M., May-Lynd; 16—Bill O'B., Independence; 23—Walter P., Broadway-Harvard ; 30—Joe F., Superior.

**Lorain Ave. Monday-March** speakers: 4—Jack B., Brookside; 11—Stan P., Smith-Wilson ; 18—Billy H., Newburgh; 25—Clint C., Trusty Hall.

**Lorain County Women-March** speakers: 6—Mary R., St. Mary's ; 13—Tom R., Avon Central; 20—Warren C., Sr., Canton; 27—Dick B., Sheffield Lake.

**Matt Talbot-March** speakers: 2—"Gus the Baker". Baxter ; 9—Jos. H., Friday Lee; 16—Annual St. Patrick's Day Party with Jim B. of Berwin's making his 15th consecutive appearance. He will be assisted by Harry D. of Edgelake; 23—Howie L., Angle; 31—Pete M., North East. May-Lynd-March speakers: 5—Tom V., Borton ; 12—Carol M., Lander Circle ; 19—Frank M., Wednesday Lee ; 26—Marty K., Fairmount.

**Night & Day Tuesday-March** speakers: S—Margie L., Bedford; 12—Millie S., Bedford; 19—Bill W., Garden Valley; 26—Stan P., Smith-Wilson.

**Night & Day Thursday A.M.-March** speakers: 7—Joe C., ??? ; 14—Jim D., Edgelake; 21—Tom C., St. Clair Thursday; 28—Fred F., ???.

**Night & Day Saturday-March** speakers: 2—Paul B., Euclid-Friday; 30—Geno D., ?? ?.

**North Olmsted-March** speakers: 6—Jim D. and the Edgelake Players; 13—Roger R., Orchard Grove; 20—Ed D., Fairview Park; 27—Bob B., North Olmsted.

**Norwalk Truck Lines-March** speakers: 2—Frank Y., Superior; 9—Jim D., Edgelake ; 16—Richard M., Borton (his 20th anniversary) ; 23—Frank P., Newburgh; 30—Dick F., Newburgh.

**Orchard Grove-March** speakers: 4—Hanns O., North Olmsted; 11—Bob K., Edgelake; 18—Herman P., Rocky River; 25—Pat S., North Olmsted.

**Parma-March** speakers : 2—Harry D., Edgelake; 9—Bill N., Independence; 16—Jim D., Edgelake; 23—Phil B., Independence; 30—Mary W., North Olmsted.

**Parma Heights-Meet** at the same location, 6400 Pearl Road, now operated under the name of NADS. March speakers: 7—Jack S., Pearl; 14—Don T., Youngstown, O.; 21—Ellis B., Independence; 28—Charlotte B., Laurel.

**Solidarity-Will** observe its Seventh Anniversary on Sunday, March 24 at 4 p.m. in Friendly Inn Settlement, 2382 Union Road (off Quincy Ave.). The speaker will be Frank K. of the Newburgh group. Other March speakers: Chris H., Forest City; 15—Fred H., Garden Valley; 22—Esther R., St. James; 29—"Skid" S., Newburgh.

**Temple-March** speakers: 4—Alonso E., Solidarity ; 11—Maggie M., Lander Circle; 18—Chuck B., Crossroads ; 25—Karl B., West Park.

**Trinity-March** speakers: 2—Dan K., Barborton; S—Barney M., Pearl; 16—Russ K., Firelands, Sandusky ; 23—Tom C., Thursday Morning; 30—Minnie C., Mistletoe.

**Valley View-March** speakers: 2—Earl J., Angle; 9—Ed C., Superior ; 16—Frank S., Doan Men; P—Howard B., Independence; 30—Farrell G., Angle.

**West 25th-Now** meet in the Eighth United Church of Christ, 2400 Willowdale (3 blocks north of Denison and east of W. 25th St.) on Monday at 9 p.m. March speakers: 4—Elmer A., Angle; 11—Ed S., Angle; 18—Walt N., Monday Lee; 25—Terry S., Hague.

**Willoughby-March** speakers : I—Sarah L., Willoughby ; 11—Harriet S., East Shore; 18—Mary P., East Shore; 25—Marion W., St. Clair—Thursday.

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**ALANON GROUP MEETINGS**

- ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon. 8:30
- BRK PK.-PARMA-Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st & 3rd Mon.) 8:30
- LAKEWOOD-Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30
- EUCLID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
- SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
- MAPLE HEIGHTS--Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30
- BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton.. Wed., 8:30
- BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway. Wed., 8:30
- GARFIELD HTS.—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st Wed., 8:30
- E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid Fri., 1:30
- CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central. Fri., 8:30
- CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. Fri., 8:30
- LORAIN COUNTY-Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00
- VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed Sun., 4:00

**NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS**

- (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement of a hospital.)*
- A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. WH 4-2244
  - Euclid-79th. Clinic (MW), 7809 Euclid Ave. 391-4116
  - Dorothy McCauliffe Alcohollic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit. AT 1-3353
  - Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma. TU 5-1882
  - Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0550

**CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE**

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**OBITUARIES**

Emil Pederson, a 14 year member of the Berea Thursday group passed away on February 4. He is survived by his wife Jean and one daughter.

Jack Gray, the founder of the only "one man group" in Vermilion, O., and for eighteen years a potent force in his area, passed away on December 5, 1962. His place will be very hard to fill.

# CLEVELAND AREA A A GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.  
**Pace and Euclid Ave.** 8:30  
**BROOK PARK—Redeemer Lutheran Church,**  
 6161 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY—Baptist Church,**  
 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY BUBURBAN-6087 Pearl** 8:00  
**FRIENDSHIP—Bivd. Presbyterian Ch.,**  
 24688 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal,**  
 W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY—First Presbyterian Ch.,**  
 East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.—St. Ignatius Hall,**  
 Lorain Ave. et West Blvd. 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE—St. Mark's Church,**  
 15305 Triskett Road 8:30  
**PEARL—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd.** 8:30  
**RAMONA—8721 Ramona Blvd.** 8:30  
**SHAKER—Christ Episcopal Church,**  
 3446 Warrenville Center Rd 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd.,**  
 St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway.** 8:30  
**TEMPLE-Fatima Hal', 6914 Lexington** 8:15  
 W. 26th St.-United Church of Christ,  
 2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S—Westside—West Blvd. Christian**  
 Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
**ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes,**  
 Lake and Dewey 8:30  
**VERMILION—Congregational Church** 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.—First Presbyterian**  
 Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED—Holy Family Parish**  
 Hall, 3846 E 181st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN—Y.M.C.A., Room 6,**  
 Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE—Lakewood YMCA,**  
 Community Room, 16916 Detroit—  
**EUCLID MORNING—Euclid Christian Ch.,**  
 Ch. Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.  
**FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal,**  
 Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace**  
 Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls,**  
 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary,**  
 17608 Euclid Ave 8:30  
**LAUREL—Brooklyn High School Cafeteria,**  
 9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY, Y.N.D.—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,**  
 5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
**MILES-LEE—St. Mary's Church,**  
 4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY—13857 Euclid Ave.** 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON—St. Joseph's School,**  
 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church,**  
 E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
**TAKE IT EASY—28920 Chardon Road,**  
 Willoughby Hills, O. 9:00  
**TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,**  
 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP,**  
 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK—Puritas Lutheran Church,**  
 Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church,**  
 3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—**  
 Methodist Church, South Broadway  
 Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306** 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall,**  
 Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL—L&A, O.,**  
 Trinity Church 8:30  
**MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church,**  
 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse.** 8:30  
**SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Pres-**  
 byterian, across from Post Office 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.—Methodist Church,**  
 Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall** 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSFL—Lithuanian Hall,**  
 6815 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAKTER—St. John's Lutheran School,**  
 5826 Cable 8:30  
**BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church,**  
 Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall,**  
 3816 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
**COLLINWOOD—945 E. 162nd St.** 8:30  
**DOAN MEN—YMCA (University Circle),**  
 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave.,**  
 Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & R. Church,**  
 4592 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,**  
 West 65th and Colgate 8:30  
**LEE ROAD—St. Ann's Church Basement,**  
 Coventry and Cedar 9:00

**LORAIN-TRISKETT—Bosworth Road,**  
 Presbyterian Church, 3631 Borworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED—City Hall, Dover Road.** 0:00  
**PSYC HIA TRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken** 8:30  
**ST. JAMES—St. James Church,**  
 E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-18216 Detroit,**  
 Church of the Ascension 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor.** 7:30  
**WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian,**  
 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)—Twelfth Step Club**  
 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN—Harris**  
 Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
 Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,**  
 Route 42. So. of 303 8:30  
**CHESTERLAND—Chesterland Methodist**  
 Church, Mayfield Road and Rte 306 8:30  
**ELYRIA O.—St. Paul Building,**  
 Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center,**  
 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:30  
**INTERRACIAL-80th & Wood, Lorain, O.,**  
 Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
**JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church** 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—let Presbyterian,**  
 4786 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—Meth. Church,**  
 Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 67 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park -8:00 EST**  
**SANDUSKY, O.—Pmvid. Hse. Cafeteria** 7:30  
**WICKLIFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,**  
 E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal,**  
 Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**ANGLE—St. Malachi's, 2469 Washington** 8:30  
**BAY WEST—Church of the Redeemer,**  
 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 School Hall, 3398 E. 55th St. 8:30  
**COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,**  
 Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
**CROSSROADS—St. Luke's Episcopal,**  
 W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue 9:00  
**EASTLAKE—Reformation Lutheran Church,**  
 34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN—Richmond Library,**  
 26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**EUCLID-WADE—13857 Euclid Ave.** 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite)**  
 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN—Golden Gate Plaza,**  
 Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
**LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.,**  
 Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. -11 A.M.**  
**NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,**  
 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHT-400 Pearl Road**  
 NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist**  
 Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Meth-**  
 odist Church, St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,**  
 1000 ft. east of House of Correction. 8:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING—W. 98th & Denison,**  
 Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union.**  
**Rossaro's Restaurant** 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.—St. Peter's Church** 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club,**  
 Comer Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30  
**BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,**  
 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA, O.—Catholic High, Gulf Rd.** 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran**  
 Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION-112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.**  
**MAPLE LEAF—Congregational Church,**  
 Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE—Congregational Church,**  
 Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Paville 8:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.—St. Thomas**  
 School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway** 9:00  
**CEDAR-Salvation Army, 6006 Euclid** 8:15  
**C.E.I.-66 Public Sq. (rear) Room 861** 8:30  
**CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,**  
 St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow.** 6:00  
**EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church,**  
 Lake Shore & East 210th St. 8:30  
**FREEWAY STAG-16619 Holmes Ave.** 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Ply-**  
 mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
 Krumbine Room 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall,**  
 1367 W. 66th St. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian**  
 Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
**HULL, O.—Closed meetings.**  
 Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

**LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall,**  
 Pat 163, 16644 Euclid Ave. 0:00  
**NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,**  
 16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating**  
 Bldg. (rear) Rm. 861, 66 Public Sq. 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement,**  
 11th St. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STRELLA MARIS MIXED**  
 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON—Lkwd. Congregational**  
 Church, 1876 W. Clifton Road 0:00  
**AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church,**  
 32801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
**BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong.**  
 Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,**  
 76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church,**  
 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall.** 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.—25 Mulberry -8:00 E.S.T.**  
**WELLINGTON—St. Patrick's Catholic**  
 Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY-2126 Broadview Rd.—** 9:00  
**L.S.I.-17600 Broadway** 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE&-Garfield Mem. Methodist,**  
 Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK-Teamster's Hall,**  
 2076 E. 2nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
**LIBERTY-946 E. 162nd St.** 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.—Luth. Church of Covenant,**  
 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT—Windermere Presb. Ch.,**  
 141 1/2 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS—Lakewood Congregational Ch.,**  
 1376 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave.— 9:00  
**NEW BURGHI STATE HOSPITAL—Williams**  
 Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight**  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES—**  
 1147 E. 66th St., at Shore Drive— 9:00  
**PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan,**  
 6960 Ridge Road 8:45  
**PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,**  
 Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 9:00  
**REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church,**  
 E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
**TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,**  
 3626 W. 25th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church,**  
 2692 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epk. Church,**  
 Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
**ELYRIA SAT.—NITE—Alconon Club,**  
 345 Broad Street 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE—7th and Reed St.,**  
 St. Mary's Church Basement. 8:30  
**MANSFIELD—20 1/2 S. Park -8:00 EST**  
**WEST RICHLIFE—Consolidated Church,**  
 Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00  
**WILLOUGHBY HILLS-28920 Chardon Rd.,**  
 Willoughby Hills, O. 7:30

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS—Village Hall,**  
 6661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church,**  
 Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid** 10:45 a. m.  
**COLLINWOOD-946 E. 162nd St.** 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Ave.** 7:30  
**DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave.** 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY—Outhwaite,**  
 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS—Immaculate Conception**  
 Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 3:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMORY—**  
 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit- 9:00  
**MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church,**  
 9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,**  
 Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church,**  
 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
**SUNDAY A.M. BREAKFAST—T.I.E. Club,**  
 28920 Chardon Road 10:30 a.m.  
**SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior. 11:00 a.m.**  
**TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,**  
 1000 ft. east of House of Correction- 6:00  
**WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms,**  
 Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
**YOPR—Euclid Community House,**  
 240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank,**  
 36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,**  
 Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St.,**  
 corner of So. Eagle 7:30  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED=**  
 St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 67, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park -8:00 EST**  
**NEWBURY, O.—St. Helen's Church** 8:15  
**TWILIGHT—Grange Hall, Rt. 60,**  
 Axtel, O. 7:30



## SINCERITY

The story is told of the fellow from Cleveland vacationing in a town near the border in Arizona. He had been told that meetings out there were quite different and perhaps not "his cup of tea." But feeling an urgent need to attend a meeting, he dug up the appropriate information and went.

He received as warm a welcome as he ever experienced. The scheduled speaker did not show up, and our friend was pressed into service. The group was eager to hear an outside voice. In the spirit of the occasion, our hometown boy did the best he could.

He noted a large proportion of Mexicans, and also a few Indians in the audience. As the meeting ended, a fat, amiable, aged Indian appeared, shook his hand, and said something in his native tongue. A younger Indian spoke up and said, "My father he say he don't know what you say, **but** he say he like where the words come from." It would be difficult to think of a more graphic example of the sincerity which pervades our fellowship.

Sincerity can be defined in many ways. In substance, it is the **quality** of actually *being* what we *seem* to be. Many times has this column stressed our need to be genuine; our need to gradually narrow, and if possible, eliminate the gap between what we really are and what we appear to be.

Progress is painful for many of us, and discouragingly slow too. But the pursuit of truth is an endless chase and its honest recognition after we find it may be even more difficult. Like all the Absolutes, honesty lies at the end of the long mortal road and it behoves us to keep everlastingly after it.

How fortunate we are with our way of life. Countless times, all of us are thrilled by the honesty, humility and sincerity of a stumbling, fumbling, torturous first lead. As a companion piece how can you beat the lead of the old-timer whose heart is full of gratitude and whose excellent mind acknowledges that the wonder of this precious gift of sobriety is still a mystery to him. He now has fewer answers than he used to think he had, and is most humble to admit it.

The story persists that our society is fallow land for the phony. It is not that we are experts in spotting him. Rather it is because our fellowship is so abundantly endowed with sincere people. The phonies stand out like a sore thumb. Like a sore thumb they also take many painful bumps. We see it time after time. So let us get about the business of making ourselves the person we aspire to be, the person we seem to be, and the person we **really** are, one really happy individual.

This sincerity business is dependent upon our having an objective and the will to pursue it. The four Absolutes really encompass all the objectives that we or any other mortals could ever have. The Absolute concerned with sincerity is Honesty.

Whenever by either design, carelessness or habit, we appear as something other than our true selves, dishonesty lurks in the wings of our theatre of life.

## YOUR AA IMAGE

We ended our last month's column on the subject "AA—Cult or Cure," by expressing the opinion that the critic of AA who wrote the article after attending eleven meetings in eleven cities, did us a favor after all in voicing his caustic opinion of the AA program.

Now, one month later, we are even more convinced, for we hear that many groups and individuals have taken a critical self-examination of their public image.

Some of the questions they asked of themselves were: "Are we becoming complacent and resting on our oars in Twelfth Step work?" "Do we respond as eagerly as we formerly did on a call for help, or do we offer an excuse and suggest that someone else be called?" "Do we become impatient and critical, and display our boredom when a guest speaker dwells on the spiritual part of the program and on the need for character improvement?" "Do we chafe in our seats and show our indifference when the guest speaker talks longer than a half-hour?"

How many people have you sponsored during the past year? How does this compare with other years? How regular are you attending group meetings? What are you contributing to make the meetings more interesting, such as developing a thought which the speaker failed to enlarge upon?

How long has it been since you visited a patient in an alcoholic hospital or nursing home? What helpful and informative message did you leave with the patient which might strengthen his decision to embrace the program? Did you pray to your Higher Power for guidance *before* you visited the patient? Did

you visit his family and thoroughly acquaint them with the AA program and urge their cooperation? If you sponsored a patient did you select four or five dedicated and successful AA's and ask them to visit your patient and give them their way of achieving continued, happy sobriety?

What company do you keep? Do you gamble with your sobriety by continuing to associate with your former drinking companions who ridicule you for having deserted them? Or have you hidden your identity as a member of AA in fear of this expected ridicule? Has the thought ever occurred to you that you might possibly even impress one, or two, or more of them with the change in you, and that they, too, might want what you evidently **had**—serenity, joy, decency and freedom of a compulsion to drink?

Everyone who has been given this great gift of AA has also been given a **charge—to carry the message to others similarly afflicted!** How have you discharged your responsibility? Are you waiting until you know more about the program? How zealous are you in seeking this information? If you are really properly appreciative **you'll start NOW!**

The paradox of AA is, that even if it is deemed so precious, no matter how much it is shared—given **away**—its value is beyond estimate!

What have you contributed to the AA image?

Sin has many  
tools, but a lie  
is the handle  
that fits them  
all.



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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

Ninety-nine percent of our members would agree that our program is a thinking program. How much more wonderful it would be were the same percentage to do so to the Nth degree!

Be that as it may, your reporter tries each month to express ideas-not opinions-and to elaborate just enough to stimulate wider and deeper thinking. Such is the case with this issue, built around some information which was just recently handed to us concerning *Responsibilities of Service*.

In the past quarter century AA has built a pattern of services devoted to the one primary purpose, that of "carrying the message." To the still suffering alcoholic this has been a message of recovery; to all AA's it has been a message of a sobriety so rich and meaningful that it never ceases to be wanted and cherished.

For many AA Services successful practices have been worked out over the years. For others the Fellowship is still seeking solutions-and needs the shared experiences of AA's everywhere. Following is an outline of some of the Responsibilities of Service and these are areas that concern AA's everywhere-as individuals, as Group members, as Delegates, Committee Members and GSR's.

*Sponsorship* . . . Responsibilities of individuals, groups and Central Offices to the new members.

*AA Groups* . . . Group structures; group meetings; special groups; women in AA; the trend in group size; group programs — the trend in their composition and appeal.

*Central Offices* . . . Problems of Central Offices and practical solutions as concerns staff, communications service to community, budgets, etc.

*New Groups* . . . The rise and fall of total AA groups each year; the new group's need for encouragement and guidance.

*AA's Relations with Outside Organizations* . . . How AA cooperates with outside organizations within the framework of its traditions; relations with clubs, etc., operated by AA's.

*Public Relations* . . . Responsibilities of the Public Information Committees.

*AA and Professional and Business Worlds* . . . Interrelationship of the movement with medicine, church, industry, law and social service.

*Institutional Twelfth-Step Work* . . . Responsibilities to and of AA groups in institutions.

*Finances* . . . Money in AA-Group and Central Office needs; General Service Committee needs; GSO needs; growth of practical financing plans.

*AA Conventions and Regional Conferences* . . . Growth and future of area, state or provincial, regional and international conventions.

*The AA and His Years of Sobriety* . . . Problems of the old-timer in a constantly "new" AA; his responsibilities and opportunities for usefulness.

There's a heap of constructive thinking for you, by George!

## OUR POSITION ON CRITICISM

Founder Bill W. states our position on criticism in popular magazines in the April, 1963 issue of the Grapevine with an article titled "Our Critics Can Be our Benefactors."

We are, of course, in perfect accord with him.

Incidentally our own indignant article was "sabotaged" by our printer who blooped on two paragraphs which should have read as follows:

Many of us in AA have spent a lot of time and patience with alcoholics of this type. They very evidently need the program, but dread the-price **they must pay** — complete surrender, and a complete revision of their thinking. It takes a lot of time and patience. Sometimes we penetrate. Many times we fail, but we always leave the door open for their return.

He claims that by refusing to take into account problems of mental confusion, emotional immaturity and social adjustments, **AA's** are seriously hindering, not only their own recovery, but scientific research as well. In our opinion, this charge is ridiculous.

## SPRING CONSOLIDATED MEETING

A good sized crowd should assemble at the Charity Hospital Nurses Auditorium, East 24th and Central on Sunday, March 31st at 4 P.M. to hear one of Cleveland's former active and popular AA "evangelists,, Corne V., speak at the Spring Consolidated Meeting.

Now a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio where he established a District Office and was promptly named its secretary, Corne has inoculated that area with his infectious zeal and solid interpretations of the "Big Book" and the need to proclaim it as well as live it.

Our congratulations go to the new Consolidated Meeting chairman, Gates H. of the C.A.H. group for opening with such an outstanding speaker as Corne.

Coffee will be on tap before and after the meeting.

## THE FOUR ABSOLUTES BOOKLET

The long promised publication of the booklet on The Four Absolutes has finally been published after much careful editing. It is now available at the Cleveland AA District Office, 2063 East Fourth St., Room 205, Cleveland 15, Ohio. Price fifteen cents each.

The Four Absolutes, Honesty, Unselfishness, Love and Purity permeate our Twelve Steps and are masterfully analyzed by the author, Lloyd H., as a guide to character development.

In our opinion, this sixteen page booklet should be in the library of every AA who is sincerely seeking a better and more fruitful life.

## COMING EVENTS

**March 31-Spring Consolidated Meeting**, Charity Hospital Nurses Auditorium, 2320 East 24th at Central, 4 P.M.,

**May 4-Intergroup Dinner** at 7 p. m. in Pi&Carter Hotel. Speaker: Tom P., New York City. \$5.50 per plate.

**June 15-Founders Night**, Memorial Hall Field House, Akron University, Akron, O.

**July 12-14—Ohio State AA Conference**, Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, Cincinnati, O.

## OBITUARIES

**Peter Yanke**, a dedicated member of the Berea Thursday group for the past 17 years passed away suddenly on January 30th. He is survived by his wife Marie and one daughter.

**Donald D. Wick**, a valued member of the Fairmount group for over ten years, passed away on March 8th. He is survived by his wife Katherine and three children.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the bereaved families. Both men will be almost impossible to replace for their loyal service was most noteworthy.

## GROUP NEWS

To insure publication group news articles must be submitted  
IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-Observes its Fifteenth Anniversary on Thursday, April 18th with Wynn W. and Corne V. as speakers. Other April speakers: 4th—Pauline C., Mistletoe; 11th—Bill O'B., Independence; 25th—Regina R., Fairview Park.

Bedford Heights-Observes its Fifth Anniversary on Sunday, April 21st with Bud S., Willoughby as guest speaker. Other April speakers: 7th—Earl S., Monday Lee; 14th—Ross McL., Angle; 28th—Maggie M., Lander Circle.

Borton-April Speakers: 1st—Jim D., Edgelake; 8th—Ralph B. T., Borton; 15th—Leo M., League Park; 22nd—Maggie M., Lander Circle; 29th—John F., Northeast.

Brooklyn-April speakers: 3rd—William A., Ashland, O.; 10th—Robert ("Pete") B., Akron, O.; 17th—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 16th anniversary); 24th—George H., Brooklyn (his 11th anniversary).

Brookpark-Observes its First Anniversary on April 1st with Henry W. of the Euclid Wade group as guest speaker. Other April speakers: 8th—Frieda L., Brooklyn; 15th—Ray T., Strongsville; 22nd—Al L., Parma; 29th—Skid S., Newburgh.

C.A.H.—April speakers: 7th—Al K. L. & S.; 14th—Jim W., Allendale; 21st—Lu S., Allendale; 28th—"Whity" C., Allendale.

C.E.I.—Announces return of meeting night to Wednesday beginning with April 3rd.

Collinwood Sunday-April speakers: 7th—Jim S., W. 26th St.; 14th—June R., Eastside Women; 21st—Jess A., Mav-Lynd; 28th—Don R., Friendship.

Early-Early-April speakers: 1st—George A., Superior; 8th—Joe F., Superior; 15th—Dan H., League Park; 22nd—Bob H., Superior; 29th—Bill K., Superior.

Euclid-Wade-April speakers: 4th—Stan P., Newburgh, O.; 11th—Harry McG., Wed.-Lee; 18th—Larry L., YOUR; 25th—Gerry M., Friday-Lee

Friday-Lee—April speakers: 5th—John N., Night & Day; 12th—Gates H., C.A.H.; 19th—Dock, Broadway-55th; 26th—Harry B., League Park

Garden Valley Thursday-April speakers: 4th—Larry L., Night & Day; 11th—Bud C., Newburgh; 18th—Bill W., Garden Valley; 26th—Annabelle L., Garden Valley.

Garden Valley Sunday-The Valley Alanon group will observe its Third Anniversary on Sunday, April 28th. Other April speakers: 7th—Bert N., Garden Valley; 14th—Charles R., G. V.; 21st—J.T.L., G. V.

Geneva-Now meets in the Episcopal Church, 66 So. Eagle St., 7:30 p.m.

Grateful-A new group which will hold its first meeting on Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. in St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Ave., near Shaw. Harry D., Edgelake, will be the speaker.

Hague—April speakers: 3rd—George G., Forest City; 10th—Eleanor P., Lakewood Armory; 17th—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 24th—Bill K., Superior.

Laurel-April speakers: 2nd—Art N., Pearl; 9th—Jack N., Lakewood Armory; 16th—Ed D., Fairview; 23rd—Bud W., Cleveland Psychiatric; 30th—Evelyn G., Parma Heights.

League Park-April speakers: 6th—Skid S., Newburgh; 13th—Esther R., Garden Valley; 20th—Tom T., Lorain Ave. Thursday; 27th—Jim D., Edgelake.

Lorain County Women-April speakers: 3rd—Betty J., Lorain; 10th—Bob M., Sheffield Lake; 17th—Katherine M., Sheffield Lake; 24th—Tom V., Parma.

Lorain Ave. Monday-April speakers: 1st—Don L., Parma Hts.; 8th—John R., Fore & City; 15th—Bud C., Newburgh; 22nd—Jim D., Independence; 29th—Alice M., Independence.

Lorain-Triskett-April speakers: 3rd—Dick P., Newburgh; 10th—Herb F., Clark; 17th—Harry B., League Park; 24th—Howie L., Angle.

Matt Talbot-April speakers: 6—Bob S., Newburgh; 13th—Don W., Doan Men; 20th—Bill K., Doan Men; 27th—Doc K., Broadway-66.

Mistletoe-Observes its Tenth Anniversary on Sunday, April 28th with Hon. James C., Arcade, as guest speaker. Other April speakers: 7th—Maggie M., Lander Circle; 14th—Mary McL., Clark; 21st—Mary H., Lander Circle.

Night & Day Tuesday-April speakers: 2nd—Jack D., St. Clair Thursday; 9th—Neil G., St. Clair Thursday; 16th—Ray R., —; 23rd—Gene A., Superior, Stag; 30th—Elsie C., Friday Women.

Night & Day Thursday-April speakers: 4th—Doc K., Broadway-65th; 11th—Adam J., Nela Park; 18th—Eddie G., Shaker; 25th—Harry S., Night & Day

Night & Day Saturday-Open House on April 6th—Bill P., Nela Park, will be the speaker. Other April speakers: 13th—Lou G., Hts. Discussion; 20th—Maggie M., Lander Circle; 27th—Tony P., Euclid-Wade.

Norwalk Truck Lines-April speakers: 6th—Mattie O., Superior; 13th—Joe M., Lakewood Armory; 20th—Neil C., Parma Heights; 27th—Bill N., Bedford Heights.

Painesville—April speakers: 4th—Bob M., Painesville; 11th—Tom S., Willoughby; 18th—Marie B., Painesville Women; 25th—John K., Fairport Harbor

Redwood-April speakers: 6th—Marge K., Smith-Wilson; 13th—Jim C., Night & Day; 20th—Gates H., C.A.H.; 27th—Richard L., Solidarity.

Rocky River-April speakers: 4th—Harry B., Olmsted Falls; 11th—Tape recording of a talk by Clarence S., St. Petersburg, Fla.; 18th—Charles S. and Orrie K., Brooklyn; 25th—Bill D.,

Smith-Wilson-April speakers: 2nd—Louie F., Angle; 9th—Fred G., Newburgh; 16th—Dick P., Newburgh; 23rd—Margaret M., Lander Circle; 30th—Ann B., Lander Circle.

T.I.E.-April speakers: 2nd—Carl N., L.S.I.; 9th—Elsie C., Fairmount; 16th—Vic H., Allendale; 23rd—Eleanor P., Lakewood Armory; 30th—Ellen F., Lakewood Armory.

Trinity-April speakers: 6th—Carl M., Doan Men; 13th—Cecil W., Trinity (his 16th anniversary); 20th—Ray B., Trinity (his 2nd anniversary); 27th—Bruce and Marion S., Trinity.

West Park-April speakers: 2nd—Paul V., Newburgh; 9th—Rollie B., Bedford Heights; 16th—Haold (Bud) M., Meadville, Pa.; 23rd—Walter K., Mistletoe; 30th—Kathleen K., Temple.

West 25th St.-April speakers: 1st—Lawrence L., Memphis; 8th—Bill H., League Park; 15th—Jim D., Edgelake; 22nd—Ruth V., W. S. Women; 29th—Joe T., Hilltop, (his 16th anniversary).

YOUR-Observes its Seventh Anniversary on Sunday, April 14th, with Herschell H., Mansfield, O. as guest speaker. He, incidentally will observe his sixteenth anniversary as well. Other April speakers: 7th—Howard P., Mentor Plains; 21st—Stanley M., YOUR; 28th—Alan B., Wickliffe.

Training-Refresher-Changed back to Wednesday evenings at 8:30 in Room 386, Illuminating Bldg., 66 Public Square, to improve attendance. These meetings can be of inestimable help to sponsors to thoroughly indoctrinate newcomers into the AA program. Each of the Twelve Steps and Traditions will be interpreted by speakers from groups in the Cleveland area. However, the Refresher-Training sessions will be conducted on alternate Wednesdays. To staff the new plan, Step & Tradition I will be discussed on April 3rd by a panel of four speakers of the Friendship group. Stan P. of Smith-Wilson will be the speaker on April 10th. Step & Tradition II will be discussed by a panel of Edgelake speakers. Tom M. of Solidarity will speak on April 24th. Every group should urge their neophytes to attend

## GIGGLES

A Worcester, Massachusetts man received a suspended six-month sentence because of a case of mistaken identity. The cab he hailed turned out to be a police car and he was arrested for drunkenness.

Howard Topsy of Los Angeles was recently arrested for the first time. The charge was drunken driving.

The fish of the River Endrick in Scotland got so drunk they just gave themselves up. A distillery accidentally leaked some of its whiskey into the river. Astonished anglers saw salmon and trout weaving drunkenly through the water, snapping carelessly at hooks and resisting the haul to shore with no more than drowsy flick of the tail. Most of the surrendering fish were put back to sleep it off.

## ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30  
BRK PK.—PARMA—Red'm'r Luth. 6161 Smith Rd. (1st & 3rd Mon.) 8:30  
LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30  
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30  
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hillinrd. Tues., 8:30  
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30  
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton... Wed., 8:30  
BROADWAY-Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway... Wed., 8:30  
GARFIELD HTS.-Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4692 E. 181st ... Wed., 8:30  
LORAIN AVE.-Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Tb.) 9:00  
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid ..... Fri., 1:30  
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central ..... Fri., 8:30  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. . . . . Fri., 8:30  
LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00  
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed . Sun., 4:00

## NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement of (rouel))  
A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. \_\_\_\_\_ WH 4-2244  
Euclid-79th Clinic (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. \_\_\_\_\_ 891-4115  
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit \_\_\_\_\_ AT 1-3363  
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma \_\_\_\_\_ TU 6-1882  
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. \_\_\_\_\_ SU 1-0669

## CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

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# CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
 BROOK PARK-Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6161 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
 EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church, 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-8087 Pearl 8:00**  
**FRIENDSHIP-Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30**  
 I O O D M E N % - St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit. 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch., East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30**  
**LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30**  
**ORCHARD GROVE-St. Mark's Church, 16306 Trisket Road 8:30**  
**PARKMAN-Congregational Church 8:30**  
 PEARL-St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
 RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church, 8445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
 SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN-Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
 SOUTH EAST-7626 Broadway 8:30  
**TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15**  
 W. 26th St.-United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S Westside-West Blvd. Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45**  
 ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes, Lake and Dewey. 8:30  
**VERMILION-Congregational Church-8:30**  
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-First Presbyterian Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
 GORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish Hall, 8846 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN-Y.M.C.A., Room 6, Lee Road at Euclid 8:15**  
**EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16916 Detroit. 8:30**  
**EUCLID MORNING-Euclid Christian Ch., Ch. Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.**  
**FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00**  
**FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30**  
 FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7863 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30**  
**LAUREL-Brooklyn High School Cafeteria, 9400 Riddalah Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45**  
**MAY-LYND-E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road 8:30**  
**MILES-LEE-St. Mary's Church, 4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30**  
**NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30**  
**SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9821 Orleans Ave. 8:30**  
**SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 8:30**  
**TAKE IT EASY-28920 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, O. 9:00**  
**TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00**  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00**  
**WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30**  
**ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST**  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30**  
**KIRTLAND, O.-Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30**  
**LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 50-E. Southwood, Mentor- 8:30**  
**LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O., Trinity Church. 8:30**  
**MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST**  
**MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 6:30**  
**SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Presbyterian, across from Post Office- 8:30**  
**STREETSBORO, O.-Methodist Church, Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 48 -- 8:30**  
**STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30**

## WEDNESDAY

ANSEL-Lithuanian Hall, 6835 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER-St. John's Lutheran School, 8826 Cable 8:30**  
**BEDFORD-Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00**  
**BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 8816 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30**  
**COLLINWOOD-945 E. 162nd St. 8:30**  
**DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle), 2065 E. 106th St., Second floor front 8:30**  
**EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.**  
**GARFIELD-Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4692 E. 181st St. 8:30**  
**HAGUE-Grace Cons. Assembly Hall, West 86th and Colgate 6:30**

LEE ROAD-St Ann's Church Basement, Coventry and Cedar 9:00  
**LORAIN-TRISKETT-Bosworth Road, Presbyterian Church, 8681 Bosworth 9:00**  
**NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road 9:00**  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken 8:30**  
 ST. JAMES-St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar. 8:00  
 TRAININGREFRESHER-Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 885, 65 Public Sq. 8:30  
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30  
 WARRENSVILLER-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
 WEST SHORE-Wat Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River. 8:30  
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Stop Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesdays 7:30**  
**BRUNSWICK O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42, So. of 303 8:30**  
**CHESTERLAND-Chesterland Methodist Church, Mayfield Road end Rte 306 8:30**  
 ELYRIA O-St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00**  
**INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O. Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30**  
**JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church-8:30**  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian, 4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00**  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Meth. Church, Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 67 8:30**  
**MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST**  
**SANDUSKY, O.-Provid. H. a. Cafeteria 7:30**  
**WICKLIFFE-Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30**

## THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal, Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
 ANGLE-St. Malachi's, 2469 Washington 8:30  
 BAY WEST-Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, 3398 E. 55th St. 8:30**  
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
 CROSSROADS-St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue 9:00  
**EASTLAKE-Reformation Lutheran Church, 34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00**  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN-Richmond Library, 26151 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30**  
**EUCLID-WADE-13867 Euclid Ave. 8:30**  
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN-Golden Gate Plaza, Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30**  
**LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd., Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00**  
**NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 11 A.M.**  
**NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21987 Miles Ave. 9:00**  
**PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30**  
**ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00**  
**ST. CLAIR-THURS.-Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 8:30**  
**TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction, 8:00**  
**WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison, Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.**  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST**  
**AMHERST, O.-St. Peter's Church 8:30**  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30**  
**BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00**  
 ELYRIA, O.-St. Agnes School Basement, Cor. Dewey and Lake 8:30  
 INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset. 9:00  
 DISCUSSION-112 E. 19. Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
 MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE-Congregational Church, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Painesville 8:30**  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.-St. Thomas School, Harris Road 8:30**

## FRIDAY

BROADWAY-HARVARD-8487 Bf dway 9:00  
 CEDAR-Salvation Army, 6005 Euclid 8:15  
 C.E.I.-65 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
 CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
 CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
 EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore & East 210th St. 8:30  
**FREEWAY STAG-16619 Holmes Ave. 8:30**  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00**  
 GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1867 W. 65th St. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30**

## HUDSON, O.-Closed meetings.

Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30  
 LEE ROAD-EAST-Town Legion Hall, Poet 163, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
 NORTH EAST-Town House Motel, 16661 Euclid Ave. 6:30  
 SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement, 2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARTS MIXED, 1820 Washington Ave. 8:15**  
**WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00**  
**AVON LAKE-Fir & Congregational Church, 82801 Electric Boulevard 8:30**  
**BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30**  
**CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 9:00**  
 CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
 CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30  
 MANSFIELD, O.-25 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

FOREST CITY-2125 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
 L.S.I.-17600 Broadway 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00**  
 LEAGUE PARK-Teamster's Hall, 2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
 LIBERTY-946 E. 162nd St. 9:00  
 MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
 MATT TALBOT-Windermere Presby. Ch., 14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00**  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL-Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4466 Turney Rd. 7:30**  
**NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight**  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES-1147 E. 66th St. at Shore Drive 9:00**  
**PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 6950 Ridge Road 8:45**  
 PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Rta. 306 and 283, Mentor. O. 9:00  
 REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole. 8:30  
 TRINITY-7 Trinity Evangelical Church, 3626 W. 25th St. 9:00  
 VALLEY VIEW-Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2692 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather. 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30**  
**ELYRIA SAT.-NITE-Alconon Club, 345 Broad Street 8:30**  
**LORAIN SATNITE-7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:00 EST**  
**MANSFIELD-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST**  
**WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00**  
 WILLOUGHBY HILLS-28920 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, O. 7:30

## SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30**  
 C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
 COLLINWOOD-945 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30**  
**DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00**  
 GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS-Immaculate Conception Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 3:00**  
**GRATEFUL-St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00**  
**LAKEWOOD ARMOY-1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00**  
 MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
 NELA PARK-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
 NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
**SUNDAY A.M. BREAKFAST-T.L.E. Club, 28920 Chardon Road 10:30 a.m.**  
**SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior, 11:00 a.m.**  
**TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction- 6:00**  
**WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms, Recreation Room 10 A.M.**  
**YOUR-Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 7:15**  
**AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00**  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLK-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00**  
 GENEVA, O.-Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED, St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 67, Lorain 7:30**  
**MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST**  
**NEWBURY, O.-St. Helen's Church- 8:15**  
**TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt 60, Axtel, O. 7:30**



## SHARING EXPERIENCE

When we share our worldly goods with those in need, we are at least near the threshold of brotherhood. When we do so without thought of reward, perhaps we are on that threshold. But when we give of ourselves, we take at least a small step inside.

In our fellowship the word love comes into the picture when we speak of our mission to others who want and need our help. When you give love you give your life. Experience is part of your life and in truth we must really share our experience honestly and generously, if our society is to be the temple of brotherly love we would like to think it is.

We say that we are a fellowship of men and women, "who share their experience, strength and hope with each other" that we may solve our common problem. Do we really contribute our all-out maximum in that direction? In our early days most of us soak up more love and understanding than we knew existed. In our later early days we are (most of us) so full of gratitude that we pass this on to others unstintingly and enthusiastically enjoying the great thrill of giving as we never did before. In all honesty, do we not then taper off?

In those early days the experience of a dark harrowing slavery is fresh in our minds. We tell it all and it helps countless others. As we grow older in sobriety, is there not a tendency to pass over the dark days rather lightly? At best we pick and choose a few highlights of our drinking experience which we feel should be enough.

In the early days the freshness of our early sobriety lends itself to eloquent expression. Also the sharp comparison between our suffering and our recovery lends a certain potency to what we do and say. Over night literally we have moved from the role of unwanted sufferer to a participant in the freest flowing stream of mutual help and love that exists in our world today. Then do we slide on to the shelf of easy acceptance or even complacency?

This writer doesn't know, but that sometimes seems to be the way of things. It seems to be the pattern for old-timers who say they don't get much out of meetings anymore. The obvious answer is that tapering off in giving means dissipation of receiving. Remember your greatest help to another is your own example. Remember that sharing your experience is sharing part of yourself. It should be done honestly, wholeheartedly, and without thought of reward. That very simply, is love.

But the main point intended is an uncomfortable and persistent feeling of guilt, that as the years go by we become careless and even miserly in sharing our experience. Perhaps we forget but more probably we forget to remember. If our gratitude is sincere, the sharing of our total experience is a sacred debt that we owe to every living being who suffers today as we did yesterday.

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More heartaches and sorrow are caused by little words and deeds of unkindness than by open acts of dislike and enmity . . .

## AA-A COUNTY ASSET

We were privileged to sit in at 8 meeting of 26 Welfare Clients several weeks ago at the invitation of a dedicated Casework Supervisor who had been studying the records of Public Assistance clients since 1950, when he was placed in charge.

He studied and analyzed 14,000 cases, involving 46,500 people and was intrigued by the fact that excessive drinking was a contributing factor in their presence on the relief rolls. Caseworkers were aware of this condition but were unable to cope with the problem. It was estimated that there were approximately 3,000 alcoholics among them, many of whom were in and out of the County Workhouse for years.

In July, 1961, the Casework Supervisor was given permission to try to develop a program of rehabilitation through Alcoholics Anonymous. He realized that, in his position of authority, he would have difficulty in "reaching" them, for he could never be sure whether they came out of fear of having their relief checks stop or whether they were really sincere.

So he made another careful survey and found two clients who were members of AA. One was a young woman with five children and one man, both with a record of a year or more of continuous sobriety.

He called them in, and after explaining his plan of action, both enthusiastically agreed to serve as sponsors for the candidates that the Supervisor had screened from his list. He asked them to take the new candidates to AA meetings as well as persuading them to come to the Welfare Supervisor weekly for further counselling. Each was cautioned to

come in and discuss their problems before they took that drink.

It was instantly successful, for suddenly they began to develop a desire to live a decent life. Instead of despair they found hope. They contacted their former employers, who were amazed and deeply impressed when they came in, not trying to get back the job they had forfeited, but in hearing them, apologizing, making amends for the harm they had done. Five were re-employed and are no longer in need of public assistance.

The young woman with the five children is completing her high school education. She is still on relief but soon will graduate and has been assured of a position which will enable her to support them and herself.

This group now numbering 31, meet twice a month for a two hour period in which they discuss their common problems as well as those unique to the alcoholic. These 31 represent about 50% of those contacted.

They need AA literature, particularly the "Big Book" (Alcoholics Anonymous) and if any of our readers have an extra book or AA literature to spare, we would be glad to receive and deliver them.

Bring them to the AA District Office or to your Bulletin editor, Harry D., Room 419, 1104 Prospect.

You'll be doing some fine Twelfth Step work.

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Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy.

A fanatic is a fellow with such a large chip on his shoulder that it makes him lose his balance.

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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

NEW YORK—With the arrival of your May edition of Central Bulletin we are standing on the threshold of the opening session of the 13th Annual Meeting — General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For five days, April 24-28, inclusive, 85 Delegates and 30 Trustees, Directors and Staff Members of G.S.O. will meet to give serious consideration to AA's present and future service responsibilities.

"Our Common Welfare"—the theme of this annual meeting bespeaks the dedication of this Conference and the twelve that have preceded it. As the EXCHANGE BULLETIN for April reported "It is a time when the Fellowship rededicates its efforts, mindful of 'Our Common Welfare' so that we will continue to grow in world-wide usefulness."

Included in the agenda are the following presentations: "The Area Committee Shares Its Experience," a report on "Sharing Sessions" conducted in two General Service Conference Areas, and action affecting the future of such sessions.

"Making General Services Self-supporting," a discussion of plans used in various areas to help G.S.O. be self-supporting.

"Table Topics" in which all Delegates will participate in the generation of ideas and suggestions to solve a number of group and area problems.

"The Fellowship Takes Its Own Inventory," wherein A.A. takes a good look at itself.

A running feature of the Conference program will be three minute reports (Area Highlights) from Delegates on A.A. progress in their Areas and on Area problems and solutions.

Along with other discussion subjects, there will be three nominating sessions to select Regional candidates—one from the East Central Region, which embraces Ohio, whose candidate is Howard B. of Independence.

As we have said before, it is our responsibility to never relax our efforts and perhaps none feel it more keenly than we do, by George!

## SUBSCRIPTION RATE REVISED

Because of increased production costs in material and labor, we regret to announce that we must discontinue the \$3.00 rate for two years. Two year subscriptions at \$3.00 will be honored up to April 30, 1963. After May 1, the subscription price will be \$2.00 per year.

## FIVE GROUPS MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

The T.I.E. Club will move into spacious new quarters at 1353 East 260th St. Joining them will be the St. Clair Thursday, Freeway Stag, Willoughby Hills and one other group not named. They expect to hold meetings every night in the week eventually.

The new quarters will include a beautiful, newly furnished Lounge, a Meeting Room which will accommodate 190 persons and a game room (Billiards, Darts, etc. No gambling). All new furniture. Plenty of parking.

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The April meeting of Central Committee was held the day after April Fool's Day — when, presumably, we had all been restored to **Sanity**. Isn't it marvelous what miracles can be performed in 24 hours?

The meetings have been attended by ever-increasing numbers of Group Secretaries or their designated representatives. This has brought a wider scope of opinions and ideas to Central Committee, and has resulted in more stimulated action and thought. The objective of Central Committee—which is service—becomes more and more of an accomplished fact rather than an unrealized goal.

The main business, and the high point of the meeting, concerned the efforts of the Action Committee to clean up an unsavory condition near Painesville. A so-called club exists for the primary purpose of making possible uninhibited and uncontrolled **gambling**. Like any other pursuit of pleasure, gambling in moderation is a pastime, while injuriously excessive gambling becomes a vice and a problem to the participants. When the grocery money and the rent money have been put in the pot, chances are that a player's Ace-high **straight** is going to collide head-on with a small flush or better, and then innocent humans suffer. This club masquerades as an AA facility and has been very slippery when efforts have been made to render it harmless. However, some good spade work had been done, and results can be reasonably expected in the future.

The next meeting will be held, as always, on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m. in Room 401 of the Hanna Bldg. The date this time is May 7, 1963. Don't forget that meetings of the Hospital Committee are held one hour earlier in the same place. We'll be seeing you.

—J.T.B., North Olmsted

## AA AND THE FENCE STRADDLER

One of the halfway points in a man's journey from doubt to faith has never been sufficiently emphasized. It is the stage of disturbance that obtains when our man neither doubts nor believes wholeheartedly. He is repelled, and yet fascinated; attracted and yet put off; this is the state of mind when doubt remains and unbelief is still in control. Yet the pull of the new idea cannot be resisted. Many an AA has a friend who won't have anything to do with "all that AA junk" . . . but he can't leave it alone, he must talk about it even if only to make fun of it. He can't forget it. But he can't quite accept it.

That small word "quite" may conceal a very large distance to be covered before the journey of faith is completed. But the step from indifference to interest has been taken . . . a long step and one that gives important momentum for the long journey ahead.

But the fence straddler must be correctly handled at this time. Too much missionary work will scare him off; and too little explanation and pressure may lose him. It behooves us who do 12th step work to study each of our "pigeons" carefully; enough line to free him for doubting exploration and ultimate vindication of the principles we are trying to get him to believe, and enough control at the right times to keep him from retreating irrevocably to a point of no return whence he cannot be retrieved for Alcoholics Anonymous.

—Doc S., New Hope Group

Be not disturbed at being misunderstood; be disturbed at not understanding!

## OBITUARIES

Dr. Fred Giesinger, an 18 year member of the Wednesday-Lee group passed away on March 17, 1963.

Douglas S. Meaden, a valued old-timer of the Shaker group was killed in an auto accident on April 9. He is survived by his wife and a son and daughter.

Mike Karahuta, former secretary of the Arcade group, passed away on March 20, 1963.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the families.

GROUP NEWS

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES—Because of increased production costs, we have found it necessary to eliminate the publication of Group's Speaker lists beginning with the June issue. Only special occasions, such as group anniversaries, mass meetings or items of interest to everyone will be published. Our decision came as a result of spot surveys which revealed that many of our subscribers preferred more articles on AA thought and action. —Central Bulletin Foundation.

Allendale-May speakers: 2—Jack H., W. 25th St.; 9—Marty R., Wilby Hills; 16—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; 23—Penny H., T.I.E.; 30—Hob D., Lander Circle.

Brooklyn—Observes its 23rd Anniversary on Wednesday, May 8 in Trinity United Church of Christ Auditorium. Guest speaker Judge Clyde L. O., Toledo. Other May speakers: 1—Ray B., Brooklyn (his 2nd anniversary); 15—John McG., Brooklyn (his 22nd anniversary); 22—Jesse A., May-Lynd; 29—Henry W., Euclid-Wade.

C.A.H.—May speakers: S—Sophie C.; 12—Carl M.; 19—Jim N.; 26—Jim D., Independence.

Doan Men—May speakers: 1—Doug McC., Friendly Suburban; 8—Jim R., Edgelake; 15—Gates H., C.A.H.; 22—Harry R., Stella Maris; 29—Farrell G., Angle.

Fairview Park—May speakers: 7—Joe P., Lakewood Armory; 14—Jack D., West Shore; 21—Dick P., Newburgh; 28—Dick P., Parma.

Friday-Lee—May speakers: 3—Bill C., May-Lynd; 10—Basil L., Doan Men; 17—Jim D., Independence; 24—Ed G., Shaker; 31—Larry L., YOUR.

Garden Valley Thursday—May speakers: 2—Doc K., Doan Men; 9—Carl N., L.S.I.; 16—Ben I., Solidarity; 23—Ed S., Angle; 30—Ted H., Garden Valley.

Garden Valley Sunday—Observes its Seventeenth Anniversary on Sunday, May 19 in Neighborhood House, 7100 Kinsman at 4 p.m. Speaker will be Jim R., Edgelake. Other May speakers: 5—Gene A., Garden Valley; 12—Bruce T., Garden Valley; 26—Leonard K., Allendale.

Grateful—One of Cleveland's newest groups will hold its first meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church. Speakers will be Harry D., Edgelake. Other May meetings: 12—John W., Collinwood; 19—Harry R., Stella Maris; 26—Jim D., Edgelake.

Hague—May speakers: 1—Kris H., Forest City; 8—Jack S., Lorain Monday; 15—Steve F., Valley View; 22—AbW., Lakewood Armory; 29—Dorothy B., Clark.

Lee-Seville—One of Cleveland's newest groups holds its first meeting in the New Home Baptist Church, Seville & Sunview on Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Esther R., St. James. The group is inter-racial.

Laurel—May speakers: 1—Robert H., Laurel; 14—William M., Memphis; 21—John M., Memphis; 28—George and Ray DeL., Crossroads.

Lorain Ave. Monday—Observes its 22nd Anniversary in St. Ignatius Auditorium, West Blvd. and Lorain Ave., on Monday, May 13 at 8:30 p.m. Guest speakers: Hon. James C., Tom V. and Bill O'R. Other May speakers: B—Esther R., St. James; 20—Bill O'B., Independence; 27—Ken W., Independence.

Lorain County Women—May speakers: 1—Ruth C., Lorain; 8—Jim O.C., St. Mary's; 15—Warren C., Sr., Canton; 22—John M., Lorain; 29—Angie D., Lorain.

Matt Talbot—Observes its 16th Anniversary on Saturday, May 18 at 8:30 p.m. in Windermere Presbyterian Church, 14112 Euclid with Frankly S. Doan me' as speaker. Other May speakers: 4—Bill McG., Matt Talbot; 11—Theresa D., Clark; 25—John S., Northeast.

May-Lynd—May speakers: 7—Donnie C., Heights Discussion; 14—f&e M., Lander Circle; 21—Bill G., Coventry; 28—Ernie K., May-

Monday-Lee—May speakers: 6—Jess A., May-Lynd; 13—Tom McG., Edgelake; 20—Mary H., Lander Circle; 27—Maggie M., Lander Circle. Night & Day Tuesday—May speakers: 7—Chuck B., Crossroads; 14—Bob G.; 21—Bill H., League Park; 28—Don W.

Night & Day Thursday—May speakers: 9—Millie G.; 23—Jack C.; 30—Jack Z.

Night & Day Saturday—May speakers: 4—Dan H., League Park; 11—John N., Night & Day; 18—Ed H., Monday-Lee; 25—John P., Allendale.

North Olmsted—May speakers: 1—Charlie C., West Shore; 8—Eddie H., Lorain; 15—Ed D., Hague; 22—Bill H., League Park; 29—Tom N., Charity.

North Randall—May speakers: B—Jim R., West Park; 9—Ruth V., Gordon Square; 16—Tom J., Lakewood Armory; 23—Michael Y., Valley View; 30—Lester B. W. S. Morning.

Norwalk Truck Lines—May speakers: 4—Mary W., Westside Women; 11—Mose Y., Hartsville, O.; 15—George P., Norwalk T.L.; 25—Billie & Jack M., Parma.

Painesville—May speakers: 2—Bill H., Plains; 9—Les B., Painesville; 16—Mike M., YOUR; 23—Bob C., Willoughby; 30—Minnie C., Mistletoe. St. Clair Thursday—Moves to new location on May 9 at T.I.E. Club's new location, 1363 E. 260th St. The May 2 meeting will be held in the Nottingham Methodist Church with Mose Y., Hartsville, O. as speaker. Other May speakers: 9—Joe H., Monday-Lee; 16—Genevieve B., Cleveland Women; 23—Jim S., Friendship; 30—To be announced. Smith-Wilson—May speakers: 1—Tom C., Newburgh; 14—Jim R., Lakewood Armory; 21—Jerry M., Doan Men; 28—Skid S., Newburgh. Solidarity—May speakers: 3—Richard L., Solidarity; 10—Charles P., Garden Valley; 17—Bob W., Temple; 24—Milton B., Solidarity; 31—Edmund P., St. James.

Willoughby Hills—Meets in new T.I.E. quarters at 1353 East 260th St. at 8:30 p.m. May speakers: 4—Fred B., T.I.E.; 11—Russ B., Jamestown, N. Y.; 28—George & Ray DeL., Crossroads.

Trinity—May speakers: 4—Maggie & Jim G., Superior; 11—Whitey C., Allendale; 18—Bill K., Superior; 25—Maggie M., Lander Circle.

Hour—May speakers: 1—Kenny K., Euclid-Wade; 8—Ruth and John K., Parma; 15—Carl A., Parma Heights; 22—Helen B., Laurel; 29—Ken W., Independence.

West Park—May speakers: 7—Ina G., Clark; 14—Milton B., Solidarity; 21—Bill L., North Randall; 28—Jim D., Independence.

W. 25th—May speakers: G—John F., Northeast; 13—Harry R., Stella Maria; 20—Moses Y., Hartsville, O.; 27—Grace N., Strongsville.

YOUR—May speakers: S—Dan H., Warren, O.; 12—Jim F., Clairdon, Pa.; 19—; 26—Women panel.

Refresher-Training—Now meets regularly on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. May schedule: 1—Step III and Tradition III, Angle panel; 8—Vic Z., Superior; 15—Step IV and Tradition IV, Euclid-Friday panel; 22—Dick P., Newburgh; 29—Step V and Tradition V, Lee-Friday panel. Bring your new members.

COMING EVENTS

May 8—Twenty-third anniversary the Brooklyn group, 8:30 p.m., Trinity United Church of Christ Auditorium, 3525 West 25th St. Speaker: Judge Clyde D., Toledo, O.

May 8—"Queen For A Day," Jack B. of Hollywood, Cal., Masonic Auditorium, Euclid and East 36th. Admission free.

May 13—Twenty-second Anniversary of the Lorain Avenue Monday Group, 8:30 p.m. Panel of old-timers: Hon. James C., Tom V. and Bill O.R. St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave and West Blvd.

May 16—Eleventh Anniversary of the Independence group, 8:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset. Speakers: Warren C., Canton; Harry H., Rocky River, and Harry D., Edgelake.

May 18—Sixteenth Anniversary of the Mat Talbot Group, 8:30 p.m., Windermere Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Franklyn S., Doan Men.

May 19—Seventeenth Anniversary of the Garden Valley Group, 4 p.m., Neighborhood House, 7100 Kinsman. Speaker: Jim R., Edgelake.

May 19—Second quarterly meeting Northeastern Ohio General Service Committee, 3:00 p.m., American Legion Hall, Brecksville, O.

May 20—Twenty-second Anniversary West Side Women's Group, 9:00 P.M. West Boulevard Christian Church, West 101st St. and Madison Ave. Speaker: Doris S., Portsmouth, O.

May Pl—Father John Doe, Indianapolis, WHK auditorium.

GIGGLES

Now I am old, my pace seems to slack . . . I stroll to the corner and puff my way back . . . The reason I know my youth has been spent . . . Is, my "get-up-and-go" has got up and went!

But I really don't mind when I think with a grin . . . Of the wonderful places my "get-up" has been . . . So now I've retired from life's competition. . . I'm completely content with each day's repetition.

I get up in the morning and dust out my wits . . . By scanning the headlines and then the Obits . . . If MY name is missing, I know I'm not dead . . . So I eat a good breakfast, and go back to bed.

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A prisoner called his lawyer from the warden's office. "I need your advice," he said. "They just took me out of my cell, cut slits in my trousers, rolled up my sleeves and shaved my head." His lawyer hesitated a moment, then replied, "Well whatever you do, don't sit down" . . .

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams.1st & 3rd Mon.,	8:30
BR'K PK.-PARMA-Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.)	8:30
LAKEWOOD-Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon.,	8:30
EUCALID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues.,	8:30
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues.,	8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues.,	8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton... Wed.,	8:30
BROADWAY-Newburgh Recreation. 3431 Broadway Wed.,	8:30
GARFIELD HTS.-Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4692 E. 131st Wed.,	8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.)	9:00
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid	Fri., 1:30
CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central	Fri., 8:30
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St.	Fri., 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 32307 Electric, Avon	Fri. 9:00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed	S u n . . . 4:00

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# CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. --- 8:00  
**BROOK PARK**—Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8161 Smith Road, Brook Park --- 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church**, 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut --- 7:30  
**FRINDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl** --- 8:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. --- 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit, --- 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch.**, Rut Cleveland, Nela and Euclid, --- 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at Wrt Blvd. --- 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**—St. Mark's Church, 16305 Trisket Road --- 8:30  
**PEARL**—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. --- 8:30  
**RAMONA**—9721 Ramona Blvd. --- 8:30  
**SHAKER**—Chrkt Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Center Rd. --- 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence --- 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway** --- 8:30  
**TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington** --- 8:15  
**W. 25th ST.**—United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave. --- 9:00  
**WOMEN'S Westside**—West Blvd. Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 --- 8:45  
**ELYRIA MEN**—St. Agnes, Lake and Dewey --- 8:30  
**VERMILION**—Congregational Church --- 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. --- 8:30

## TUESDAY

**CLARK-1917 Clark Ave.** --- 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish**, Hall, 3846 E. 131st St. --- 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN-Y.M.C.A.**, Room 6, Lee Road at Euclid --- 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE**—Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16916 Detroit --- 8:30  
**EUCRID MORNING**—Euclid Christian Ch., Lake Shore Blvd. --- E. 280th St. --- 10 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry --- 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. --- 6:30  
**FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls**, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) --- 9:00  
**HILLTOP**—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30  
**LAUREL-Brooklyn High School Cafeteria**, 9400 Riddiuh Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) --- 8:45  
**MAY-LYND**—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road --- 8:30  
**MILES-LEE**—St. Mary's Church, 4070 E. 142nd St. --- 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**—St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. --- 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior --- 8:30  
**TAKE IT EASY**—1353 E. 260th --- 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction --- 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman --- 7:00  
**WEST PARK**—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. --- 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. --- 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday --- 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 --- 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**—M&B Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor --- 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**—Lorain, O., Trinity Church --- 6:30  
**MANSFIELD**—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. --- 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. --- a:30  
**SANDUSKY, O.** (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, across from Post Office --- a:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**—Methodist Church, Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 --- a:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**—Town Hall --- 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**—Lithuanian Hall, 6835 Superior Ave. --- 8:30  
**BAXTER**—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable --- 8:30  
**BEDFORD**—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center and Blaine --- 9:00  
**BROOKLYN-K.** of P. Hall, 8316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. --- 8:30  
**C.E.I.-65 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361** --- 8:30  
**COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St.** --- 8:30  
**DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle)**, 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front --- 8:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.**, Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) --- 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD**—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4692 E. 131st St. --- 8:30  
**HAGUE**—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate --- 8:30

**LEE ROAD**—St. Ann's Church Basement, Coventry and Cedar --- 9:00  
**LORAIN-TRISKETT**—Bosworth Road, Presbyterian Church, 3631 Bosworth --- 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED**—City Hall, Dover Road --- 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**—1708 Aiken --- 8:30  
**ST. JAMES**—St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar --- 8:00  
**TRAINING-REFRESHER**—Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 886. 65 Public Sq. --- 8:30  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**—18216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension --- 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Women's House Cor. 7 --- 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River --- 8:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)**—Twelfth Step Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. --- 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN**—Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday --- 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.**—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42. So. of 308 --- 8:30  
**ELYRIA O.**—St. Paul Building, Third end Middle, side entrance --- 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR**—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor --- 8:00  
**INTERRACIAL**—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church --- 8:30  
**JEFFERSON, C.**—St. Joseph's Church --- 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN**—1st Presbyterian, 4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby --- 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN**—M&H Church, Rte. 254-1 block east of Rte. 57 --- 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park --- 8:00 EST  
**SANDUSKY, O.**—Provid. Hse. Cafeteria --- 7:30  
**WICKLIFFE**—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) --- 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Church, 15887 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30  
**ANGLE-St. Malachi's**, 2459 Washington --- 8:30  
**BAY WEST**—Church of the Red-r., 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake --- 8:30  
**BROADWAY-65th**—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, 3398 E. 65th St. --- a:30  
**COVENTRY**—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. --- 8:30  
**CROSSROADS**—St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue --- 9:00  
**EASTLAKE-Reformation Lutheran Church**, 34300 Lake Shore Blvd. --- 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN**—Richmond Library, 26151 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. --- a:30  
**EUCRID-WADE**—13857 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—(Outhwaite), 7100 Kinsman Ave. --- 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN**—Golden Gate Plaza, Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. --- 8:30  
**LORAIN THURSDAY**—4470 Ridge Rd., Dr. Martin Luther Church --- 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. --- 11 A.M.  
**NORTH RANDALL**—Village Hall, 21987 Miles Ave. --- 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road**, NADS, basement, rear entrance --- 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road --- 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR THURSDAY**—1353 E. 260th --- 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction --- 8:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING**—W. 98th & Denison, Hungarian Lutheran Church --- 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY**—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant --- 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.**—St. Peter's Church --- a:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**—North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. --- 8:30  
**BEREA**—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. --- 9:00  
**ELYRIA**—St. Agnes Cafeteria, Mixed, 10:30 a.m. --- Men 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.**—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset --- 9:00  
**DISCUSSION**—112 E. 19, Lorain, O. --- 10 A.M.  
**MAPLE LEAF**—Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio --- 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE**—Congregational Church, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Paville --- 8:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.**—St. Thomas School, Harris Road --- 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD**—8437 Br'dway --- 9:00  
**CEDAR-Salvation Army**, 6005 Euclid --- 8:15  
**CHARITY**—Amhithatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital --- 9:00  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN**—1031 Ter. Tow. --- 6:00  
**EUCRID FRIDAY**—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore & East 210th St. --- 8:30  
**FREWAY**—STAG-1353 E. 260th --- 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumhine Room --- 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Paul Corn. Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd. --- 9:00  
**HEIGHTS**—Closed Discussion, Christian Church, Van Ake & Avalon (rear) --- 8:30  
**HUDSON, O.**—Closed meetings, Christ Church, 21 Aurora --- 8:30

**LEE ROAD**—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 16544 Euclid Ave. --- 9:00  
**NORTH EAST**—Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY**—Friendly Inn Settlement, 2282 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) --- 8:30  
**STRILLA MARIS MIXED**, 1320 Washington Ave. --- 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON**—Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road --- 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**—First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Boulevard --- 8:30  
**BRREA**—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church --- 8:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS**—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street --- 9:00  
**CHARDON**—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. --- 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**—Methodist Church, Buffalo and Madison Sts. --- 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—25 Mulberry --- 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON-ST.** Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. --- 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY**—2126 Broadway Rd. --- 9:00  
**L.S.I.-17600 Broadway** --- 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 --- 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**—Teamster's Hall, 2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie --- 9:00  
**LEE-SEVILLE**—New Home Baptist Church, Seville & Sunview Ave. --- 7:00  
**LIBERTY-946 E. 152nd St.** --- 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**—Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd. cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. --- a:30  
**MATT TALBOT**—Windermere Presby. Ch., 14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere --- 8:30  
**MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch.**, 1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. --- 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL**—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. --- 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES**, 1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive --- 9:00  
**PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan**, 6950 Ridge Road --- 8:45  
**PLAINS**—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. --- 9:00  
**REDWOOD**—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole --- 8:30  
**TRINITY**—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th st. --- 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather --- 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.**—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park --- 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—District Catholia High School, 725 Gulf Road --- 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement --- 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**—20 1/2 S. Park --- 8:00 EST  
**PARKMAN**—Congregational Church --- 8:30  
**WEST RICHFIELD**—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 --- 9:00  
**WILLOUGHBY HILLS**—1353 E. 260th --- 8:30

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**—Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights --- 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) --- 8:30  
**C.A.H. Discussion**—13857 Euclid 10:45 a. m.  
**COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St.** --- 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY**—8304 Detroit Ave. --- 7:30  
**DISCUSSION**—6700 Detroit Ave. --- 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. --- 4:30  
**GRATEFUL**—St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden, "ear Shaw" --- 2:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMOY**, 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit --- 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. --- 7:00  
**NELA PARK**—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road --- 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**—St. Catherine's Church, 8443 E. 93rd St. --- 8:30  
**SUNDAY A.M. BREAKFAST-T.I.E. Club**, 28920 Chardon Road --- 10:30 a.m.  
**SUPERIOR STAG**—8801 Superior --- 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction --- 6:00  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Cooley Farms, Recreation Room --- 10 A.M.  
**YOUR**—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale --- 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. --- 8:00  
**CHIPPEVA-SEVILLE-V.F.W.** Hall, Seville, O. --- 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.**—Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle --- 7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**—Immaculate Conception Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison --- 8:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**—St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 67, Lorain --- 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park --- 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURY, O.**—St. Helen's Church --- 8:15  
**TWILIGHT**—Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. --- 7:30



## DUTY

"I don't seem to get much out of meetings any more, but I still go because it's my duty. After all, the fellowship did a lot for me when I needed it." The old-timer who said that is at least a cut above those who no longer attend at all. At least the spirit of gratitude burns a bit anemically in his heart. But you wonder how limited his effectiveness with others must be with that kind of outlook. Naturally you also reflect on the fact that he probably doesn't "get much out," because he doesn't "put much in."

Shall we say that his effectiveness is trimmed because he regards participation as a duty? Or could it be that he has the wrong view of duty? Duty has become a dirty word in today's world. It wasn't always so. Sacred duty was once regarded as a noble privilege. Facing duty is simply facing responsibility, or to put it another way, it is facing *reality*, today, now, this very instant. Duty is what we ought to do, in plain decency, nothing more. The fellow who is merely dutiful, is no world-beater in the art of giving of himself without thought of reward.

Duty is a right. If you confront a problem in connection with which you have difficulty in distinguishing between right and wrong, you can choose the path of duty and solve the problem. People go about their daily lives facing duty minute after minute! day after day, with little complaint. But when an unpleasant responsibility rears its head, it is tagged as an unpleasant duty. "I now face the unpleasant duty," is probably as common an expression in our lives as we could find.

If we can start in a small way to face up to all the realities of life, we find as the journey progresses, a growing satisfaction in meeting obligations promptly as they appear. In the old dark days we acquired a mortal dread of duty because of hiding from it. When we emerged from the fog, we found the pile of unfinished responsibilities had grown to terrorizing proportions.

We cannot hope to sweep this accumulation under the rug and start fresh. But we can start anew, keep the current accumulation to a minimum, and whenever opportunity affords we can take a swipe at that old heap by following Step Nine. Too many of us regard Step Nine as one which we dispose of at once and for all. Short of achieving perfection in our lives, it is a step that remains a continuing obligation for us all.

There are all kinds of duty, of course, not just pleasant and unpleasant. There are many compulsive duties such as our obligation to live within the law and pay our taxes. But it is the moral duty which concerns us in our way of life. A moral obligation is nothing more nor less than doing what we ought to do in ordinary decency. To meet these challenges promptly, whether pleasing or not, can become a joy if you cultivate the habit.

It has been well said that we all need to strive for more balance and stability. There is no more effective stabilizer than meeting duty face to face.

Lazy people are as useless as dead ones — and besides they take up more room.

## THINKING OUT LOUD

Sobriety in one sense is a goal, but if we honestly want to improve our way of living, we will use our sobriety as a door to a larger and richer life. Sobriety in itself is meaningless if we fail to develop our mental growth and acquire an honest understanding of ourselves. We should learn to play the cards that life deals out to us without complaining that they are stacked against us.

Every good mother and father is proud and happy as they watch their children grow up physically and mentally. But when physical growth is arrested, leaving a stunted body, the result is grievous. Still, it is more tragic when the development of the mind stops and the body goes on growing, producing a man's body with a stunted mind.

Alcohol will shrink a grown man's brain to the level of animal, and replaces the mind with babyish envies, resentments, beastly hates, childish ego and self-importance. It robs him of all respect for any moral standards that don't fit with his way of living. It completely shrinks his desire for a richer life and robs him of any choice to choose his own path in life. It leaves him no control over his emotions. When he suffers some material or physical reverses, all joy passes out of his heart, and in the ugly mood of a beast he takes it out on his family. His juvenile tantrums bring shame, grief, humiliation and sorrow to all those who are near and dear to him, but it never occurs to him that he is hurting anyone. Thus in most cases the alcoholic comes into AA with a well developed body, but a shrunken mind.

To develop strong muscles and a healthy body we must exercise our muscles and nourish the body with proper food. The same thing applies to the development of our minds. Thought-habits and emotion-habits are a matter of training, just as arts are a matter of practice. Sobriety only brings us to the threshold of a richer life, but we must cross the threshold ourselves and select the thoughts we want to use each day. Sobriety only gives us the choice. Alcohol takes the choice away.

There are many people who come into AA think that sobriety alone will bring them all the things that are necessary for a happy and contented life. Life's course does not always run along a smooth and easy highway. There are many curves, hills and rough spots which we will meet. Every barrier that we meet will leave us weaker or stronger, depending on the way we deal with them. If we fail to make the slightest effort to overcome the barrier, it will weaken our moral and spiritual foundation. But on the other hand if we make an honest effort and fail, we will be adding something to our mental and spiritual growth.

There is much more beyond sobriety, and if we seek for the spiritual treasures, we will find them. We need character that is not only upright, but uplifting. It is one thing to be sober physically; it is another thing to be sober mentally. It is good to be a member of AA. It is still better to live by the principles of AA. Our life is not measured by the size of our body, but by the way we apply ourselves to the task before us. When we blend good sense with Godliness, it becomes magnetic and stimulating to our mental growth.

—Edw. B., *Inter-group News*

We make our  
friends and we  
make our enemies;  
but God makes our  
fellow man.





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### MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

Dilemma! How in three hundred words or less (*Editor's instructions*) can your reporter relate the considerations, deliberations and decisions and convey the impact of the Thirteenth Annual General Service Conference of A.A. held in New York a few short weeks ago!

How can he impart the wonderful experience of meeting and sharing in the truth of "Our Common Welfare" in conference that brought together 84 Area Delegates from 50 States, ten Canadian Provinces and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: the score of staff members and volunteers, who administer A.A.'s General Services throughout the world; and the Observers representing A.A. in Finland, France, Holland, Norway and Sweden, as well as in the Internationalist Seaman Group!

How can he convey the rewarding and enriching experience of the elections, in the best of A.A. tradition through Third Legacy procedure, of "B" (AA) Trustees! A procedure and election that saw Howard B., of the Independence Group, the Ohio nominee, selected as "B" Trustee from the East Central Region!

It can't be done briefly, but concisely and positively we can assure you that Alcoholics Anonymous under the guidance of God is in good hands!

That Alcoholics Anonymous, in the same manner that the continued sobriety of the individual member is dependent upon sharing, was brought home time and time again. From time to time in these columns we have discussed the ineffectiveness of training if we have not developed the capacities for service — for sharing.

With our training we come to recognize opportunities for service and sharing, and it *is* from making the most of these opportunities that we develop our capacities for leadership inherent requisites for which are the capacities for responsibilities and love.

It was these two requisites for service and sharing *Responsibility* and *Love*, that Co-founder Bill W. emphasized when he addressed the Conference on two occasions. And these are thoughts worthy of great reflection — our responsibilities of living within the precepts of the Twelve Steps . . . upholding the Twelve Traditions . . . and circumscribed by the Twelve Concepts of Service. **By so doing** we then develop the capacities for love—the love for service and sharing . . . the love for our fellow man . . . and the love for our fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. From these stem quality and leadership.

It is fundamental that the "I" in my program be added "YOU" by George!

### MAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT FAITH

The one faith that has never failed us is faith in Providence, in a God of Purpose, whose laws **rule** the universe and govern all life. If a man is to grow and succeed, he must stop gadding at the words "faith" and "spiritual," and **stop** looking at a moral man as weak and impractical. Without faith man could not act in the present nor plan for the future. Morality is the golden thread in the fabric of a successful **person** (ality).

*Meanings* you must understand **thorough&**. Revetition is intended. Use your dictionary. **-Selected**

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### CENTRAL COMMITTEE

One of the most interesting issues ever to come to the attention of Central Committee was vigorously debated at the meeting held May 7, 1963. This issue concerned *one* of the most important functions of Central Committee itself, the Central Bulletin. It was felt by the majority of the group representatives attending that the Bulletin might have been guilty, unintentionally, of a slight infraction of our traditions concerning the safeguarding of an individual's anonymity. Because Central Committee has assumed the responsibility of setting the best example of upholding the traditions, the matter was dealt with seriously, yet humorously with commendable conciliation on both sides. It ended with the Editor yielding gracefully to the will of the large majority.

Jim S. reported that he had been frustrated in his hard efforts to eliminate the parasitic feeding upon AA by so-called self-named Painesville AA Club. By tradition, AA does not endorse or oppose any causes, but neither does it lend the AA name to any outside facility or enterprise. AA is well within its right therefore to actively resist any effort by an enterprise to pirate the name of AA for an unworthy purpose. Jim suggested that the spouses of the victims of this club call Judge Hare of Painesville and complain. A telephone campaign can be effective.

Ray M. informed everyone that few sponsors were taking advantage of the wonderful indoctrination in the twelve steps and twelve traditions that is available to them and their "babies" at the Training-Refresher meetings. A new member in AA *is* entitled to the best possible start in his quest for sobriety, and here is an ideal and effective place to receive it. A person who has a substantial period of sobriety to his credit will find it beneficial to take advantage of this refresher course in the basics of AA. When we think we know it all, we are on thin ice, or as one well-qualified leader has stated, "He who thinks he has arrived has already started to slip."

Meetings of Central Committee are held on the first Tuesday of every month in Room 491, Hanna Bldg., at 8:30 p. m. Meetings of the Hospital Committee are held in the same place one hour earlier. We hope to see a representative from your group on June 4, 1963 when the next meeting is held.  
**-J.T.B., North Olmsted**

### LISTS OF SPEAKERS

Since we found it necessary to eliminate the Group News column, it has been suggested that secretaries mail their lists of speakers for the coming month to the AA District Office. We have been advised that many calls are received there from members and visitors who desire to hear certain speakers.

They will be glad to receive your lists. The address is 2063 East 4th Street, Cleveland 15, O.

### COMING EVENTS

June 15—Founders Night, Memorial Hall Field House, Akron University, Akron, O.

June X-Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Ohio Pen Fellowship group in Columbus, O., 254 W. Spring St. at 12 noon. Visitors **should** appear at 11:30 a.m. for clearance. **Male** members only will be admitted.

June 30—Summer Consolidated Meeting, Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital. Speaker will be Dan C., Toledo, O.

June 27—**Lorain** Ave., Thursday, 20th Anniversary. Dr. Martin Luther **Lutheran** Church, 4470 Ridge Rd., Speaker, Bud M., **Meadville**, Pa.

July 12-14—**Ohio** State AA Conference, Hotel Sheraton-Gibsoa, Cincinnati, O.

### OBITUARY

John J. Kane, a 21 year member of **Orchard** Grove and **Lorain** Ave. **Monday** passed away suddenly on April 22, 1963. Our deepest sympathy go out to his beloved wife Marge.



### THE OLD TIMER

The image of The Old Timer, once cast, remained a permanent fixture in the kaleidoscope of memory. He was sparse, a little time-sprung in knees and back and he walked as though his muscles were in constant protest against some unaccustomed exertion. From the contour of his legs, with reason, one could have concluded he had spent his lifetime astride a fat horse.

His blue overalls bagged at the seat. From long wear, the frayed and patched cloth looked like it covered a coconut at each knee. His pants were suspended easily by broad galluses and atop his tousled white mane a weather-beaten black hat, crushed to a peak, brim upturned all around, rested precariously.

The Old Timer approached his accustomed cane bottom chair, settled into it like a wet handkerchief, took out his Barlow and sliced off a generous cud of plug tobacco. Placed in the mouth, he rolled this fondly with his tongue before shuttling it into the recess of his left jaw.

He then indulged in a couple healthy chomps and shot an amber stream, thin as a knitting needle but straight as a chalk line at a shiny flat stone, in the gravel walk, which for years he had used as a test of his marksmanship.

This ritual completed, he tilted his chair back against the store front, hooked one heel over the bottom rung, tossed one angular leg over the other and tugged gently at his left ear as the other hand eased his hat over his eyes.

His assembled audience waited with bated breath for his first utterance which they knew, would not be long in coming. They were not disappointed.

"D'ja ever think how many kinds of light they is?" he inquired.

Without pause for reply he continued, "They's sunlight, moonlight and starlight. They's the light of the World, the light of reason, lovelight, firelight, lamp-light and so on.

"Now take the Bible that's prob'ly the light of our religion. In A.A. the Big Book is the light of our program.

"Some folks lights a candle for memory. Some light a torch for peace while others pray for eternal light. It could be that the light of truth is the biggest light of 'em all.

"But they's one thing I learned as a kid that folks often miss.

"I 'member we used ta have a big coal oil lamp. We'd hold our hands in front of the lamp and make pictures on the wall-rabbits, donkeys, chickens-most anything.

"Then sometimes we'd stand in front of the lamp. If we stood real close our shadder'd cover almost the whole wall, but as we walked away it would git smaller.

"An' that's a lesson I've allus tried to remember. No matter where you are or what ye're doin', if you want to make a big shadder, allus stand close to the light."

Having thus expounded The Old Timer brought his chair down with a clump, eased his hat back and shot another brown stream at the shiny stone. He then arose, shook the stiffness out of his aged legs and headed home.

"From the way my stummick feels," he remarked in parting, "I better git over and see if Ma's castin' a shadder over the cook stove."

-Herschel H., Mansfield, O.

### TWO NEW GROUPS FORMED

The Garfield Tuesday group held its first meeting on Tuesday evening, May 7 in air-conditioned Garfield Heights City Hall, 5555 Turney Rd. They meet at the conventional AA time, 8:30 p.m. The Garfield Alanon group also meets in the same building on the same evening, also at 8:30 p.m.

The Parmatown Men's Discussion group will hold its first meeting on Friday, May 24th at 8:30 p. m. in the Assembly Room of Parma Community Hospital. Their program of operation is on a very high level and should be of interest to all men who seek thorough indoctrination in the AA program. All male members are urged to attend.

### BETTER UNDERSTANDING

A recent article in a New York newspaper indicates some people are still unaware that addiction to alcohol is a disease-not a weakness of character. They can think of nothing to do with the excessive drinker but berate him, preach at him, urge him to exercise a mysterious something called "will power"-or toss him in jail.

Even those who should know better-some doctors, social workers and magistrates,-although fewer in numbers today-tend to classify alcoholism as a simple problem of morals. In fact, it is a problem of extreme complexity.

Wherein does the alcoholic differ from the ordinary drinker? First, his drinking interferes with normal living and may even make normal living impossible. Second, the alcoholic is unable to stop drinking once he has begun. His drinking is irrational and is, therefore, immune to reason. There is no logic in it. He will drink for joy, as readily as for sorrow. His only real pleasure in drinking is the temporary release it gives him from fear and frustration.

The rehabilitation of the alcoholic is difficult; but it can be accomplished. One of the most encouraging things about the problem is that for the first time in history it is being faced with scientific candor. Quite rapidly the impression is spreading that the alcoholic is no more to be blamed for his misfortune than is a sufferer from diabetes. Such words as "shame" and "disgrace" are no longer used by the informed when speaking of alcoholism. At this time, alas, the facilities for treating alcoholism still fall short of the need. With the growth of understanding that the majority of alcoholics can be rehabilitated, more agencies for the purpose will become available, but at the present time, Alcoholics Anonymous is the most successful, of all the efforts being made to combat the disease.

-Chit-Chat, Robesonia, Pa.

### WELFARE GROUP THRIVES

Within the past month this group has grown to fifty members and is maintaining its amazing enthusiasm and an excellent record of continuous sobriety (there were several casualties).

One newcomer, a man of 55 years, was an inhabitant of skid row for the past 14 years. In and out of the workhouse, he seemed past rehabilitation. Just out of the workhouse, he drifted back to his old haunts where he was met by one of his old drinking pals who had "found the light" and was enjoying several months of happy sobriety. This old pal told him about the welfare group and persuaded him to try it.

He became interested and is now earning \$1.50 an hour, five days a week, as an assistant custodian in an East-side church. He's off the relief rolls and radiates happiness and enthusiasm.

The group now has a good supply of literature and AA books, thanks to the generosity of several groups and individuals who responded to last month's article. Each will receive proper acknowledgment from the group secretary.

### ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-5135

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30  
BRK PK.-PARMA-Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30  
LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30  
EUCLED-Christion Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. ....Tues., 8 :30  
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6555 Turney, Tues. 8 :30  
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church. 20300 Hilliard, Tues.. 8:30  
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church. 15715 Libby Rd ..... Tues., 8:30  
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church. W. 65th & Clinton... Wed., 8:30  
BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation. 8437 Broadway ..... Wed., 8 :30  
LORAIN AVE.-Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.) 9 :00  
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid ..... Fri., 1:30  
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central.....Fri., 8:30  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. .... Fri., 8 :30  
LORAIN COUNTY-Congregational Ch., 82807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00  
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed ..... Sun.. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

# CLEVELAND AREA A A G R O W MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
BROOK PARK-Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
8161 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church,  
1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-4987 Pearl 8:00  
FRIENDSHIP Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,  
2400 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal,  
W. Clifton and Detroit- 9:00  
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch.,  
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid- 8:30  
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall,  
Lorain Ave. at Wrt Blvd. 8:30  
ORCHARD GROVE-St. Mark's Church,  
15305 Trisket Road 8:30  
PEARL-St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church,  
8446 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN-Sunset Rd.,  
St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30  
TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
W. 25th St.-United Church of Christ,  
2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
WOMEN'S Westside-West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes,  
Lake and Dewey 8:30  
VERMILION-Congregational Church- 8:30  
WILLOUGHBY, O.-First Presbyterian  
Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish  
Hall, 8846 E. 131st St. 8:30  
EASTSIDE WOMEN-Y.M.C.A. Room 6,  
Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,  
Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30  
EUCLID MORNING-Euclid Christian Ch.,  
Lake Shore Blvd., E. 280th St. 10 a.m.  
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fair & Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Aves. 8:30  
FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
GARFIELD TUES-Garfield Hts. City Hall,  
6555 Turney Road 8:30  
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
LAUREL-Brooklyn High School Cafeteria,  
9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
MAY-LYND-E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
MILES-LEE-St. Mary's Church,  
4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,  
9821 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
TAKE IT EASY-1353 E. 260th 8:30  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church,  
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church,  
8rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-  
Methodist Church, South Broadway  
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30  
KIRTLAND, O.-Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,  
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
STREETSBORO, O.-Methodist Church,  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

ANSEL-Lithuanian Hall,  
6835 Superior Ave. 8:30  
BAXTER-S. John's Lutheran School,  
5826 Cable 8:30  
BEDFORD-Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,  
3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
C.E.I.-55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
COLLINWOOD-946 E. 152nd St. 8:30  
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),  
2056 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30  
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.,  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
GARFIELD-Pilgrim E. & R. Church,  
4692 E. 131st St. 8:30  
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,  
West 65th and Colgate 8:30  
LEE ROAD-St. Ann's Church Basement,  
Coventry and Cedar 9:00

LORAIN-TRISKETT-Bosworth Road,  
Presbyterian Church, 3631 Bosworth 9:00  
NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road. 9:00  
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken 8:30  
ST. JAMES-St. James Church,  
E. 84th and Cedar 6:00  
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating  
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 385, 55 Public Sq. 8:30  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,  
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 6:30  
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club  
8304 Detroit Ave 8:20  
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
BRUNSWICK O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42, So. of 303 8:30  
ELYRIA O.-St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center,  
Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00  
INTER-RACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian,  
4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Meth. Church,  
Rte. 254-1 block east of Rte. 57 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
SANDUSKY, O.-Provid. Hoc. Cafeteria 7:30  
WICKLIFFE-Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 24) 8:30

## THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
ANGLE-1 St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 8:30  
MAY WEST-Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 3393 E. 55th St. 8:30  
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
CROSSROADS-St. Luke's Episcopal,  
W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue 9:00  
EASTLAKE-Reformation Lutheran Church,  
34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
EAST SHORE WOMEN-Richmond Library,  
26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 6:30  
EUCLID-WAD-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30  
GOLDEN GATE WOMEN-Golden Gate Plaza,  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.,  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 11 A.M.  
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,  
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road  
NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00  
ST. CLAIR-Nottingham Methodist Church  
St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church, 11 A.M.  
ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,  
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
AMHERST, O.-St. Peter's Church 8:30  
ASHTABULA HARBOR-Bethany Luth'n Ch.  
Penn Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
BEREA-1 Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,  
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
ELYRIA-St. Agnes Cafeteria,  
Mixed, 17 3/30 a.m. Men 8:30  
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
DISCUSSION-112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
PAINESVILLE-Congregational Church,  
Edu. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Paville 8:30  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.-St. Thomas  
School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway- 9:00  
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid- 8:15  
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,  
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow- 6:00  
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
FREEWAY STAG-1353 E. 260th St. 8:30  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumblin Room 1:00  
GORDON SQUARE-St. Paul Corn. Church,  
4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
HUDSON, O.-Closed meetings. 8:30  
Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,  
Poet 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,  
15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
PARMATOWN MEN-Assembly Room  
Parma Community Hospital 8:30  
SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
STELLA MARIS MIXED  
1320 Washington Ave. 8:15  
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church,  
32801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,  
76 Bell Street 9:00  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,  
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
CONNAUT, O.-Methodist Church,  
Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-25 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 6:30

## SATURDAY

FOREST CITY-2125 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
L.S.I.-17600 Broadway 8:30  
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
LEAGUE PARK-Teamster's Hall,  
2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
LEE-SEVILLE-New Home Baptist Church,  
Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
LIBERTY-946 E. 152nd St. 9:00  
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
MATT TALBOT-Windermere Presby. Ch.,  
14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch.,  
1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL-Williams  
Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-  
1147 E. 65th St., at Shore Drive- 9:00  
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,  
6950 Ridge Road 8:45  
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,  
Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 9:00  
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,  
8625 W. 25th St. 9:00  
VALLEY VIEW-Pilgrim Conv. Church,  
2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
ELYRIA-District Catholic High School,  
725 Gulf Road 8:30  
LORAIN SATURITE-7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
MANSFIELD-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.  
PARKMAN-Congregational Church 8:30  
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS-1353 E. 260th 8:30

## SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,  
6661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
COLLINWOOD-946 E. 152nd St. 7:30  
DETROIT SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
GRATEFUL-St. James Lutheran Church,  
1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-  
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit- 9:00  
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,  
9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
NELA PARK-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,  
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
SUNDAY A.M. BREAKFAST-T.I.R. Club,  
28920 Chardon Road 10:30 a.m.  
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior- 11:00 a.m.  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 5:00  
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 1 0 A.M.  
YOUR-Euclid Community House,  
240 Briardale 7:15  
AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank,  
86690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
GENEVA, O.-Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
GOLF LAKELANDS-Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-  
St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
NEWBURY, O.-St. Helen's Church 8:15  
TWILIGHT-Grace Hall, Rt. 60,  
Axtel, O. 7:30



## FELLOW FEELING

As a novice in our society many years ago, this writer had a heartwarming experience which survives in memory as a highlight. Many of **you** must have shared this in one form or another. Those were the difficult days of fledgling sobriety in which a shoulder on which to cry was the prime objective of each meeting attended.

One husky shoulder surpassed **them** all. It belonged to a big gruff Irishman who was ever willing to bend an ear to a complaining brother. Backed **into a** corner he would listen endlessly and when you were through, he would put his arm about you, or place a ham sized hand on your shoulder, and would say something like **this**, "Son, I'm not much with words, but I sure do feel for you."

In some mysterious way you knew that he did feel for you in the highest and finest sense of the word. Hope was born anew for you. You sensed that once he had known these days, and with or without **the** aid of another patient, kindly listener, he had somehow survived. One sometimes wonders if as many understanding listeners are available for today's newcomer.

We have many excellent speakers. Some wag has suggested that **some** of our best orators don't even need to think. But we also have a very large number of active, profound minds about us. It isn't until you get into the realm of understanding, that the numbers seem to thin out, surprisingly so. It is surprising because we have a means and a powerful motive for understanding the other fellow. If we are not making the most of our ability, and **simultaneously** recognizing our need to understand the other fellow, then we are taking a roundabout path to avoid one of the most rewarding areas of life's experience.

If you want to follow the "thinning out process" to its ultimate diminution, then move on to the fine art of fellow feeling. Many speak well, and many can and do think well, but fewer understand, and still fewer reach a depth of feeling for the other fellow.

Consider the man in great trouble. Most will appraise his conduct and probably reach the decision that he deserves the consequences at least in some degree. Fewer will try to understand, and recognize that "there, but for the grace of God, go I." Fewer still will feel for him, and suffer the agonies of the experience right along with him. Such feeling proceeds not from the mouth, or the mind, but from the heart and spirit. Very simply such a depth of feeling can only be a true expression of love.

Patient consideration and kindly listening are **preliminary** to such feeling. Once it is achieved, we need not worry about its communication. In some mysterious way such depths of feeling are always sensed and known. Like my late Irish friend, you don't have to "be much with words."

With every rising of the sun, think of your life as just begun . . . the past has cancelled and buried deep all yesterdays. There let them sleep . . . concern yourself with but today. Grasp it, and teach it to obey.

## GUARD THAT TONGUE

I have a difficult time controlling my tolerance and holding my humility in check when I hear a speaker dramatizing his drinking escapades with filth and profanity.

It seems some speakers have an addition-complex and an obsession for bigness. Everything **they** do or have must be big. If they **think** their escapades are not big enough they will add to them until they sound big and dramatic. They add to their drunken brawls, their hangovers, their troubles with the police, their conquests, and even their stomach ulcers. Every time they get up to speak before a group of people, they remove the partition between their imagination and facts.

Recently at an AA meeting I saw a little runt of a man standing before a group of men and women, boasting that it took eight policemen to hold him down until the paddy-wagon came; and without blinking an eye he added that they had to call for help to load him into the wagon. This speaker stood before his listeners for **almost** two hours boasting about his drinking escapades, but he forgot to mention **what** AA is doing for him or what he is doing for AA.

Still at another group I saw a speaker with his head bowed in prayer, beseeching God to help him deliver a message of sobriety that will motivate his listeners to blend their lives with Godliness. But after he raised his head he punctuated all of his sentences with profanity and obscenity.

This illicit practice could be overlooked if it was done by someone who has not been in contact with AA long enough to improve his conscious contact with God. However

this seems to be a **standard practice with some members** of AA who have been in contact with this fellowship for a number of years and should have acquired a **higher** moral standard and a cleaner vocabulary.

A speaker who adds to his drinking escapades to make them sound dramatic does not impress anyone and he leaves his listeners in doubt of his honesty. Profanity has a dehydrating effect on the speaker and adds nothing to improve man's spiritual contact with God. It embarrasses people who bring their non-alcoholic friends to the meeting and they leave **the** meeting disappointed and a misconception of the real miraculous principles of our fellowship.

A speaker has a captive audience. He is the center of attraction. All eyes are focused on him and all ears are tuned in on every word he says. His actions must reflect his words, or else his listeners will detect his shallowness.

Even if AA is an individual program, it does not warrant anyone to use profanity or obscene language. The alcoholic does not need anyone to use profanity or obscene language. He does not need any lessons in the lure of the vulgar; rather he should be taught how to surmount the passing allurements of evil and the lewd.

Meetings should be **conducted on** such a high and **sane** level so that each member will look forward to attending every meeting; They need not be entertaining. And particularly, meetings should not be a recitation of **the** lurid and the filth. Humble words are the language of angels.

—Edw. B., Inter-group News

Our eyes are where  
they are for seeing  
opportunities ahead  
-not for looking at  
our mistakes behind.

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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

To paraphrase, we believe Abraham Lincoln's well-known saying: "You can satisfy some of the people some of the time, but you can't satisfy all of the people all of the time."

At the last Central Committee meeting (These are held the first Tuesday of every month, by the way, and your group should be represented in order to express the group's conscience), it wasn't possible for any of your editors to be present.

However, it has been reported to us that there was considerable discussion among those group representatives in attendance concerning the necessity for CENTRAL BULLETIN to discontinue Group News (list of speakers). As a result of this reporting to us we are devoting the column this month to the subject, hoping our readers and critics will write us their acceptance of our proposal.

First, let us say that it was by no means a hasty decision of the trustees of the Foundation whereby it was concluded to discontinue Group News, though being warranted by reason of rising costs many months before it was done.

For a journal dedicated to service, as CENTRAL BULLETIN has been for over twenty years, service in its highest interpretation is carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic and to those alcoholics who have attained sobriety, yet need as each of us does, the month-to-month, week-to-week and day-to-day subsistence that the message gives in endeavoring to maintain that happy sobriety. This is in the best traditions of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous within the scope of all of The Twelve Steps, and particularly Step Twelve.

Much thought was given to providing Group News listings at a price to participating groups (The suggested price per listing would not have begun to pay the cost.), but it was the considered opinion of the advisors that it would cheapen the CENTRAL BULLETIN and detract from its primary purpose as aforementioned.

Our proposal is this. and we would hope to have it in effect by the end of the summer, when group activities will begin to pick up after the vacation period and the doldrums of August. To do so, however, it will require the cooperation of many groups—at least those who have used Group News listing in the past.

We are considering a separately prepared Group News letter each month, which will be mailed as a slip-sheet to each subscriber to the CENTRAL BULLETIN, but more important, we believe, will be mailed to each group within the Greater Cleveland Area. This will not be for free, of course, but will be done at cost and the more groups that participate the lesser the expense of preparing and mailing.

This proposal accomplishes two things, it gives wider distribution to Group News (and for the most part those groups participating heretofore were limited to the circulation of CENTRAL BULLETIN) and it dispenses with the need for group secretaries circulating numerous postal cards to other group secretaries, a practice that for many reasons might well be discontinued. We think it will work and provide a much needed area-wide service.

However, cooperation of every group is required, not only in participating at a cost to be determined by the response to this appeal, but in getting lists of speakers in by the 15th of the preceding month.

WRITE, by George!

## GROUP SECRETARIES-PLEASE NOTE

From time to time the Central Committee finds itself in a position similar to that of the school teacher who sends home a note of complaint about Johnny getting jam on the textbooks and receives a reply to the effect that the jam was in the sandwiches when he left home, and why can't the school teach him not to eat out of a book anyway.

Because the secretary is the most carefully selected of our unpaid group servants, he is the guardian of the only real secret we possess—our anonymity. His membership records are the basic property of the group with which he is entrusted.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon him to learn, follow, and pass on to his successor, a few simple but vital suggestions for keeping records.

In the hope that we of the Central Committee can be of help in the matter, the following "do's and don'ts" are issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

DO: Keep your membership records current as well as accurate. (Name, address, and anniversary date should be checked at least twice a year and those who have left the district, died or graduated—weed out).

DO: Keep the system simple. (Preferably an information card for each member and an alphabetical roster book, only.)

DO: Keep all information in a secure receptacle and destroy obsolete secretaries' lists, cards, and any other information no longer current.

DON'T: Give out any information about any member to anyone without the member's prior consent.

DON'T: Answer any questions about members without verifying the questioners right to the information and his reason for asking.

DON'T: Make any list available to political or commercial groups or for social or sport promotions.

Thanks for your cooperation.—Your Central Committee

## RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM

In his book, *Texas Tradition*, Ross Phares tells about an Irishman named Fitzgerald, who owned a small oyster stand in Houston. One day Mr. Fitzgerald inherited a considerable amount of property. He promptly abandoned his oyster stand and went in for drinking on a full time basis. Eventually, his inheritance was completely consumed by alcohol and Fitzgerald decided to sober up. When his hands were steady enough to work, he reopened his oyster stand.

About six months later, his lawyer reappeared with the news that Fitzgerald had inherited more property—a greater amount than before. Fitzgerald glared angrily at the lawyer. "Get out of here," he raged. "I wouldn't get on another drunk like that for the whole city of Houston."

Then, to the consternation of the lawyer, Fitzgerald contacted all the people to whose property he had claim and gave them clear title. He knew of only one thing to spend his surplus money for—liquor. As he figured it, his system just could not take another fortune's worth of it. "No use in letting money kill me," he philosophized.

*Newsletter, Cleveland Center on Alcoholism.*

## OBITUARIES

Joseph E. McKenna, one of the Cleveland area's most effective sponsors and a member of the Northeast group for 18 years died of peritonitis on May 27. He is survived by his wife Alva and a son and two daughters.

Charles W. Adams, one of the earliest members of the Rocky River group and in spite of his infirmity, maintained regular attendance at their meetings passed away on June 19. He is survived by his wife Katherine.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to both bereaved families.

**BAR-BAR-BARFLY**

A Bar???

Not Really! ! !

Yes, really, A Bar-a bar with dimmed lights and soft music and no doubt, there will be exotic essences to lure the passions. A club with a bar where alkie can relax and re-live those pleasant memories-when drinking was such-such fun. Just a bar, mind you ! No booze!

It seems, however, that the promoters of this venture should go further. To preserve the motif they should have a Tuberculosis room where former sufferers from this malady can gather with their sputum cups midst gleaming white cots and linens. Here they can hawk and spit and have a great time recalling the good old days.

But the bar-that is the thing! After one has spent a quarter of a century, more or less, battling booze, staggering from gutter to gutter, writhing in the sawdust with his neck on the brass rail and enjoying the happy weekends in the drunk tank, it is a terrific wrench to the soul to have him brought suddenly into the sunlight and fresh air. Some place should be provided where he can retire and meditate and think upon the wonderful (?) times he had while drinking.

There is nothing the alky needs so much to help him maintain sobriety as a bar room or a reasonable fac-simile thereof-unless perchance it is another fifth!

-Anonymous

**WOMEN'S HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

In our opinion a woman alcoholic has a more difficult time in regaining social acceptance than a male alcoholic. Possibly the cause lies in the fact that women have ever been placed on a pedestal and are expected to be free from the peccadillos generally condoned and forgiven in the male.

When her condition worsens to the extent that she becomes a community problem, and the court sentences her to a correctional institution such as we are fortunate to have in the Woman's House of Correction in Warrensville, her chances of being reinstated into decent society are enhanced because of the dedicated devotion of a very few (all too few) women who conduct an AA program every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the institution.

Outstanding was the great work of Hilda H. for many years until ill health forced her to quit. Now the program is very capably handled by a committee headed by Mary M.P., who now seeks co-operation of ALL women alcoholics.

Most meetings are conducted as discussions, with as many as two-thirds of the average of fifteen attending participating. Naturally the visiting AA's are all women -and so it should be.

Mary deserves cooperation. Her plan is an excellent one. She asks for cooperation of all groups in Cleveland to supply two or three dedicated women who would be responsible for visitors to one month's meetings. A rewarding experience is assured.

Remember men! This is a "women only" group!

Mary can be reached at Evergreen 1-1'763.

**SUMMER CONSOLIDATED MEETING**

Nurses Auditorium, Charity Hospital

Sunday, June 30, 1963 at 4:00 P.M.

The second 1963 Consolidated Meeting for the Cleveland area will enable everyone who was unable to attend the Ohio State AA Conference in Toledo last year to hear Dan. C., of Toledo who gave a most interesting talk worth your attending.

These meetings enable members of all groups in the area to hear outstanding speakers as well as meeting old friends from distant parts of town. Coffee on tap before and after the meeting.

BE A BULLETIN BOOSTER. GET A NEW SUBSCRIBER YOUR **SECRETARY** HAS SUBSCRIPTION BLANKS

**OHIO STATE AA CONFERENCE**

Hotel **Sheraton Gibson**

Cincinnati, Ohio

July 12 to 14, 1963

The Annual Ohio State General Service Conference will be held in Cincinnati beginning with the opening session on Friday evening, July 12, continuing with sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon and a banquet in the evening. The Conference will close with a morning session on July 14.

Make reservations with your group secretary.

**10th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**

Chatauqua Lake Park, Chatauqua, N. Y.

August 23-25, 1963

Interest is high in this area for the Tenth Annual Tri-State Convention at Chatauqua, N. Y., beginning Friday, August 23 and closing on Sunday afternoon.

The Conference opens with a typical AA meeting on Friday evening? Saturday morning and afternoon, a banquet and talk in the evening and ending with a session on Sunday morning and early afternoon.

Advance hotel arrangements can be made by writing to Tri-State Assembly, P.O. Box 90, Meadville, Pa., or locally to 10710 **Almira** Ave., Cleveland, 11, 0.

**ANNUAL AA PICNIC**

The twenty-first annual AA picnic, sponsored by the **Allendale**, Friday-Lee, League Park and YOUR groups will be held in **Wiegand's Lake Park**, located on Route 8'7, about two miles east of Russell Road (Route 306).

This affair usually attracts members and their families from all local groups as well as others in the neighboring towns. It serves to bring together members who otherwise would not meet except by chance.

Boating, bathing (lifeguard on duty), dancing (with prizes) games and prizes for children, baseball and door prizes. Plenty of picnic tables and free parking. Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and ice cream can be purchased at the park.

Come and bring your friends. You'll all have fun.

**PICNIC FACILITIES IN GARRETSVILLE**

A new group has been formed in Garrettsville, O., titled the Farm Group which will be open 24 hours a day. Meetings are held on Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. Secretary is Wyles R., Route 1, Box A 182, Garrettsville, O.

Wyles R. has a large farm, and free picnic facilities are available for AA groups and families. Telephone 527-4211.

A quick-thinking employee came up with a new alibi when his foreman berated him for sleeping on the job. "Good gracious," he retorted, "Can't a man close his eyes for a minute of prayer?"

**ALANON GROUP MEETINGS**

Alanon Answering Service - Call SU. 1-5185

- ASHTABULA**—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adama 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
- BR'K PK.-PARMA**—Red'm'r Luth. 6161 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30
- LAKEWOOD**—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon. 8:30
- EUCLID**—Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. . . . . Tues. 8:30
- GARFIELD HEIGHTS**—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6666 Turney, Tues. 8:30
- SUBURBAN WEST**—Our Savior Luth'n Church. 20300 Hilliard, Tues. 8:30
- MAPLE HEIGHTS**—Presbyterian Church. 15715 Libby Rd . . . . . Tues. 8:30
- BETHANY**—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton. Wed. 8:30
- BROADWAY**—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway. ---Wed.. 8:30
- LORAIN AVE.**—Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.) 9:00
- E. CLEVELAND**—YWCA. Lee Boulevard and Euclid. . . . . Fri. 1:30
- CHARITY**—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. E. 22nd & Central . . . . . Fri. 8:30
- CHARDON**—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. . . . . Fri. 8:30
- LORAIN COUNTY**—Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00
- VALLEY-7100** Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed. . . . . Sun. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is **CHerry 1-7387**.

# CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**BROOK PARK**—Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6161 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY**—Baptist Church, 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**—6037 Pearl 8:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY**—First Presbyterian Ch., East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**—St. Mark's Church, 15805 Trisket Road 8:30  
**PEARL**—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
**RAMONA**—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
**SHAKER**—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST**—7526 Broadway 8:30  
**TEMPLE**—Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
**W. 25th ST.**—United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S**—Westside—West Blvd. Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
**ELYRIA MEN**—St. Agnes, Lake and Dewey 8:30  
**VERMILION**—Congregational Church 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

**CLARK**—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED**—Holy Family Parish Hall, 3545 E. 131st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN**—Y.M.C.A., Room 6, Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE**—Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30  
**EUCLID MORNING**—Euclid Christian Ch., Lake Shore Blvd. — E. 280th St. 10 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS**—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**GARFIELD TUES.**—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 5555 Turney Road 8:30  
**HILLTOP**—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**LAUREL**—Brooklyn High School Cafeteria, 9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY-LYND**—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
**MILES-LEE**—St. Mary's Church, 4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**—St. Joseph's School, 3221 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
**TAKE IT EASY**—1853 E. 260th 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK**—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E, Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**—Lorain, O., Trinity Church 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**—Methodist Church, Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**—Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**—Lithuanian Hall, 6886 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER**—St. John's Lutheran School, 6626 Cable 8:30  
**BEDFORD**—Bedford Christian Church, Warrenville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLYN-K.** of P. Hall, 6816 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 6:30  
**C.E.I.**—55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
**COLLINSWOOD-946 E. 162nd St.** 8:30  
**DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle)**, 2066 E. 106th St., Second floor front 6:30  
**EASTSIDE HORNING**—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD**—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE**—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, Went 45th and Colgate 8:30  
**LEE ROAD**—St. Ann's Church Basement, Coventry and Cedar 9:00

**LORAIN-TRISKETT**—Bosworth Road, Presbyterian Church, 8681 Bosworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road.** 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL—1708 Aiken** 8:30  
**ST. JAMES-St. James Church,** E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
**TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating** Bldg. (rear) Rm. 886. 66 Public Sq. 8:30  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**—18216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 6:30  
**WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor.** 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 6:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)**—Twelfth Step Club, 8804 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN—Harris** Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,** Route 42, So. of 303 6:30  
**ELYRIA O.—St. Paul Building,** Third and Middle, ride entrance 6:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center,** Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 6:06  
**INTERNATIONAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O.** Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
**JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church** 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian,** 4786 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Id&h. Church,** Rte. 254—1 block east of Rte. 67 8:30  
**HANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park** 8:00 EST  
**SANDIJSKY, O.—Provid. Hse. Cafeteria** 7:30  
**WICKLIFFE**—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**ANGLE**—St. Malachi's, 2469 Washington 8:30  
**BAY WEST**—Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-56th**—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, 8898 E. 55th St. 8:30  
**COVENTRY**—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
**CROSSROADS**—St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 73th St. and Lake Avenue 9:00  
**EASTLAKE**—Reformation Lutheran Church, 34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN-Richmond Library,** 26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**EUCLID-WADE**—13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN-Golden Gate Plaza,** Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
**LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.** Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave.** -11 A.M.  
**NORTH RANDALL**—Village Hall, 21987 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road** NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**—Rockport Methodist Church, 8310 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR-Nottingham Methodist Church** St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,** 1000 ft. east of Howe of Correction. 8:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison,** Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,** Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST O.—St. Peter's Church** 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**—Bethsny Luth'n Ch. Penn Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
**BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,** 8 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA-St. Agnes Cafeteria,** Mixed, 10:30 a.m. Men 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran** Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION-112 E. 19. Lorain, O.** 10 A.M.  
**MAPLE LEAF**—Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE**—Congregational Church, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave. Pville 6:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.—St. Thomas** School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD-6487 Br'dway** 9:00  
**CEDAR-Salvation Army, 6006 Euclid** 8:15  
**CHARITY**—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN-1081 Ter. Tow.** 6:00  
**EUCLID FRIDAY**—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
**FREEWAY STAG-1863 E. 260th St.** 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Plymouth Church, Coventry and D-on, Krumline Room 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Paul Com. Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS**—Closed Discussion, Christian Church, Van Akm & Ayalon (rear) 6:30  
**HUDSON, O.—Closed meetings,** Christ Church 21 Aurora - 6:30

**LEE ROAD**—American Legion Hall, Port 168, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,** 16661 Euclid Ave. 6:30  
**PARMATOWN MEN**—Assembly Room, Parma Community Hospital 6:30  
**SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement,** 2282 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARIS MIXED** 1820 Washington Ave. 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON-Lkw'd. Congregational** Church, 1876 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
**AVON LAKE-Fint Congregational Church,** 82801 Electric Boulevard 6:30  
**BEREA**—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 6:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,** 76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,** 118 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.—Methodist Church,** Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.—25 Mulberry** 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic** Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY-2126 Broadview Rd.** 9:00  
**L.S.I.—17600 Broadway** 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**—Teamster's Hall, 2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
**LEE-SEVILLE**—New Home Baptist Church, Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
**LIBERTY**—945 E. 162nd St. 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**—Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT**—Windermere Presby. Ch., 14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL—Williams** Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES** 1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00  
**PARMA**—Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road 8:45  
**PLAINS**—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 9:00  
**REDWOOD**—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Orleole 8:30  
**TRINITY**—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church,** Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—District Catholic High School, 725 Gulf Road 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
**MANSFIELD-20 1/2 S. Park** 8:00 EST  
**PARKMAN**—Congregational Church 8:30  
**WEST RICHFIELD**—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00  
**WILLOUGHBY HILLS**—1353 E. 260th 8:30

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**—Village Hall, 6661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C.A.H. Discussion**—13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
**COLLINSWOOD-946 E. 162nd St.** 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY-3804 Detroit Ave.** 7:30  
**DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave.** 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GRATEFUL-St. James Lutheran Church,** 1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMORY**—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit- 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**—St. Thomas Church, 9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK**—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**—St. Catherine's Church, 8443 E. 33rd St. 8:30  
**SUNDAY A.M. BREAKFAST-T.L.E. Club,** 28920 Chardon Road 10:30 a.m.  
**SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior** 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
**WARENSVILLE**—Cooley Farms, Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
**YOTJR**—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank, 86690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,** Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.—Episc. Ch.** 66 So. Eagle-7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**—Immaculate Conception Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**—St. John's Sch., 61 & Rt. 67, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park** 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURY, O.—St. Helm's Church**—8:15  
**TWILIGHT**—Grange Hall Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30





## DOING AND SAYING

There is an old adage in which the advisor says to his listener, "Do as I say, not as I do". There is some cogent truth connected with this old saw, which should have forceful application to us in this fellowship.

The motive here may be excellent and laudable. It is possible and probable that someone is *trying* to share his **experience** with another, and wishes at the same time to help him avoid some of the pitfalls and heartaches of such **experience**. But we must ever keep in mind that most of the guidance we afford others, comes through the **power** of our own example. To the extent that our example fails to incorporate the lessons of our experience, we are **cheating** both ourselves and the other fellow.

This, of course, is the real truth of the adage. Most of us have a large gap between what we know, and what we are. All of us meet many people with a large fund of knowledge whose lives have been rather barren and fruitless! nonetheless. The reason, of course, is that they have never integrated such knowledge into their own lives.

Knowledge by itself is a sterile thing **unless** it is put into action. We can **possess** a large quantity of knowledge, but until we **translate** it into action it means little, either to us or to others. Intelligence lies in the discipline of our lives in the light of our knowledge.

The difference between truth and falsity is sometimes subtle. Somewhere along the line it is human to relax and settle for some kind of twilight zone between the two. Some smart brother speaks up and says that there is little white or black in life, that almost everything is some shade of gray. That sounds good. While relaxation is advisable in many areas of life, we can never afford to relax in our eternal search for truth. We can ill afford to settle for less than our best in the pursuit of honesty.

Right and wrong represents a less subtle choice. In our hearts we know, and most if not all of our wrongdoing is intentional. If we are not consciously aware of it, then we simply do not give our acts the thought we should. Failing that, we should pick it up in our practice of Step 10, and when we are wrong, we should promptly admit it.

The high road of sobriety demands of its travelers that they transpose knowledge into action. Lip-service advice to the newcomer is not enough. Nor is oral gratitude, which is not backed up by action. Words without deeds are an empty performance in our way of life. In relation to our life, we need to **"change the things we can"**.

The big number one on that agenda is to improve ourselves with every tiny nugget of knowledge we possess. Under our philosophy it is impossible to "talk a good game".

Middle Age is that difficult period between Juvenile Delinquency and Social Security when we try to take care of ourselves!

## GAMBLING

Back in August, 1946, we were taken to task by the secretary of one of our most populous groups for an article we wrote titled "Gambling". He accused us of meddling and insisted that we **write** a retraction. We drew him aside and read the entire article to him, after which he apologized.

He had only read the first paragraph which referred to a complaint made at Central Committee by a dedicated member of another group which had outlawed cards after the meeting because it had gotten so out of hand that a goodly **portion** of their membership avoided the meeting or became restless when the speaker lost their interest.

Our article mainly was devoted to correcting our **character** deficiencies. Our argument was, that unless we corrected the many faults in our character after we embraced AA, our chances for continued sobriety was greatly reduced.

When we joined AA we were advised to **daily** take an inventory and to eliminate **every** habit which offended those to whom we were tied — our family, our employer or employees, our neighbors and our friends. We had to stop lying, cheating, double-talking and finally learn that to earn respect and confidence we had to merit it by a life of rectitude.

The principle of **honesty in all our** affairs is of particular importance on the group level. The primary purpose of every group is to "carry the message" of AA to other alcoholics. **When that** purpose is subverted to **another . . .** when a group makes AA incidental and substitutes a "social activity" like gambling as its greater attraction, it invites criticism and

condemnation.

At the July 2nd meeting of Central Committee a devoted, long-term member reported the tragic plight of one of his latest "babies", a husband and father who had been arrested for intoxication and D.W.I. He not only lost his job as a result of this, but also brought about an explosive family situation.

He was persuaded by this member to embrace the Fellowship and was hospitalized. In the meantime our zealous AA patched up the family differences, persuaded the judge to grant him probation and even convinced the man's employer to give him another chance.

Two weeks went by and the newcomer received his paycheck. His sponsor was unable to accompany him to a meeting, but recommended that he go to one near his home. After the meeting he was **persuaded** to get into a poker game. He lost his entire paycheck.

The indignation of the sponsor was shared by every representative at Central Committee and censure of the group was demanded. But since every group is autonomous, the sponsor was advised to visit the secretary **and** point out that the group was endangering our collective reputation.

Inclusion of a group in the listing on page 4 of each issue of Central Bulletin is tantamount to recommendation that it offers hope and enlightenment to the newcomer. When a group subverts its principles, it forfeits its right to be included in the listing of AA groups.

Minds are like  
parachutes . . .  
they function only  
when they're open!



## CENTRAL BULLETIN



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## GROUP NEWS PLAN

Beginning with the June issue, the listing of speakers of local groups was eliminated with great regret since it rendered a significant service to about forty groups. But because of rising costs plus an alarming loss of subscribers out of the Cleveland area, many of them attributing their loss of interest in the Bulletin to the lack of reading matter that was replaced by Group News which was of no interest to them.

So our Foundation board members "took stock" of the situation and found to its surprise that in over half of the groups listed only a very small number of their members were subscribers to say nothing about the amazing number of secretaries that did not subscribe. So the decision was made and the list was supplanted by articles we believed of general interest.

At the June and July Central Committee meetings great indignation was expressed and your editor explained our situation. It was suggested that the secretaries send in a list of speakers to the AA District Office each month, but this met with little response.

Naturally, the Central Bulletin Foundation gave it further study, the result of it was the following proposition:

Beginning with the September issue, we will publish a single 8" x 11 sheet titled "Groups Speakers List". These will be inserted in every subscribers' issue of Central Bulletin each month. Also a copy of the Bulletin and one list will be sent to every secretary in the Cleveland area which could be tacked on a bulletin board and available to every member.

This, however, would entail extra cost. Depending upon response to this plan, a check for \$3.00 or cash must accompany each list of speakers which must be in our hands not later than the 15th day of each month. (Please, no telephoned list.)

The price of \$3.00 is tentative. Should the response bring forty or fifty listings, the fee will be lowered to cover our actual cost. Mail your list and check to Central Bulletin, Box 6712, Cleveland 1, Ohio.

Many groups in the area send out postcards giving their list of speakers. All too many have been abusing the anonymity clause of our principles by publishing the full name of the speaker on an open postcard. Our proposed plan will go far in correcting this abuse. Postcards cost money. If you are interested, send in your list with your \$3.00. We are convinced that this plan will be the solution to an *aggravating* problem.

## OBITUARIES

**William (Bill) Findley**, an early member of the Solon group (now Lander Circle group) with 14 years of activity, passed away on June 25th. He is survived by his wife Millie and a son and a daughter.

**Mary Allen**, a longtime member of the East Side Women's group, passed away on July 7th. Survivors are a son and a daughter.

## 10th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

Chatauqua Lake Park, Chatauqua, N. Y.

August 23-25, 1963

Interest is high in this area for the Tenth Annual Tri-State Convention at Chatauqua, N. Y., beginning Friday, August 23 and closing on Sunday afternoon.

The Conference opens with a typical AA meeting on Friday evening? Saturday morning and afternoon, a banquet and talk in the evening and ending with a session on Sunday morning and early afternoon.

Advance hotel arrangements can be made by writing to Tri-State Assembly, P.O. Box 90, Meadville, Pa., or locally to 10710 Almira Ave., Cleveland, 11, 0.

## ALL THE STEPS

I drank myself into misery, sickness, and unemployment over a period of thirty years. I was certainly an alcoholic then. I was an alcoholic when I first came looking for help from Alcoholics Anonymous. When I feel depressed with life or I don't get what I want when I want it, it does me good to remember that first night. I came on my hands and knees looking for a way to keep me out of trouble. Sobriety and happiness in it was only a dream. Now, thanks to AA it is many years since I had a drink of alcohol and still . . . I am just as much of an alcoholic as when I joined.

I have never experimented since I joined. But from what I have learned from AA and from what I have seen of members who have experimented by taking a First Drink again both here and abroad, I know that I can never again take one drink and be sure that I will be sober within a few hours. Being in AA for some long time naturally strengthened me in my resistance to taking that drink. Being in AA for some time would be no help to me if ever I did take that drink.

AA gives us the means in its Twelve Steps to teach ourselves not to want to take that first drink, IF WE USE THEM. If we don't, they remain dead . . . meaningless words, no help at all.

So I have learned in my time in AA that I have to practice the Twelve Steps . . . not just two of them nor four, nor even eleven of them, but the whole twelve. I don't believe there can be any cut-price for Recovery in AA. There isn't one of us who doesn't need all the help he or she can get from all the Steps.

Dr. Bob in his widely-quoted talk said that our Program came in the final analysis to two words . . . Love and Service. And St. John of the Cross wrote that "When the evening of this life comes, we shall be judged on Love." Not on our cleverness, not on how much we know about theology, medicine or Freudian theories; not even on how long we may have been in AA . . . simply on how we have tried to love, to help our neighbor.

OUR was in AA of helping our alcoholic neighbor is to carry him -the message of Hope and Recovery. How can we bring him that message unless we practice AA ourselves? And how can we be in AA unless we know its program and practice each of the Steps ourselves.

*-The Dublin Group, 12-1962*

## ATTENTION BOWLERS!

The 1963-1964 AA Bowling League will open its season on Friday, September 13 at the Five Points Lanes, St. Clair Avenue and Eddy Road.

This league, confined to AA members only, provided a lot of healthy exercise and fun for a lot of our people. Kept 'em sober, too.

## THE FOUR ABSOLUTES

The Four Absolutes — Honesty, Unselfishness, Love and Purity — which were borrowed from the Oxford Group Movement back in the days when our society was in its humble beginning and are threaded throughout our Twelve Steps, have been defined and elaborated upon in a small booklet which is available at the Cleveland AA District Office, 2063 East 4th St., Cleveland 15, Ohio at fifteen cents per copy. This booklet should be in every sincere AA's library for daily reading.

## THE REFRACTIVE MAN

As the shadow of the drunk touches the threshold of AA, the magic catalysts of The Higher Power and the AA Fellowship react with it. The shadow takes form, substance and strength as a ray of gathering light. The darkness is comprehended.

Here refraction begins. The infant ray now bends as it passes obliquely from one medium to another of different density and speed. The media are the words and acts of my fellow-members. As a body and brain replace the shadow, a man replaces the drunk. The ray multiplies. As each ray refracts, an image forms on the retina of the mind and the conscience. Each new day, image begets image as the Steps are read, the advices weighed, the speakers' talks pondered.

To sustain a sober life, these media must now include knowledge of my own thoughts and acts each day. Knowledge is evaluation which requires objectivity. From humble self-truth only, can objectivity be born. Without this knowledge, media develop which refract the rays, causing shading, distortion and confusion. These media are spawned in the residual morass of my human frailty and mothered by forgetfulness.

When the pain of despair is gone, the infant truths begin to be tinged with doubt. (Probable alcoholism is all that is really wrong with me.) The Power of faith deteriorates into pride of intellect. (Now that I have accomplished sobriety, I'm quite a guy.) Self-respect merges with vanity. (My decisions seem always right. I am a deep thinker, you know!)

Each day presents new ideas, new problems, new conflicts. Without honest, daily evaluation, self-knowledge is static. The rays of light begin to diffuse. The images suffer. As with the Biblical wheat and cockle, they grow side by side in the same ground. From a distance they appear the same. For me it is needful each day to search out that infant ray of light and the image it conveys.

I am an alcoholic. Anonymity is the birthright of my fellowman, and its disclosure is his privilege—not mine. Regular attendance at meetings with an unprejudiced and open mind keep the image clear. Each day I am to look within me, at me, and to learn more about me. I must judge the difference between self-respect and vanity. I must remember that I am a layman, not a psychiatrist.

This morning I was born again. My first breath was a prayer for help and guidance. He has sustained me in the past days and will today, sober and rational. Tonight I will be grateful for the gift of today. As with the wheat and the cockle, today will be the harvest. The wheat will be stored in the barn of memory. The cockle will be destroyed.

-Paul B., Edgelake

## CHARGE THAT BATTERY!

There are hundreds of excuses for not attending AA meetings when the real reason is -probably plain selfishness. We secretly feel that the meetings are dull . . . repetitious and boring. We go to the meetings expecting to be entertained. If we are disappointed we get sore and burned up. We always blame the disappointing meeting on someone else. We expect others to spend a lot of time developing a theme for the evening, but will contribute nothing ourselves.

AA is a GIVE program! We must give to receive. We all have something to give to a meeting. Even the shy, tongue-tied newcomer is an example of sobriety. We don't have to be orators to do a service to others. We can give help and encouragement to those who find the way difficult. Sometimes a friendly handshake is just what a person needs. Oftentimes we can be a big help by lending a sympathetic ear. Our opinions of the success of any AA meeting is dependent upon our attitude.

Pat C. used to tell us that we could recharge our spiritual batteries by attending AA meetings. Charging those batteries will be much more complete if we will practice the spiritual principles of unselfishness.

Our figurative battery will have far more power if we will go to the meetings with the idea of giving . . . instead of getting!

-Leon L., Railbeams, Minneapolis

## AA NOW IN THAILAND

When Dr. Peter Chusuei came to St. John's Hospital in Cleveland for advanced internship in pediatrics in May, he spent several evenings with Ed D., secretary of the Hague group, at his home and at AA meetings in which he became very interested as a doctor.

On June 10th the doctor was visited by Bishop Peter Carreto, S.D.B., Bishop of Thailand. Ed D. served as his willing guide and chauffeur for the one day of his visit. They talked AA and the Bishop was greatly interested and took along some of our literature. On June 18 Ed received a grateful letter from San Francisco, part of which is as follows:

"I want to thank you very cordially for your confidence concerning AA, a problem that is of great interest to me, as many of my people in the Mission are alcoholics. If you think you can, send my name to your headquarters in New York and ask them to forward some literature to me in Thailand. I'm sure that when Dr. Chusuei comes back home we will find the right way to help people overcome that vice and start a new life."

On July 2, Hazel R. of the General Service Office in New York addressed the following letter to him:

Dear Bishop Carretto,

How wonderful it was to know of your interest in AA throughout our fellow member Edward D., in Cleveland, Ohio. We are delighted to add you to those wonderful non-AA clergy friends who have been so very helpful to AA from the beginning.

We are forwarding you a copy of all of our literature in English and also one of our literature order forms which shows the translations which are available from here — in the event they are needed.

Also, I'm happy to say that we have two members who are in Bangkok and are writing them and asking them to get in touch with you. It would be just wonderful if you could get them together and get an AA group started there. Because, we have come to know that when a group is available, it becomes a real haven of hope and recovery for many alcoholics who are very sick today.

Again, our warm thanks and we will look forward to hearing further from you at your convenience.

The literature is being sent under separate cover."

Isn't this a small world? The above story should be a lesson to all of us in AA. There are thousands of people here in Cleveland who are in need of help! Let your friends and neighbors know of your availability.

## GIGGLES

A diplomat is one who tells you to "go to hell" in such a nice way that you immediately start looking for transportation!

"None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us — but all of us are responsible for the way we act . . . when they do happen to us!"

## ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-5185

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adama 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30  
 BR'K PK.-PARMA—Red'm'r Luth. 6161 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30  
 LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30  
 EUCLID-Christian Church, 22001 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30  
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 5555 Turney, Tues. 8:30  
 SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues. 8:30  
 MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues. 8:30  
 BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton, Wed. 8:30  
 BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway—Wed., 8:30  
 LORAIN AVE.—Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.) 9:00  
 E. CLEVELAND-YWCA. Lee Boulevard and Euclid. Fri. 1:30  
 CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central. Fri. 8:30  
 CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 118 South St. Fri. 8:30  
 LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 82807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00  
 VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sundry) Closed Sun. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. This office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7887.

# CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:50  
BROOK PARK-Redeemer Lutheran Church.  
6151 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church.  
1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00  
FRIENDSHIP-Bldv. Presbyterian Ch.  
24690 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal.  
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian Ch.,  
East Cleveland, N. and Euclid 8:30  
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall  
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
ORCHARD GROVE-St. Mark's Church,  
16806 Tricket Road 8:30  
PEARL-St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church.  
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN-Sunset Rd.,  
St. John's Par. House Independence 8:45  
SOUTH EAST-7626 Broadway 8:30  
TEMPLE-Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
W. 26th St.-United Church of Christ,  
2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
WOMEN'S Westside-West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
ELYRIA MEN-ST. Agnes,  
Lake and Dewey 8:30  
VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30  
WILLOUGHBY, O.-First Presbyterian  
Church, 4786 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish  
Hall, 8846 E. 181st St. 8:30  
EASTSIDE WOMEN-Y.M.C.A. Room 6.  
Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,  
Community Room, 16916 Detroit 8:30  
EUCLID MORNING-Euclid Christian Ch.,  
Lake Shore Blvd., E. 280th St. 10 a.m.  
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7868 Main St (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
GARFIELD TUES.-Garfield Hts. City Hall  
6666 Turney Road 8:30  
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
LAUREL-Brooklyn High School Cafeteria,  
9499 Bidulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
MAY-LYND-E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
6816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
MILES-LEE-St. Mary's Church,  
4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
NIGHT & DAY-18867 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,  
9821 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church,  
Puritan Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church  
& Church 8:00 EST  
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED  
Methodist Church, South Broadway  
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30  
KIRTLAND, O.-Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,  
41 Bowman St. Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
STREETSBORO, O.-Methodist Church,  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

ANSEL-Lithuanian Hall,  
6886 Superior Ave. 8:30  
BAXTER-St. John's Lutheran School,  
6826 Cable 8:30  
BEDFORD-Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,  
2816 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
C.E.I. 46 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
COLLINWOOD-946 E. 162nd St. 8:30  
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),  
2066 E. 196th St. Second floor front 8:30  
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.,  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
GARFIELD-Pilgrim E. & R. Church,  
4692 E. 181st St. 8:30  
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,  
West 45th and Colgate 8:30  
LEE ROAD-St. Ann's Church Basement,  
Coventry and Cedar 9:00

LORAIN-TRISKE Read,  
Presbyterian Church, 8681 Bosworth 9:00  
NO. OLYSTED-City Hall, Dover Road 9:00  
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken 8:30  
ST. JAMES-St. James Church,  
E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating  
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 886, 66 Public Sq. 8:30  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-18216 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7 8:30  
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,  
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30  
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club  
8804 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
BRUNSWICK O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42, So. of 803 8:30  
ELYRIA O.-St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center,  
Eagle St. Fairport Harbor 8:00  
INTER-RACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN-1st Presbyterian,  
4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN-Meth. Church,  
Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 67 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
SANDUSKY, O.-Provid. Hoe. Cafeteria 7:30  
WICKLIFFE-Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
ANGLE-St. Malachi's, 2469 Washington 8:30  
BAY WEST-Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
BROADWAY-65th-Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 8898 E. 65th St. 8:30  
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
CROSSROADS-St. Luke's Episcopal,  
W. 78th St. and Lake Avenue - 9:00  
EASTLAKE-Reformation Lutheran Church,  
24900 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
EAST SHORE WOMEN-Richmond Library,  
26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
EUCLID-WADE-13367 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
GOLDEN GATE WOMEN-Golden Gate Plaza,  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
LORAIN THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
NIGHT & DAY-13867 Euclid Ave. -11 A.M.  
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,  
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road  
NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist  
Church, 8310 Wooster Road 9:00  
ST. CLAIR-Nottingham Methodist Church  
St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
WEST SIDE MORNING-98th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,  
Rosario's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
AMHERST, O.-St. Peter's Church 8:30  
ASHTABULA HARBOR-Bethany Luth'n Ch.  
Penn Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,  
& doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
ELYRIA-St. Agnes Cafeteria, Men 8:30  
Mixed, 10:30 a.m. Men 8:30  
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
DISCUSSION-112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
PAINESVILLE-Congregational Church,  
Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Pville 8:30  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.-St. Thomas  
School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

BROADWAY-HARVARD-8487 Br'dway 9:00  
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15  
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,  
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
CLEVELAND WOMEN-1081 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
EUCLID-FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
FREEWAY STAG-1853 E. 260th St. 8:30  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plv-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room 1:00  
GORDON SQUARE-St. Paul Corn. Church,  
4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
HEIGHTS-Closed Discussion, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
HUDSON, O.-Cloned meetings,  
Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

LER ROAD-American Legion Hall,  
Poet 168, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,  
16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
PARMATOWN MEN-Assembly Room  
Parma Community Hospital 8:30  
SOLIDARITY-Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
STELLA MARIS MIXED  
1820 Washington Ave. 8:15  
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1876 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
AVON LAKE&First Congregational Church,  
82801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,  
76 Bell Street 9:00  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,  
118 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
CONNEAUT, O.-Methodist Church,  
Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-25 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

FOREST CITY-2126 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
L.S.I.-17600 Broadway 8:30  
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Davis 9:00  
LEAGUE PARK-Teamster's Hall,  
2074 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
LEE-SEVILLE-New Home Baptist Church,  
Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
LIBERTY-946 E. 162nd St. 9:00  
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Liberty Rd. at W. 162nd St. 9:00  
MATT TALBOT-Windermere Presby. Ch.,  
14112 Euclid A-re. at Windermere 8:30  
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch.,  
1376 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL-Williams  
Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30  
NIGHT & DAY-13857 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
NORWALK TRUCK LINES  
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00  
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,  
5950 Ridge Road 8:45  
PLAINES-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,  
Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 9:00  
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,  
8525 W. 25th St. 9:00  
VALLEY VIEW-Pilgrim Congr. Church,  
2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
ELYRIA-District Catholic High School,  
725 Gulf Road 8:30  
LORAIN SATNITE-7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
MANSFIELD-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
PARKMAN-Congregational Church 8:30  
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,  
Route 808, just west of Route 21 9:00

## SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,  
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
C.A.H. Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30  
DETROIT SUNDAY-3804 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
GRATEFUL-St. James Lutheran Church,  
1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-  
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,  
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00  
NELA PARK-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,  
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11:00 a.m.  
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 5:00  
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
YOUR-Euclid Community House,  
240 Briardale 7:15  
AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank,  
80690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
GENEVA, O.-Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
GOLF LAKELANDS-Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-  
St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30  
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
NEWBURY, O.-St. Helen's Church 8:15  
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60,  
Axtel, O. 7:30



## PATRONS

We have almost no snobs in our fellowship. If the time arrives when we can delete the word "almost" from that statement, it will in truth be a great day.

Unfortunately we have a few patrons. The patron is at least a small cut above a snob, but not much more. In general society we have many patrons, most commonly mentioned being the "patron of the arts." Such a one is usually in the **upped** economic echelon. **reputedly** has deep interest in **the** arts, and accordingly, **lends** financial support to the artist. This may come through contributions, or perhaps through the purchase of a box at the opera or symphony. It is rumored that quite often such patrons are less than genuine, have little interest in or knowledge of the arts and use this vehicle as a rung on the ladder for social climbers.

Then, of course, we have the patron in commerce, the one who regularly and loyally gives his business to one establishment. As the independent merchant has passed from the scene to be replaced by chain-stores, this type of patronage has almost become extinct.

Yet another example is the patron of the masses, such as the politician, show-business **celebrity**, and others who want and seek to bask in the sunshine of public adulation. We have all known many such, the genuine interest they wretend they have in everybody and the condescension they show. Often when you take them at their word and try to tell them **something** which is close to your heart, they don't seem to hear as their smile and lips focus briefly on you while their eyes flit about looking for someone more important.

Nothing is quite as unsettling to one sincerely seeking friendship, love and guidance, as a patronizing air on the part of the listener. Yet we do have patrons in our fellowship. There are those who unwittingly have a certain smugness about their sobriety. There are those who somehow seem to think that their case was and is just a little bit different. There are those who consciously or subconsciously translate a long term sobriety into a sort of elder statesmanship.

These are all good people for the most part, sincere and well-meaning, with quite a grasp of our fundamental philosophies. They would be the first to claim that we have no graduates. Yet deep down inside, they really feel that they are at least in the upper grade and perhaps studying for a master's degree. How can patrons possibly fit into our way of life? A lively debate can always be waged and never resolved on the question of who gains most, the newcomer, or the **oldtimer** who has literally given **his** all to help new born sobriety.

Until that question is answered for all time, let us be a sponsor, a true friend and counselor, or a brother, but let us try with all our strength to avoid being patrons.

Humility does not consist in having a worse opinion of ourselves than we deserve! or in abasing ourselves lower than we really **are**.—*William Law*.

## DON'T LOUSE IT UP!

The program of Alcoholics Anonymous is an exact and precise method of recovery for those who want it, not for those who refuse to consider it even though they obviously need it! We know, for we have been pallbearers at their funerals.

It is our conviction that we who claim membership in AA should therefore **stick** to AA and its principles and not **louse it up** with scientific theories or religious creeds. Nor is it **for us** to **judge** the validity of science or religion in **their approach**. For any who choose to find a solution in some fashion other than AA it is strictly their business and we truly hope that they find success.

AA makes no claim to having the only answer. Certainly, science and religion do provide answers in many cases and we should never quarrel with this. The **point** we are trying to make is, if you don't like the way AA is . . . **don't try to change it**.

There are some among us who set themselves above the total suffering and experience of all of us. There are some who jeopardize the very **existence** of AA by, **publicly exposing themselves and "preaching"** a doctrine in the name of AA that is quite different from AA. These public figures and authors cannot justify their defiance of AA's only safeguard by claiming that great good comes from their **actions**.

The **end** is not justified by the means, anymore than stealing from the rich to give to the poor makes stealing any more righteous. If these people did no more harm than make or choose up sides, they have created dis-unity, thereby threatening our most cherished quality — **Unity** of

Put your  
sobriety  
first  
to make it  
last!

purpose.

AA's program is an uncompromising program that says three things are indispensable to success — Honesty, Open-mindedness and Willingness. Its Twelve Steps leave scant room for personal interpretation. Each Step is clear, simple and explicit!

No alcoholic will be trapped by some hidden meaning, and his only possible excuse to alter, subvert, delete a Step or any part, will be his reluctance to know himself and do whatever is necessary to change, for frankly, a program that demands rigorous honesty takes **guts!**

The Society of AA as a whole is all-important, for without the group, surely most of us will die. Our only protection and hope lies in our willingness to submerge our drives and submit to the spiritual principles embodied in our Twelve Traditions.

What some of us seem to forget is that AA is **not an end in itself**. It is a **program** of living and thinking . . . a method whereby many who seek it **can** achieve mental and spiritual health, build character and re-alignment with their fellowman. If we withdraw from the world of reality and neglect to accept the responsibilities of a good citizen, a good parent, a good marriage and partner, we have only transferred our dependence on the bottle to AA. We find that AA is not a prison! It is the surest route to freedom, for it teaches us how to live in a world of conflict, frustration, temptation and disappointment. It teaches us to change what obviously needs to be changed.

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## A LETTER TO HIS SPONSOR

Dear Les:

I have thought many times of writing to you-but I fear that procrastination is one of the defects I haven't gotten around to as yet. I come home in the evening from that madhouse I work at, so tired I just sit down in my easy chair and procrastinate like crazy! But how wonderful to come home tired and satisfied with a day's work well done, rather than drunk and at odds with all Creation. However, I perk up pretty good on AA meeting nights and I never miss if I can possibly help it.

AA has become very dear to me, and I am grateful to the group. I am also very grateful to you for your help, Les. There are so many whom I feel that I can never again hurt or disappoint. To me this is the biggest part of the Ninth Step.

We have had some lively discussions in our group over this Step. It seems to me that too many have an idea that the Ninth Step should be gotten over with as quickly as possible--that to dwell on it too long could be dangerous. Sure, all those whom you may have hurt that you are sorry—pay Joe that fin you beat him out of (a quick and easy salve for conscience)—BUT . . . how about those I indirectly hurt?

In AA with the help of my Greater Power I must, stay sober and make amends for the rest of my days, so that I may regain and KEEP their trust in me! Speaking for myself, I embrace the Ninth Step as a "balance of life" project. I feel that it circumscribes almost all the rest of the AA Program. Many times in the past I have told people I was "sorry"—gave Joe back his "fin"—or tried to right some wrong. Certainly that was making amends until the next time I got drunk!

There are still so many wonderful people who still had faith in me even after all the crummy things I had done that now I feel I must never let them down. So, I tell myself—"Nope, bub, it aint that simple! The wheel needs that spoke and its got to stay there!"

I've been sober in AA for 16 months now, and I pray that things stay this way—until the Guy who really runs this joint blinks the lights for the last closing time.

I just read your last RAILBEAMS, and I want to say you could have put my name at the top. It sure hit the way I feel about what I call chronic slippers. Never having had a slip myself, I should maybe knock on wood, but even though I feel very sorry for a person, and could condone a slip or two, I just can't work up much sympathy for those who keep having one slip after another especially if they have been in AA for quite a long time. I have a baby like that who calls or comes to see me each time he gets in trouble, and I get pretty disgusted. I keep trying. But then, who knows, maybe . . . someday . . .

We have several of them in our group. When they are sobered up, back they come to the meetings, sounding just like "MR. AA" himself, speaking with all the experience and knowledge in the world. Personally, I don't crave for this type of knowledge—druther be in "B" Class with the rest of the dunces—but the sober dunces!

IRV "S", in Railbeams, St. Paul, Minn.

## AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Beginning September 7, the Cleveland AA District Office will again be open on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

In memory of Howard Benhoff  
who passed away on August 17, 1963

There is no sovereignty in Alcoholics Anonymous and the only thing smacking of royalty is the king-size hearts of many of the fellowship's responsible and dedicated members.

One of the greatest of these hearts stopped on Saturday evening, August 11, when Howard Benhoff passed from the temporal sobriety of this world to the eternal sobriety of that beyond.

Isn't it wonderful to be sober? will no longer ring loud and clear throughout meeting rooms and conference halls from the now sealed lips of this stalwart member of AA.

Yet to all who have heard this happy statement, its truth and vibrance will echo throughout the years of sobriety of each listener, as will the example set by the man himself—often maligned, much loved and always respected.

In his twenty-one years of uninterrupted sobriety his areas of service at every level of activity were practiced unlimited by boundaries, for his service attributes were in fact universal.

It seems fitting, therefore, to include here in part a letter written the evening of his return from his first meeting as a Trustee of the General Service Board in New York—the evening before he was stricken with what was to become his fatal illness.

*"Upon my return from my first meeting of the General Service Board, I thought you might be interested in some observations:*

*"To begin with, I want to emphasize more than ever before that many of us do not realize how fortunate we are that others have been taking care of the affairs of our society at the national and international levels. It staggers my imagination just how horrible the state of our affairs might be had we not, as a society, incorporated our Third Legacy into our fellowship at St. Louis in 1955.*

*"To think that we could have gone on without our General Services Office as we know it today, and without the membership as a whole functioning, as they do through their General Service Representative, is inconceivable.*

*"Our communications with men of science, clergy, industry, press-radio-television and film media, the medical and legal professions, penologists, loners and the world-wide calls for help, are without question the very finest that could be developed.*

*"When we consider that we have the very finest kind of literature and books prepared and distributed by our own people under the guidance of the General Services Office, we come to realize that this, too, is a service most vital to the recovery and rehabilitation of thousands all over the world.*

*"The Board of Trustees are not only guardians of our three legacies, but they are charged with the responsibilities of operating G.S.O. within the framework of true AA principles and to be prudent in the affairs of money. In every facet of operation there is splendid evidence of good stewardship.*

*"I know that this is quite lengthy, but am sure you will agree with me when I say—'It is necessary!'"*

*"Sincerely,  
Howard"*

Thanks, Howard, your message comes through loud and clear. And step up friends fill in the ranks, there's work to be done, by George!

And bless you, Virginia! (Mrs. Benhoff).

Ed Flanagan, a fifteen year member, known to many when he was associated with the Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic passed away in Pompano Beach, Florida on August 4. His mother in Oak Harbor, Mich. and one son survive him.

Our sincere sympathies go out to each of the mournful survivors.

## PIGS IS PIGS

The Old Timer settled into his favorite chair like an autumn leaf nestling to the bosom of Mother Earth. He sliced off a massive cud of "Keen spittin'" as he called it and deftly nudged it into the recesses of his weather-beaten jaw.

He then hooked one heel over the lower rung of the cane-bottom chair, wrapped one angular leg over the other, crooked a gnarled thumb under his **gallus**, sighted with one eye and shot a thin-spun amber stream at the small shiny stone in the gravel walk which served as a test of his marksmanship.

Having scored a bulls-eye he tilted back against the store front, pushed his battered hat over his eyes and expatiated.

"Ya know, a man's life is divided into three stages," he began. "— there's past, present and future. From the present he c'n look back on the past, figger out his mistakes and if he's smart enough to profit by 'm and will work, he c'n hope to build a pretty good future.

"But they's exceptions," he went on. "Take a drunk. His past is just a sea uv booze. His present is a constant effort t' raise the sea level an' his future is a zero floatin' in a vacuum.

"Minds me of Old Charley Sollars," the Old Timer went on. "Charley wuz a farmer. One time one o' his old sows died an' left some little pigs. They wuz right purty, but they wuz too small to eat corn and stuff like that, so Old Charley brung 'em to the house for the women folks to feed on a bottle.

"When Charley's wife and girls seen the pigs they oohed and **ahed** an' said how cute they wuz, an' said they'd take good care of 'em an look after 'em an' how purty they'd be 'when they **grew** up.'

"Old Charley jist stood there shaken' his head, till his wife **said**, 'Lan' sakes, Charley, what in the world's the matter **with** you?"

"Charley said, 'Why git so het up about a litter of pigs? When they grow up what're they gonna be?"

"His wife said, 'Hogs, of course, silly, what else?"

"Charley said, 'That's jist it. No matter where a pig stands, whichever way he looks, all he sees is hog. Past and present don't mean **nothin'** to him and he ain't got no future 'cause no matter what he does or what he tries he can't do **nothin'** but jist grow up to be a hog.'

The Old Timer paused a moment then added, "I guess that's about the way it is with a drunk that's **workin'** at it."

Having concluded his discourse, the Old Timer pushed his hat back, clumped his chair down, slowly straightened up then shook the kinks out of his fragile legs. He took a parting shot at the shiny stone, and satisfied with his art, shuffled toward the end of the store porch.

"Somethin' tells me it's about time I got over and seen whether Ma's got some hog meat in the skillet," he said as he departed.

—Herschel H., Mansfield, 0.

## FERVENT PRAYER

"Fervent Prayer, like a cannon planted at the gates of heaven, makes them fly open." The common fault with most of us is our readiness to **yield** to **distractions**. Our thoughts go roving hither and thither, and we make little progress toward our desired end. Like quick-silver, our mind will not hold together, but rolls off this way and that.

How great an evil this is! It injures us, and what is worse, it insults our God. What should we think of a petitioner, if, while having an audience with a prince, he should be playing with a feather, or catching a fly?

—Spurgeon.

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Please, too, if you move, PLEASE send us your new address and zone number.

## "LEADS"

Have you ever thought about the term "lead"? What does it mean to "lead" a meeting? If it had to do with guiding the meeting in a certain direction, wouldn't it be possible, then, for a poor speaker to mis-lead a meeting? Couldn't a speaker occasionally "lead" us in the wrong direction? That doesn't happen in AA, because we know that in every "lead" there is something of value for every person present. It must be, then, that "leading" a meeting doesn't have anything to do with guiding it in a certain direction. The direction has already been determined by a power greater than ourselves.

I like to think of it in the same sense that we think of an orchestra leader. He has the attention of everyone for a brief time, he waves a stick and sometimes makes very dramatic gestures. He can give advice to the individual musicians, and help them to improve their performance, and a good leader can inspire an orchestra to perform better. But he can't play their individual instruments for them. And even a bad performance can't detract from the beauty of the music as it was created in the mind of the composer.

In AA, we play our individual parts to the best of our ability, and sometimes take a turn as "leader." But the score was written by the Master Composer. And no matter what we do to it through our own shortcomings, it is still beautiful music.

—Independence, 0. Newsletter

## STELLA MARIS CLAMBAKE

The Stella Maris Home will hold its annual Clambake on Sunday, September 22. Service will begin at 1:00 p.m. and bakes will be served until 7 p.m. The cost per person is only \$4.50 for all you can eat. Great show.

A continuous floor show will entertain you while you await your turn to be served. If it is only half as good as last year it alone will be worth the price of the bake.

## DON'T LOUSE IT UP!

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It teaches us how to live with the things over which we have no control and how to accept them.

It teaches us how to rely on a Higher Power for strength, and courage beyond our individual abilities. It gives our lives meaning and purpose, bringing satisfying rewards that can be gained in no other way.

AA is no magic cure for drinking. However it is a most satisfactory way . . . a way to live without alcohol . . . if we are willing to go to any lengths to get it.

No truer description of AA has been uttered than the words of Dr. Bob, AA co-founder, who said "When all is said and done, AA means simply. . . Love and Service."

—Les V., Railbeams, St. Paul, Minn.

More heartaches and sorrow are caused by little words and deeds of unkindness than by open acts of dislike and enmity.

## ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-6136

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams . . . 1st & 3rd Mon., 8 :30  
BR'K PK.-PARYA-Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st & 3rd Mon.) 8 :30  
LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8:30  
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. . . . . Tues., 8 :30  
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Garfield Hts. City Hall, 5555 Turney, Tues. 8 :30  
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues. 8:30  
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. . . . . Tues. 8:30  
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton. . . . . Wed., 8:30  
BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway. . . . . Wed., 8 :30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center, Eagle st. . . . . Wed. 8 :00  
LORAIN AVE.-Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.) 9 :00  
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid . . . . . Fri. 1:30  
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central . . . . . Fri., 8:30  
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. . . . . Fri., 8 :30  
LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9:00  
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed . . . . . Sun. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is **Cherry 1-7387**.



# CLEVELAND AREA GROW MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**BROOK PARK**-Redeemer Lutheran Church.  
6151 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY-Baptist Church**,  
1740 E. 17th st., corner walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**-6037 Pearl- 8:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**-Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,  
24666 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid. O. 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**-St. Peter's Episcopal,  
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY**-First Presbyterian Ch.,  
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**-St. Ignatius Hall,  
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**-St. Mark's Church,  
15305 Trisket Road 8:30  
**PEARL**-St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
**RAMONA**-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
**SHAKER**-Christ Episcopal Church,  
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**-Sunset Rd.,  
St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST**-7626 Broadway 8:30  
**TEMPLE-Fatima Hall**, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
**W. 26th ST.**-United Church of Christ,  
2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S**-Westside-West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison and W. 101-v- 8:45  
**ELYRIA MEN**-St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30  
 Mixed Discussion 10:30 a.m.  
**VERMILION**-Congregational Church- 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**-First Presbyterian  
Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

**CLARK-1917** Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish**  
Hall, 3846 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN**-Y.M.C.A. Room 6,  
Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE**-Lakewood YMCA,  
Community Room, 16916 Detroit. 8:30  
**EUCLID MORNING**-Euclid Christian Ch.,  
Lake Shore Blvd. - E. 280th St. 10 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**-Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS**-Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**GARFIELD TUES.**-Garfield I-tts. City Hall  
6666 Turney Road 8:30  
**HILLTOP**-St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**LAUREL-Brooklyn High School Cafeteria**,  
9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY-LYND-E.** Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
6816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
**MILES-LEE**-St. Mary's Church,  
4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**-St. Joseph's School,  
9211 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**-North Presbyterian Church,  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
**TRUSTY**-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK**-Puritas Lutheran Church,  
Puritas Ave. and W. 188th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**-First Presbyterian Church,  
3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**-  
Methodist Church, South Broadway  
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**-Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**-Meth. Fellowship Hall,  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**-Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**-Episcopal Church,  
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**-Methodist Church,  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**-Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**-Lithuanian Hall,  
6835 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER**-St. John's Lutheran School,  
5826 Cable 8:30  
**BEDFORD**-Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLYN**-K. of P. Hall,  
3816 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
**C.E.I.**-55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
**COLLINWOOD**-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30  
**DOAN MEN**-YMCA (University Circle),  
2055 E. 106th St., Second floor front 8:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING**-9606 Euclid Ave.  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD**-Pilgrim E. & R. Church,  
4592 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE**-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,  
West 45th and Colgate 6:30  
**LEE ROAD**-St. Ann's Church Basement,  
Coventry and Cedar 9:00

**LORAIN-TRISKETT**-Bosworth Road,  
Presbyterian Church, 8631 Bosworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED**-City Hall, Dover Road 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**-1708 Aiken 8:30  
**ST. JAMES**-St. James Church,  
E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**-13216 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**-West Shore Unitarian,  
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)**-Twelfth Step Club  
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN**-Harris  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.**-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42, So. of 303 8:30  
**ELYRIA O.**-St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR**-Luther Center,  
Eagle St. Fairport Harbor 8:00  
**INTERRACIAL**-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
**JEFFERSON, O.**-St. Joseph's Church-8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN**-1st Presbyterian,  
4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN**-Meth. Church,  
Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 57 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**-20 1/2 S. Park -8:00 EST  
**SANDUSKY, O.**-Provid. Hse. Cafeteria 7:30  
**WICKLIFFE**-Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16837 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**ANGLE-St. Malachi's**, 2469 Washington 8:30  
**BAY WEST**-Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-66th**-Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 3398 E. 65th St. a:30  
**COVENTRY**-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
**CROSSROADS**-St. Luke's Episcopal,  
W. 78th St and Lake Avenue 9:00  
**EASTLAKE-Reformation Lutheran Church**,  
34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN**-Richmond Library,  
26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**EUCLID-WADE**-13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY**-(Outhwaite)  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN**-Golden Gate Plaza,  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. -8:30  
**LORAIN THURSDAY**-4470 Ridge Rd.,  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY**-13867 Euclid Ave. -11 A.M.  
**NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall**,  
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHTS**-6400 Pearl Road  
NADS, basement, rear entrance. 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**-Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR**-Nottingham Methodist Church  
St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY**-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING**-W. 98th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY**-2nd and Union,  
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.**-St. Peter's Church 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**-Bethany Luth'n Ch.  
Penn Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
**BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.**,  
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA**-St. Agnes Sch., Lake & Dewey 8:30  
**ELYRIA**-Alcanon Cl., 345 Broad, 3rd Fl. 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE**, O.-St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION**-112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
**MAPLE LEAF**-Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE**-Congregational Church,  
Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave. Paville 8:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.**-St. Thomas  
School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD**-8437 Bf dway 9:00  
**CEDAR**-Salvation, Armv. 6006 Euclid. 8:15  
**CHARITY**-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,  
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN**-1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
**EUCLID**-FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
**FREEWAY STAG**-1353 E. 260th 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**-Pir  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room 9:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**-St. Paul Corn. Church,  
4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS**-Closed Discusantur, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
**HUDSON, O.**-Closed meetings,  
Christ Church, 21 AURORA 8:30

**LEE ROAD**-American Legion Hall,  
Poet 163, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST-Town House Motel**,  
16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**PARMATOWN MEN**-Assembly Room  
Parma Community Hospital 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY**-Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARIS MIXED**  
1320 Washington Ave. 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON**-Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1376 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**-First Congregational Church,  
32801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
**BEREA**-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS**-Federated Churches,  
76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON**-Pilgrim Christian Church,  
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**-Methodist Church,  
Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**-26 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON**-St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY**-2126 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
**L.S.I.**-17600 Broadway 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**-Garfield Mem. Methodist,  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**-Teamster% Hall,  
2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
**LEE-SEVILLE**-New Home Baptist Church,  
Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
**LIBERTY**-945 E. 162nd St. 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**-Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT**-Windermere Presby. Ch.,  
14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**-Lakewood Congregational Ch.,  
1376 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL**-Williams  
Bldg., Entrance at 4465 Turney Rd. 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**-13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES**,  
1147 E. 56th St., at Shore Drive 9:00  
**PARMA**-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,  
6960 Ridge Road 8:45  
**PLAINS**-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,  
Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 9:00  
**REDWOOD**-Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
**TRINITY**-Trinity Evangelical Church,  
3526 W. 26th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**-Pilgrim Congr. Church,  
2692 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.**-St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
**ELYRIA**-Catholic High School 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**-7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**PARKMAN, O.**-Congregational Church 8:00  
**WEST RICHFIELD**-Consolidated Church,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**-Village Hall,  
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**-Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C.A.H.** Discussion-13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
**COLLINWOOD**-945 E. 152nd St. v- 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY**-8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
**DISCUSSION**-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**-Outhwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GRATEFUL**-St. James Lutheran Church,  
1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMORY**,  
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**-St. Thomas Church,  
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK**-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**-St. Catherine's Church,  
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR STAG**-8801 Superior. 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**-Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
**WARRENSVILLE**-Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
**YOUR**-Euclid Community House,  
240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**-Basement Central Bank,  
36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE**-V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.**-Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**-Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**-  
St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 67, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURY, O.**-St. Helen's Church 8:15  
**TWILIGHT**-Grange Hall, Rt 60,  
Axtel, O. 7:30



# CLEVELAND AREA

## Guest Speakers

SEPTEMBER, 1963



Allendale-B-Jim D., Edgelake; 12-Bill H., Dayton, O.; 19—Mike M., Matt Talbot; 26—John D., Hilltop.

Avon Lake—6—Jim D., Edgelake; 13-Glover D., California; 20-Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 27-Bill H., Monument, Dayton.

Brooklyn—4—Tony T., Brooklyn (his 14th anniversary); 11-Ralph B., Independence; 18-Eddie G., Brooklyn (his 3rd anniversary); 25-Wm. D., Berea-Thurs.

C.A.H.-1--John C., C.A.H.; 8-Webb M.; 15—"Chink" E., C.A.H.; 22-Gates H., C.A.H.; 29—Chas G., Allendale.

Charity-6-Bill P., Northeast; 13—Joe O' D., Willoughby; 20-Carl J., Northeast; 27—Bill W., Lorain-Triskett.

Chesterland—4—Joe N., Chesterland (first lead); 11-Phil M., Chesterland (first lead); 18-Ed S., Euclid Friday; 25-Don D., Euclid Friday.

East Shore Women—5—June R., East Shore Women; 12—Norma P., West Side Women; 19—Mary W., Friday afternoon Women; 26-Fran C., Friday Afternoon Women.

East Side Women--1-Mary A., Avon Central; 10—Bill H., Monument, Dayton, O.; 17—Kitty C., Avon Central; 24—Ann C., Niles.

Edgelake-3-Bill H., Dayton, Ohio; 10—Ladd T., West Shore; 17—Billie and Jack M., Parma (Potluck Dinner 7 p.m.); 24—Ed M., Parmatown Men.

Euclid-Wade-5-TElizabeth B., Parkman; 12-Hal R., Parkman; 19—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—Bob K., Parkman.

Fairport Harbor—"Visit the happy, friendly group at Fairport Harbor. Meetings are held at the Luther Center, 525 Eagle St. near 6th St. at 8 p.m. Wednesdays."

Fairview Park-3-H.R.D., Brookpark; 10—Tom K., North Olmsted; 17—Sam M.; 24—Geo. M., Fairview Park.

Friendship-2-Jim K., St. Clair Thurs.; 9—Mary B., Tues. Morning; 16-Fred B., YOUR; 23—Bill S., Euclid-Friday (his first lead); 30-Closed discussion, Step IX.

Garden Valley-Thurs.-S-Wylie R., Streetsboro, O.; 12—Doug McC., Stella Maris; 19—Arthur C., Streetsboro, O.; 26—Jim F., Lakewood Armory.

Garden Valley-Sun.-1-Tommy J., Detroit, Mich.; 8—Andy W., Streetsboro, O.; 15-Bob G., Streetsboro, O.; 22-Bill H., Gordon Square; 29-Gene F., Streetsboro, O.

Grateful-1-Ed H., Monday-Lee; 8-Maggie M., Lander Circle; 15-Discussion Sunday; 22-Walter S., Wickliffe; 29—Agnes N., Mistletoe.

Kirtland-3-Stan P., Newburg; 10—Howard P., Mentor Plains; 17—Mike M., YOUR; 24-Walter S., Kirtland.

Lee-Monday-2-No meeting-holiday; 9—Jim B. in person, Berwin's tape recorded; 16—Jack D., Borton, tape recorded; 23-Marty M., first AA woman, tape recorded; 30—Joe McK., YOUR, tape recorded.

League Park—7—Joe S., League Park; 14—"Chink" E., Mistletoe; 21-Dan H., League Park; 28—Carl M., Doan Men.

Newburg-1-Jim M., Lakewood Armory; 8-George G., Forest City; 15—Gene P., Newburg; 22—Al K., Broadway Harvard; 29-Bob F., Newburg. Newburg observed its 19th anniversary on Sunday, August 25th with Warren C., E. Canton, Ohio, as speaker.

Night & Day-Tuesday-All speakers from the Angle Group. 4—Jerry W.; 11—Jack N.; 18—Farrell G.; 25—Lou F.

Night & Day-Thursday-5-Bill C., Clark; 12-Marie B., Euclid Morning; 19—Emil M., Collinwood; 26—Val G., Night & Day.

Night & Day-Saturday-7-Minnie C., Night & Day, (her 4th anniversary); 14—Paul B., Edgelake; 21-Franklyn S., Doan Men; 28—Jesse C., St. Thomas, Akron.

Night & Day Travel Unit--1-Maple Heights (leave at 7 p.m.); 12—Avon Lake (leave at 7 p.m.); 1&Baxter (leave at 8:30 p.m.); 28—Alcanon, Perry Group, Erie, Pa. (leave at 6:30 p.m.).

North Olmsted—4—Joe S., 24-hour; 11-Larry R., Bay West; 18-Mark K., West Shore; 25-Ralph R., West Clifton

Norwalk Truck Lines-7-Perry B., Euclid; 14-Frank L., Corlett; 21—Marty R., Willoughby Hills; 28—Norman S., Lorain Thursday.

Orchard Grove-2-Closed meeting, for members only; 9—Bob M., Sheffield Lake; 16-Tom B., Avon Lake; 23—Ellen K., Lakewood Armory; 30—Eddie G., Shaker.

Parmatown Men-6-Chas C., West Shore; 13-Howie L., Angle; 20—Dave J., Warren, Ohio; 27—Tim C., Heights Discussion. During September our friends from the medical profession will be on hand to discuss their viewpoints.

Sheffield Lake-Observes its First Anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 8:30 p.m. in St. Thomas School, Harris Road, Sheffield Lake. The guest speaker will be Dan G., of Lorain. Other September speakers are: S-Bill O'B., Independence; 12—Harvey W., Lorain Inter-racial; 26—Esther R., St. James.

Valley View—7—Jim Y., Brook Park; 14—Dick D., Brook Park; 21—Tom M.; 28—Marie G., Rocky River.

Willoughby-The group will observe its 21st Anniversary on Monday, September 30th, in First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Road, Willoughby, at 8:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Farrell G. of the Angle Group. Other September speakers are: 2-Tom M., Hilltop; 9—Ed B., Newbury, Ohio; 16—Howie L., Angle; 23-Earl J., Angle.

Y.O.U.R.-1-Perry B., YOUR; Poe O'D., Willoughby; 15—AL. N., Mentor Plains; 22-Fred B., YOUR; 29—Andy S., Eastlake.

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## RUNNING AWAY

Much controversy exists in our society about many questions. On one proposition we should all agree. Alcohol was a medium through which to escape reality. Even when the disease had us down, our escape philosophy remained with us. We did not seek the haven of this fellowship to gain sobriety. Rather we were trying to escape alcohol which had us down for the count.

These words are not for the newcomer, but rather for those with a reasonable stretch of sobriety behind them. The chances are that you all seek a sober life of greater quality on this basis of positive action. But, have you completely subdued that deeply imbedded instinct to run away from things? It is a rather shocking thing which brings you up quite short, to realize that after many years of sobriety, you are still hiding from reality in countless little ways.

It is a highlight in the memory of this writer, to recall the rapidity with which he was divorced from several paperbacks and an assortment of pills, when entering the hospital as a patient sponsored by this fellowship. Both had been a medium for escape. Neither item has returned, but in honesty it must be admitted that other items have moved in. Choices in reading have been upgraded, but a fearless inventory would have to turn up the confession that newspapers, crossword puzzles, television and radio, and many other items have moved in to absorb attention when the reality of the movement is too unpleasant to face.

One wonders how much potential devotion to Steps 10, 11 and 12 is dissipated through time killing pursuits of one sort or another. How important it would seem to be that we pursue this question in taking our continuous personal inventories.

Ours is a program of action, as typified by 12th Step work. Just as important are our activities in self-inventory and meditation under the 10th and 11th Steps. Unless these activities are wholehearted, then our 12th Step efforts do not result in the very best we have to give. This is probably the most culpable negligence of which we are capable. We are actually being casual in toying with the lives of other people. Our best might save a life. Less than our best might destroy a life.

The process of running away is a vicious circle. It destroys us. The high road of a sober life of quality can only be achieved through meeting life head on. Side trips into the by-paths of avoidance not only impede our progress but may even destroy sobriety. True serenity cannot be achieved through side-stepping, whether pursued knowingly or unwittingly. Peace of mind is ours only when we can look back through the bright light of conscience at a performance which represented our absolute test, unadulterated by even momentary escapes.

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One can no more develop capacity by resting on his job than he can learn to spell by sitting on a dictionary.

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Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

## IT'S EITHER, OR!

"That guy won't make this program until he's lost everything—his job, his family and his few friends he's got left," remarked a visitor to our desk the other day. "I've hospitalized him three times and spent many hours with his wife and family, to say nothing of the time I pleaded with his boss, but, believe me, this is the last time I'll go to the front for him."

Our visitor was full of righteous indignation and resentment because he was forced to spend so much time on his "baby," only to discover that his "pearls of wisdom" were tossed to the winds. We permitted ourselves to be his sounding board, well realizing that he needed a sympathetic and understanding ear.

After about an hour of spouting, suddenly he asked, "Say, come to think of it, I was the same kind of a headache to you six years ago, wasn't I? What did you say that changed my thinking? I know I got mad at what you told me, but, it sobered me up and made a man of me! Just what did you say?"

We couldn't recall our exact words, nor could we remember which of our potshots hit him, for our visitor's description of his baby's disregard of the program showed a remarkable similarity with our experience with him six years ago.

But we did recall that we were at the end of our "patience rope" with him. We recalled that we suggested that he would do all of us a favor if he got out of our hair for awhile—that we preferred giving our time to prospects that really wanted to stop drinking completely, not for just to get the heat off.

We remember telling him that by holding the AA program in such light-hearted fashion, he was giving AA a poor advertisement, particularly since AA was acclaimed far and wide as being the only, sure way of helping the alcoholic.

What really hit him then was when we reminded him that we needed numbskulls like him to do our experimenting for us—that everytime we saw some indifferent member return to drinking again, scoffing at the program, and finally coming back to us, shaking, frightened and begging for help-again!

Seeing them in their misery-pride and self-respect gone—frightened, uncertain, sick and ashamed, brings into sharp focus the greatness of this wonderful gift which is our to share, develop enthusiastically and in gratitude to God for granting us the privilege of being entrusted with the charge of "carrying the message to other alcoholics."

If we neglect this gift, or hold it lightly, our Giver might possibly take it from us.

Our visitor grasped our hand and thanked us for reminding him of the very words which changed the course of his life to one of sanity.

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Your will and plan. Since time began today has been the friend of man . . . you and today . . . a soul sublime and the great, heritage of time . . . with God himself to bind the twain, go forth, brave heart . . . attain, attain . . .

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Your Central Committee held an interesting and constructive meeting on September 3. 24 groups were represented by their secretaries or by persons appointed to perform this service.

The chairman of the Action Committee was unable to report that a situation had been corrected. This situation involved the breaking of anonymity at the level of the press. A weekly suburban newspaper had caused this breach of anonymity, inadvertently and unintentionally. A friendly and persuasive approach to the responsible person had brought about the assurance that this would not be repeated.

Central Committee was informed that a pleasing number of groups had availed themselves of the opportunity to announce who their speakers would be during the month. The Editor of the *Central Bulletin* forecast a reduction in fee levied for this service if the response continued undiminished.

*Consolidated Meeting* will be known as *Area-Wide Meeting* from now on. It is hoped that this change of name will describe more accurately the nature of the meeting. These meetings give AA members from all groups a chance to hear an excellent speaker, usually from out of town. Persons may increase, rapidly, their acquaintance with members of other groups. Alwo, attendance at these meetings enables members to participate in AA at the community level.

The next meeting of Central Committee will be held on October 1, 1963, at 8:30 p.m., in Room 1372, Hanna Bldg. Every group is entitled to be represented. Don't be apathetic about your opportunities and responsibilities.

J. T. B., North Olmstead

## N.E. OHIO GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS

Northeastern Ohio General Service Committee has a busy and interesting program of meetings within the next few weeks, starting with an Open House meeting on October 13 (Sunday), when there will be a film strip shown, followed by an out-of-area speaker and an hour of fellowship.

On Sunday, November 3, 4th quarterly meeting of Committee Members and GSRs will convene. These two meetings open at 3:00 p.m. at American Legion Hall, Brecksville, Ohio.

On Sunday, November 17th, annual Gratitude Sunday will be observed with meeting this year being scheduled at 3:00 p.m., at cafeteria of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and an outstanding speaker.

These meetings are open to all members and guests.

## OBITUARIES

**Lauren D. (Larry) Solether**, one of the founders of the Solon and Landers Circle groups passed away on August 2. He is survived by his mother and two brothers.

**Clarence W. Scott**, a long time member of the Lake Shore Group and a member of the Board of Salvation Army Men's Social Center passed away on September 2 after a long illness. His devoted wife survives him.

**Dr. Joseph A. Boyle**, an active member of the Edgelake group passed away suddenly on September 2. He is survived by his devoted wife and one son.

Our sincere condolences go to the bereaved families.

## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

Our guest columnist this month is editor and publisher of *The Silent Rostrum*, Austin, Texas.

The other day I saw one of the old First Editions of the Big Book. The bright red and yellow paper jacket with the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" in glaring white against the red brought back a piercing sweet memory of 12 years ago . . . as clear as if it had happened only yesterday. Well, I just sat down and laughed a while and then cried a while, remembering how it was with a child-woman and her Book so long, long ago.

Maybe you turned the cover on your book inside out and put it back on so only the plain white was visible—but I didn't. I realize that the way in which each man and woman regards their membership in AA is a very private, personal thing, and no one's business but their own.

I suppose it depends a great deal on what went before. You see, since I was seventeen I had suffered shame and heartache and self-condemnation as a result of excessive drinking. From the time I was 22 until I was 32 I spent many hours of my life in, jail, charged with "drunk" . . . "drunk and disorderly" . . . "drunk in a public place" . . . "disturbing the peace" . . . among other things. It seems unbelievable now that a skinny little girl weighing 86 pounds soaking wet could have caused the "authorities" so much trouble. Public crucifixion still goes on in our world . . . but we are civilized now and in our refinement, have banned the cross, the nail and the tree. Neighbors have called the police to do something with me, and when they came to take me away, stood in a knot of angry, righteous wrath watching. I had many names when I joined the ranks of the condemned. Little children scampered with coltish glee by my windows and hurled names they had heard their parents say—each one a stone striking straight and sure to my heart. Bartenders said, "get out of here, lush." My husband said worse. Parents said, "our disgrace." And my mirror absorbed all the names and the words and played them all back to me in the mornings with all the hopelessness of the final judgment of the highest tribunal.

So, now you'll understand why the sweetest word I ever heard were "alcoholic" and "Alcoholics Anonymous". I found the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and there was wild, unbounded joy in the thought "I am a member -I am a member!" No longer ostracized, no longer alone—but a member of a group of such wonderful people who understood and cared. I read the Big Book and it explained my life. I wanted to take the Book around to everyone I knew—I wished I could show it to the Judges and the officers and the neighbors and say, "please read this—please forgive me—it says right here in the Book that I didn't mean to be the way I was—it tells you right here in this chapter that I was sick—that I drank against my own will, and will power or morals have nothing to do with it, for I have a disease. I wanted to take the Book to mama and daddy and say, "I didn't mean to make you lie awake those nights waiting for me to come home—I didn't mean to make you cry, mama—please read this book and maybe you will understand and forgive me." I wanted to show it to my son—"please read this, and you will understand why you couldn't live with me so many years. And it's all right if you love your grandmother like a mother—but please try to love me again just a little bit." Oh miracle of miracles! The hand that placed the Big Book in mine might have been a shaft of sunlight reaching through the darkness straight from heaven to shine softly on that Book with the red and yellow jacket.

I rode the city bus back and forth to the AA meetings -five nights a week-in snow or rain or warm summer night. I didn't know too much about "anonymity" and I carried my Book in my hand wherever I went. That's how I remember her, the child-woman that was me, hopefully looking into each face on the bus, thinking surely one of them some night might come up to my seat and tell me they had a drinking problem and ask me to tell them about the Book I was carrying . . . carrying so proudly . . . MY BADGE OF HONOR.

-M. C., Austin, Texas

Sets me to thinkin', by George.

**ALATEENS**

Members of Alateen groups springing up all over the U. S., have one thing in common — close contact with an alcoholic. *It is usually a parent.*

In Alateen, a group sponsored by Al-Anon, they find other young people with the same frustrations, the same shame, even the same financial difficulties that beset the children of an alcoholic.

"This is not a club where we criticize the alcoholic or look for sympathy," said a boy member of the Memphis Monday Alateens, the first group in Cleveland. "Rather, we look for ways to solve our own problems and help the others.

"We study alcoholism to find out why the alcoholic acts the way he does. Guest speakers are our best source of information.

"We are taught that alcoholism is a disease and that we must isolate ourselves from it emotionally before we can start anything constructive."

"We have many common problems," said one 13-year old girl. "We have found that what works in one person's case could work in another's. So we pool our information and try to come up with an answer."

**Alateens are remarkably well behaved. There is no disorder at meetings, although one member admits he tried to be difficult when he first joined.**

"Then I began to be ashamed to act like a kid," he says. "I began to see that everything I did was an act. I was acting like a martyr at home, too, because I didn't want my father to stop drinking. When he was drunk, he was jolly-always laughing and buying me anything I wanted—whether he had the money or not. When he joined AA, he was more serious, and I didn't like it. I didn't like it when he suggested that I join Alateens, either. Now I wouldn't miss a meeting."

**Not all alcoholics want their children to join Alateen. If they do not recognize their own problem, they resent their children's membership in such an organization, and forbid them to join.**

Whether or not to lie to such a parent was the subject of a lively meeting of the Memphis group. (The answer was "no." Alateens, like Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon members are pledged to strict honesty.)

Alateen grew out of Al-Anon, an organization made up of wives and husbands of problem drinkers, and is sponsored by them.

Each group has two sponsors, who are available for consultation, but do not actually sit in on the weekly meetings. Alateens are as anonymous as are the members of the parent groups. They use first names only and avoid personal publicity.

A second Alateen group for the East Side is being organized in Maple Heights.

Prospective members can get more information by calling FL 1-7892. —Cleveland Press, September 15, 1963

**ATTENTION SECRETARIES**

Central Bulletin subscriptions given as prizes should be sent in at least once each month to avoid embarrassment to us and suspicion toward the group. We receive many calls each month from indignant prize winners who have not received their prize. Please cooperate for both our sakes.

Also please secure correct zone number for each address, if possible. And please print the name and address to avoid error. And subscribers, if you have moved please notify us. The post office does not forward third-class

At lunch in a downtown restaurant the other day, a junior executive of a big Pittsburgh corporation was telling a friend that he belonged to the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and also the AAA (American Automobile Association). "You see I had to join the AA," he explained, "so I could get into the AAA."

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 1**—Eighth Anniversary Dinner Meeting at the Ashland Tuesday night group with Whit H. of Sarnia, Ontario as guest speaker. Dinner served at 6:30 p. m. (slow time). Meeting at 8 p. m. (slow time).

**October 13**—Eleventh Annual Business Meeting of Rig brothers of Alcoholics Anonymous in St. John's Episcopal Church, Wick & Lincoln, Youngstown, Ohio, at 2:15 Eastern Daylight Time (1:15 E.S.T.).

**October 21**—Twenty-second Anniversary of the W. 25th St. group in United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave., at 9 p. m. There will be a panel of speakers, good fellowship and good food.

**October 22**—Eighteenth Anniversary of the West Park group in Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas and W. 138th St. at 8:30 p. m. (See Guest Speaker sheet for details.)

**November 9**—Second Anniversary of the Night & Day groups, 13857 Euclid Avenue. More details in the November issue.

**November 9**—Twenty-first Anniversary of the Original Warren group in Packard Music Hall, Warren, O. at 6:15 p. m. A catered family style dinner will be served. Guest speaker will be Ann P. of Baltimore, Md. Tickets \$3.75 per person. Dancing after the meeting. Advance tickets are available by addressing Alcoholics Anonymous Banquet, Box 1381, Warren, O. No tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline date is October 26.

**GIGGLES**

Husband . . . "I don't want to say my wife is gaining weight but ten pounds more and she won't be going to a dressmaker anymore. She'll need an upholsterer" . . .

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Two sots were weaving along the railroad tracks. One hiccupped, "I never saw so many steps in my life." The other gurgled, "It's not the steps that bother me, it's the low railing."

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Driving a car on New Year's Eve is like playing Russian roulette, you never know which driver is loaded . . .

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Many a young woman who had a keen interest in sports soon loses it after she marries one.

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Call her a hen and she's mad; call her a chick and she loves it. Call him a flat-head and he wants to slug you; call him levelheaded and he's flattered. Call her a sight and she'll go into a huff; call her a vision and she blooms. Call her a kitten and she purrs; call her a cat and get out of the way!

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A country boy went for an airplane ride. When he came down he said "Thanks for them two rides." "You only had one." "No sir, two", he said. "My first and my last." . . .

**ALANON GROUP MEETINGS**

Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-5135

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams	1st & 3rd Mon., 8 :30
BR'K PK.—PARMA-Red'm'r Luth.	6161 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30
LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave.	at Marlowe Mon., 8:30
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd.	..... Tues., 8 :30
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6665 Turney,	Tues., 8 :30
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard,	Tues., 8 :30
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 13715 Libby Rd.	..... Tues., 8 :30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton	..... Wed., 8 :30
BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8487 Broadway	..... Wed., 8 :30
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center, Eagle st.	..... Wed. 8 :00
LORAIN AVE.—Dr. Martin Luther Ch., 4470 Ridge (2nd & last Th.)	9 :00
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid	..... Fri. 1:30
BETHANY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central	..... Fri., 8 :30
BROADWAY—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St.	..... Fri., 8 :30
LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 82807 Electric, Avon	Fri. 9 :00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday)	Closed.....Sa. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

# CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**BRECKSVILLE** V. A. HOSPITAL 10000 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, O. 7:30  
**BROOK PARK**—Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8131 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY**—Baptist Church, 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**—6937 Pearl 3:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24693 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY**—First Presbyterian Ch., East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**—St. Mark's Church, 16306 Trislet Road 8:30  
**PEARL ST.** Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
**RAMONA**—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
**SHAKER**—Christ Episcopal Church, 8446 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway** 3:30  
**TEMPLE**—Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 3:15  
**W. 25th ST.**—United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S—Westside**—West Blvd. Christian Church, Madison end W. 101 3:45  
**ELYRIA MEN**—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30  
**Mixed Discussion**—10:30 a.m.  
**VERMILION**—Congregational Church 3:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

**CLARK**—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish** Hall 2346 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN**—Y.Y.C.A., Room 8, Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE**—Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16916 Detroit 8:30  
**EUCLID MORNING**—Euclid Christian Ch., Lake Shore Blvd. — E. 280th St. — 10 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS**—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7852 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**GARFIELD TUES.**—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6566 Turney Road 8:30  
**HILLTOP**—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**LAUREL**—Brooklyn High School Cafeteria, 9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY-LYND**—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road 3:30  
**MILES-LEE**—St. Mary's Church, 4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**—St. Joseph's School, 9121 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7106 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK**—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 133th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 3:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**—Geneva, O. Methodist Church, So. Broadway, 1st Tue 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt 20—E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**—Lorain, O., Trinity Church 3:30  
**MANSFIELD**—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St. Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**—Methodist Church, Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 43 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**—Town Hall 3:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**—Lithuanian Hall, 6835 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER**—St. John's Lutheran School, 5326 Cable 8:30  
**BEDFORD**—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLYN-K.** of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 3:30  
**C.E.V.**—55 Public Sq. (rear) Room 361 8:30  
**COLLINGSWOOD**—945 E. 152nd St. 3:30  
**WAN MEN**—YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 106th St., Second floor front 8:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING**—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD**—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4392 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE**—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 66th and Colgate 8:30  
**LEE ROAD**—St. Ann's Church Basement, Coventry and Cedar 9:00

**LORAIN-TRISKETT**—Bosworth Road, Presbyterian Church, 3631 Bosworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED**—Episcopal Church of the Advent, 3760 Center Ridge Rd. (So. of Lorain) 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**—1708 Aiken 8:30  
**ST. JAMES**—St. James Church, E. 34th and Cedar 8:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Women's House Cor. 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 3:30  
**WEST SIDE** (Closed)—Twelfth Step Club, 3304 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN**—Harris Memorial, W. 63th & Adams, Ashtabula, Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.**—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42, So. of 303 3:30  
**ELYRIA O.**—St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR**—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00  
**INTERRACIAL**—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 3:30  
**JEFFERSON, O.**—St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN**—1st Presbyterian, 4735 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN**—M&H. Church, Rte. 254—1 block east of Rte. 57 3:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20% S. Park 8:00 EST  
**SANDUSKY, O.**—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30  
**WICKLIFFE**—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Church, 16337 Euclid Ave. 3:30  
**ANGLE**—St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 8:30  
**BAY WEST**—Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-65th**—Our Lady of Lourdes, School Hall, 3393 E. 65th St. a:30  
**COVENTRY**—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 3:30  
**CROSSROADS**—St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 73th St. and Lake Avenue 0:00  
**EASTLAKE**—Reformation Lutheran Church, 34300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN**—Richmond Library, 26151 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 3:30  
**EUCLID-WADE**—13867 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—(Outhwaite), 7100 Kinsman Ave. 3:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN**—Golden Gate Plaza, Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
**LORAIN THURSDAY**—4470 Ridge Rd., Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. 11 A.M.  
**NORTH RANDALL**—Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHTS**—6400 Pearl Road, NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR**—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction. 3:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING**—W. 93th & Denison, Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY**—2nd and Union, Rosaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.**—St. Peter's Church 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**—Bethany Luth'n Ch. Penn. Ave. between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
**BEREA**—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA**—St. Agnes Sch., Lake & Dewey 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—Alicanon Cl., 345 Broad, 3rd Fl. 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.**—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION**—112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
**MAPLE LEAF**—Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton+ Ohio 3:30  
**PAINESVILLE**—Congregational Church, Edna Bldg., Mentor Ave., Paville 3:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.**—St. Thomas School, Hams' Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD**—3437 Br'dway 9:00  
**CEDAR**—Salvation Army, 5006 Euclid 3:15  
**CHARITY**—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN**—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
**EUCLID**—FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
**FREEWAY**—STAG-1363 E. 260th 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Paul Corn. Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS**—Closed Discussion, Christian Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 3:30  
**HUDSON, O.**—Closed meetings, Christ Church, 21 Aurora a:30

**LEE ROAD**—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 16544 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST-Town House Motel**, 16661 Euclid Ave. 3:30  
**PARMATOWN MEN**—Assembly Room, Parma Community Hospital 3:30  
**SOLDARITY**—Friendly Inn Settlement, 2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARIS MIXED**, 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON**—Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**—First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
**BEREA**—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 3:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS**—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON**—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**—Methodist Church, Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—26 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON**—St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY**—2126 Broadway Rd. 9:00  
**L.S.I.**—17600 Broadway 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**—Teamster's Hall, 2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
**LEE-SEVILLE**—New Home Baptist Church, Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
**LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St.** 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**—Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT**—Windermere Presby. Ch., 14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1376 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL**—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4465 Turney Rd. 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. -12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES**, 1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00  
**PARMA**—Third Federal Savings & Loan, 6960 Ridge Road 8:45  
**PLAINS**—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Rts. 306 and 233, Mentor, O. 9:00  
**REDWOOD**—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30  
**TRINITY**—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.**—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—Catholic High School 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 3:30  
**MANSFIELD**—20% S. Park 3:00 EST  
**PARKMAN, O.**—Congregational Church 8:00  
**WEST RICHFIELD**—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**—Village Hall, 6661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C.A.H.** Discussion—13857 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
**COLLINGSWOOD**—946 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
**DETROIT**—SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
**DISCUSSION**—6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GRATEFUL**—St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMORY**, 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**—St. Thomas Church, 9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK**—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—STAG-8801 Superior 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 5:00  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Cooley Farms, Recreation Room 10 A.M.  
**YOUR**—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE**—V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.**—Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**—Immaculate Conception Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**—St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20% S. Park 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURGH, O.**—St. Helen's Church 8:15  
**TWILIGHT**—Grange Hall, Rt 60, Axtel, O. 7:30

# CLEVELAND AREA

## Guest Speakers

### OCTOBER, 1963

**Allendale (Thursday, 8:30 p. m.):** 3-Norman H., Parma; 10—John McD., Allendale; 17-Lenny K., Allendale; 24—Marie W., Collinwood; 31—John F., Northeast.

**Brooklyn (Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.):** 2-Lewis T., Painesville; 9—Edward B., Akron; 16—Bob S., Brooklyn (his 2nd anniversary); 23—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 13th anniversary); 30—Maggie M., Golden Gate.

**Brecksville V. A. (Monday 7:30 p. m.):** 7-Moses Y., Hartsville; 14-Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 21-Bruce M., King School, Akron; 28—Jesse C., St. Thomas Hospital, Akron.

**Charity (Friday, 8:30 p. m.):** Each of the four sneakers hail from Erie, Pa. Together, they total over fifty years of sustained sobriety. They are: 4—Andy H.; 11—Art G.; 18—Bill D.; 25—Brad S. They know how to "carry the message."

**C. A. H. Discussion (Sunday, 10:45 a. m.):** 6—Andy C., Allendale; 13—"Murphy" Sunier; 20—Bill H., Davton, O.; 27—George W., Matt Talbot.

**East Shore Women (Thursday 8:30 p. m.):** 3—Joan K.; 10—Mary P.; 17—Bob T. (a tape recording); 24—Genevieve B.; 31—John H.

**Edgelake (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.):** 8—Jack M.; 15—Ellis B.; 22—Frank G.; 29—Bill K., Doan Men.

**Fairport Harbor (Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.):** Visit this happy, friendly group. Meetings are held at the Luther Center, 525 Eagle St., near 6th St. You'll receive a cordial welcome.

**Fairview Park (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.):** 1—Jack B., Olmsted Falls; 8—John M., Avon Central; 15—Mary A., Avon Central; 22—Kitty C., Avon Central; 29—Jack G., Fairview Park.

**Friday-Lee (Friday, 9:00 p. m.):** 4—Joe S., Nela Park; 11—Jack B., Beverly Hills Stag, California (tape recording); 18—Charles W., Doran Men; 25—Frank G., Superior.

**Friendship (Monday, 8:30 p. m.):** 7—"Big Josephine" O., Collinwood; 14—Betty G., Golden Gate; 21—Doc, F., Painesville; 28—Closed Discussion-Ninth Step and Ninth Tradition.

**Garden Valley (Thursday, 8:00, p. m.):** 3—Maye K., Smith Wilson; 10—Tom V., Borton; 17—John and Rose B., Garden Valley; 24—Dan H., League Park; 31—Tom P., League Park.

**Garden Valley (Sunday, 4:30 p. m.):** 6—Jim K., St. Clair Thursday; 13—Tom C., Newburgh; 20—Dick P., Newburgh; 27—Alanon Group Anniversary.

**Grateful (Sunday, 2 p. m.):** 6—Bob W., Allendale; 13—Tony M., Hilltop; 20—Discussion Sunday; 27—Jim M., Lexington, Ky.

**Kirtland (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.):** 1—Joe O'D.; 8—Tom N.; 15—John L.; 22—Charlie S.; 29—Ed MaC.

**Laurel (Tuesday, 8:45 p. m.):** 1—Frank K., Laurel; 8—Kenny K., Doan Men; 15—Ed B., Free Lance; 22—George G., Forest City; 29—Panel Discussion.

**League Park (Saturday, 9:00 p. m.):** 5—Leonard B., 12—Freddie F.; 19—Lenny L.; 26—George MC?

**Night & Day (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.):** 1—Bill K., Doan Men; 8—John W., Collinwood (observing his 22nd anniversary); 15—Doc K., Doan Men; 22—Ted R., Valley View; 29—Bill O'B., Independence.

**Night & Day (Thursday, 11 a. m.):** 3—Fred D., Newburgh; 10—Bob L., Night & Day; 17—John C., Allendale; 24—"Pappy" S., Coventry; 31—Pat McG., Coventry.

**Night & Day Travel Unit:** 2—Fairport Harbor, Ohio (leave at 7 p. m.); 7—Jefferson, Ohio (leave at 7 p. m.); 14—W. 25th St. (leave at 8 p. m.) 20—Discussion Group (leave at 6 p. m.); 26—Lorain, Ohio Sat-nite (leave at 6:30 p. m.)

**North Olmsted (Wednesday, 9 a. m.):** 2—Bob S., Vermillion, O.; 9—Don F., Fairview; 16—Dick D., Brookmark; 23—Open; 30—Open.

**Norwalk Truck Line (Saturday, 9 p. m.):** 5—William P., North Randall; 12—Tom T., Lorain Ave., Thursday; 19—Ed R., Lakewood Armory; 26—Clay H., Norwalk Truck Line.

**Orchard Grove (Monday, 8:30 p. m.):** 7—Bill H., Dayton, O.; 14—Bill T., West Park; 21—Marty R., Eastside Women; 28—Jack W., North Olmsted.

**Parmatown Men (Friday, 8:30 p. m.):** 1—Harry R., Stella Maris; 11—Herschel H., Mansfield, O.; 18—Tom V., Borton; 25—Dennis O'N., Lakewood Men. Our friends of the medical profession will again be with us to discuss our mutual aims.

**Sheffield Lake (Thursday, 8:30 p. m.):** 3—Bill A., Ashland, O.; 10—Bill B., Lorain Central; 17—Chet S., Lodi, O.; 24—Jennie S., Newton Falls, O.; 31—Dick B., Sheffield Lake (his second anniversary).

**Solidarity (Friday, 8:45 p. m.):** 4—William S., Laurel; 11—Bill W., Lorain Ave.; 18—Ed H., Matt Talbot; 25—Bobby M., Ansel Road.

**St. James (Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.):** 2—Lou H., Geneva; 9—Danny H., League Park; 16—Pat P., Night & Day; 23—Minnie C., Night & Day; 20—Ed ? Night & Day.

**Trinity (Saturday, 9:00 p. m.):** 5—Ben T., West Park; 12—Walter D., Trinity; 19—Ted N., Forest City; 26—Jeane R., Trinity (his first anniversary).

**West Park (Tuesday, 8:30 a. m.):** Observes its Eighteenth Anniversary Tuesday, October 22 in Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas and W. 138th St. at 8:30 p. m. Speakers will be Ben T. of West Park and Charlie S. of Brooklyn. Buffet lunch and prizes. Other dates: 1—Farrell G., Angle; 8—Jack K., Orchard Grove; 15—Kitty C., Avon Central; 29—Stanton McD., Orchard Grove.

**West Side Women (Monday, 8:45 p. m.):** 7—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake; 14—Tom M. G., Edgelake; 21—Mary G., West Side Women; 28—Ken W., Independence.

**Y.O.U.R. (Sunday, 7:15 p. m.):** 6—Sophia C., Kirtland, O.; 13—Bob Q., Euclid-Friday; 20—Kenny S., YOUR; 27—Parnell S., Euclid-Friday.

**Willoughby (Monday, 8:30 p. m.):** 7—Dick O'D., Wickliffe; 14—Mos. Y., Hartville; 21—Erwin H., Madison; 28—John II., Euclid Friday.

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## COMMUNICATION

Ours is a group therapy which has its effectiveness in our understanding of each other and especially the newcomer. Our welcome help and sympathetic fellow feeling seem almost miraculous to the new man whose career with alcohol has long since reached the stage where anybody seemed to understand or care. We understand because we "have been there too!"

Yet we must ever remember that our understanding reaches the new man only as we are able to give it excellent communication. Go back in memory to your first several years in the fellowship. Picture in your mind's eye, the eagerness and enthusiasm of expression which were yours then, not only in dealing with the newcomer **but** with each other. Do you still have that much spirit or has a sort of "five o'clock shadow" settled over your attitude and communications to the other fellow? Do you make hospital calls only when urgently requested to see a specific newcomer? If such be the case, you probably comply if it is convenient. Do you then approach the call casually with the idea that you will do what you can with what you find? Having done so, do you leave feeling that you have filled your good deed quota for that day, or perhaps even that year?

On meeting attendance are you irregular and casual? Even if you are regular, are you "simply there?" Are you withdrawn and largely unsocial at meetings except for greeting old-time friends and talking about everything under the sun but our fellowship--and its way of life? If you fit wholly or partially into any of **these** categories, then the boat of quality sobriety may already have sailed without you as a passenger. These are not words of indictment, rather they are a plea of guilty after an honest self-inventory. One result for this writer will be to scan the schedule for the next sailing date.

Once all of us had a great quality of communication with the new man and with each other. This is a fine art and like all fine arts it deteriorates without continued and incessant practice. Any great artist will tell you that before success, he went through countless years of arduous practice. He will also tell you that after success, the continuance of that hard work in **never-ending** practice was necessary to stay on top. So it is **with** our effectiveness in communicating help to others. Without maintaining it, we lose much that we have gained. In our deterioration we are also failing to **express** our own gratitude for our own recovery. To put it bluntly we have ceased to be grateful when our gratitude is not-expressed in deeds.

Nothing adds brightness to our life quite as much as **contact** with an **oldtimer** whose exuberance and gratitude for the fellowship is exactly as it was in the beginning. This fellowship doesn't need us. We need it! If the fellowship does have one great need that outstrips all others, it is the need for greater numbers of active oldtimers with boundless spirit and ability to communicate that spirit and understanding to us all. It is a priceless attribute of our fellowship which defies description. We need more of it.

Time wasted in  
"getting even"  
can never be  
used in getting  
ahead!

## NOSTALGIA

There's a convention of World War I veterans next door at the Pick-Carter Hotel and the old army buddies are having a noisy and jolly reunion. Among them are the inevitable half-soused exhibitionists who infest every convention that meets next door.

They arouse in me many re-actions: annoyance, disgust, impatience and intolerance. These celebrants, I must realize, were only duplicating my and my drinking buddies' goofy actions twenty or more years ago. So I try not to be annoyed and attempt to close my eyes and ears and say a prayer of thanks for the miracle of my sobriety.

In the old days, before embracing AA (or should I say "before they snatched me?") a **conclave** of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion or Forty and Eights was a welcome change from the humdrum daily association with the regulars in the various bars which were on my daily route. There I was able to indulge in fantasy with other frustrated veterans who had not received medals of honor, bravery, **croix** de guerre, et cetera. Come to remember, I didn't believe their stories and am now fairly certain they didn't believe mine either.

**But** these occasions were breaks in the monotony of my daily life and instead of exhilarating me, they depressed me when I sobered up enough to realize that I had impressed no one except myself. I again experienced the shame of self-castigation for trying unsuccessfully to build up my ego in trying to convince my drunken audience that I too was a war hero-with the medals to prove it!

Looking at some of the loudest and most obnoxious I see **ME** again at my worst. And the thought occurs that maybe this is meant to be for my own good. Seeing them re-emphasizes the necessity to treasure the precious gift that God, in His infinite mercy, has granted me an exalted way of life, one filled with gratitude for being relieved of the burden of mere existence, to that of truly living, and being able to help those who are desperately seeking **help**.

I believe-that everyone in AA has had his moments of losing interest at one time or another. These come to us when meetings bore us . . . when we feel we are not appreciated . . . when we're not eulogized and praised for what we feel has been worthy of more than casual notice . . . when we haven't been asked to address a group meeting for some time.

All we have to remember, as I see it, is that we have been given a priceless gift! *Sobriety!* This gift is available to every problem drinker who has a conscience and a realization that he has been given a mandate to "carry this message to other alcoholics" and "to practice AA principles in all his affairs."

Hold the gift lightly and it will lose its value. Abuse it, it will be taken away from you. In your nostalgic moments as you remember the "*fun*" you had, recall, by all means, the *hell* you suffered.

If you are sane, you will, nostalgically, remember your *blessings!*

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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

Most, if not all of us, as we stood at the threshold of our fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous were sufferers from not only the disease that brought us to the door, but suffering from what is called (in the vernacular of some) "the shorts." And while in that same vernacular the allusion is usually to the material, we have come to know that we were also bereft and bankrupt of things moral, mental and spiritual.

Yet, there we stood powerless and hopeless, but seeking and searching, desiring and hoping that we could be helped. And so it was with that first dim ray of hope, we turned our first shovelful in breaking ground for the edifice that has become our way of life in happy sobriety. Hope was, and is in each dawning, the beginning of the spiritual.

Hope, however, can be an empty, fruitless thing. One philosopher has said the man who lives by hope alone will die of despair. On the other hand, another has said to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive. We like that. It suggests and impels action. For we have learned that idleness and inaction can spell doom, the doom of sluggish mental exercise, apathy and complacency, the development of which may come from thinking that we have arrived. If we do that, what we do not realize—sometimes too late—is that we are already slipping.

When we become happily, actively sober in A.A., and as we exercise and grow up into the way of life that has been given to us, recognize a key word that clears, with the help of grateful prayer, the obstacles in our way. That word is ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance of things that cannot be changed; acceptance of time in terms of this day, this moment; acceptance of others, as well as self, at highest value; and very importantly the acceptance of THE SPIRITUAL AS A NORMAL INTERPRETATION OF LIFE. From there we grow up and out, lifting our hearts to God and extending our hands to our fellow man.

You will recall from the sermon on the mount, Jesus saying "Consider the lilies, how they grow." He was talking to hard-working men and women, even as you and we are, and asked them to think about a plant that does not toil, nor spin, nor worry, because God takes care of it. So it is with you and with us as we remember these and all good things, our trust in God is strengthened. Other things fail and pass away, but not His power and grace.

Happy Thanksgiving, by George!

## DOCTOR'S NIGHT

The Golden Gate Women's group recently enjoyed a most unusual meeting when they invited their doctors and psychiatrists to attend their "Doctor's Night" meeting. Five doctors, two psychiatrists and a social worker attended and were enthralled.

The meeting was conducted in the usual manner and all offered comments and expressions of great worth at the close of the meeting.

Opens up some interesting possibilities for other groups, doesn't it?

There's nothing like a child's questions to make you realize how ignorant you are on so many subjects.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Central Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting October 1, 1963. 27 groups were represented by their secretaries or by members appointed or elected to perform this vital service. The meeting was rather brief, but constructive and well worth attending.

The Central Bulletin chairman was pleased to announce an increase in circulation. He reported, also, excellent participation by groups in the listing of their speakers on the supplemental page. He also reported that the added sheet was mailed to the entire Ohio area, making a total of slightly over 2,000. A reduction in the fee charged for this service has been made possible, therefore. Improvements in service and in editorial content are goals which this non-profit publication continues to achieve.

The Action Committee reported the closing of a club in Painesville which had operated in a manner injurious to AA and to AA members. For quite some time, it had been evident that the principal purpose of this club had been to enrich the proprietor and impoverish the patrons. Months of investigating and patient effort had cast its influence, and the result was heartening. It was an inspiring reminder that a worthy cause can triumph if its proponents are willing to exert themselves.

The Area-Wide Meeting (formerly known as the Consolidated Meeting) will take place December 1, 1963, if present plans are finalized.

Hospital Committee will no longer hold separate meetings. Any business which concerns this committee may be taken up during sessions of Central Committee. Of course an emergency meeting of Hospital Committee may be called when necessary.

The next meeting of Central Committee will be held November 5, 1963. The meetings are always held on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 1372, Hanna Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Your group is entitled to representation; don't miss this opportunity to serve and be served.

-J. T. B., North Olmsted

## AREA-WIDE MEETING

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital

Sunday, December 1, 1963

The Winter Area-Wide Meeting, sponsored by Central Committee will have as its speaker, John McH., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Sunday afternoon, December 1, at four o'clock in Jordan Hall.

These quarterly area-wide meetings are arranged to permit members of all groups to hear outstanding speakers from out of town whose message normally wouldn't be heard by but a small number of our Cleveland area members.

So, treat yourself and other members of your group by joining the crowd who will attend.

Besides, it will show the speaker that Cleveland AAs appreciate his willingness to give us so much of his time.

Coffee will be served before and after the meeting.

## NEW WEST SIDE HOSPITAL

The Hospital Committee of Central Committee has hope that within two weeks the Board of Directors of Bay View Hospital will approve the opening of a separate 11 bed ward for men only in the treatment of problem drinkers.

The Pin Committee of AA's and the Hospital Staff have held several meetings and have reached complete agreement on policy and treatment. This agreement will be presented to the Hospital Board for approval or rejection at their meeting on October 28.

This far-west side hospital supplies a long-sought need for serving a great number of groups in heavily populated western suburbs and Lorain and Medina Counties.

The ward will be administered by a committee of AA members similar to the methods and procedures at Rosary Hall and St. Thomas Hospital.

All group secretaries will be advised by letter should the Board of Bay West Hospital approve. This letter also will include an invitation to a planned Open House inspection of the facilities.

## THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Like all articles about alcoholism this is written for alcoholics, but especially for new members of AA . . . men or women who might be reluctant to participate fully in the AA program. This reluctance probably stems from the belief that their problems and the problems of other members are different.

They are probably ashamed of some past misdeeds and are convinced that no-one could possibly sink as low as they sometimes had. Maybe they raided the kid's piggy-bank to buy a couple of beers. Maybe they "borrowed" the rent money to indulge in a weekend at the local bars. Maybe they even snatched the purse of a 90-year-old woman for the small change it contained.

Who knows? Who cares?

Stick around awhile! And as you attend one meeting after another and listen to lead after lead, talking to your fellow members, the light in your mind will shine brighter and brighter, until you will finally come to realize that, at last, you are home . . . home among friends with your self-same problems together with a list of sorry misdeeds that leave yours far, far behind.

Now you begin to find the truth! You become astonished to find that there is so little difference in your past misconduct and that of your new friends. Your problems are their problems. Your anti-social behavior is their anti-social behavior. Sure, the locations are different as are the names of the bars.

You might have drunk a different brand of whiskey or beer, or gin, or wine. But, you are the same type of person with the same incurable disease! But now you have the same opportunity to control the disease, for you have help from people you know and who understand you.

You're home! So participate, brother or sister! You ain't gonna shock nobody!

-Ben B., Eye-Opener, Columbus, O.

## FAMOUS APT QUOTATIONS

We sometimes hear that the principles of AA were originally taught us at our Mother's knee. Certainly we are all aware that there are truths in the 12 steps as old as mankind itself. In glancing through a book of famous quotations, mottos and proverbs we can discover many in history who probably would have made good AAs.

I think Benjamin Franklin would have been a good 12 stepper. In his Poor Richard's Almanac he wrote, "It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow."

His approach to humility is contained in the sentence, "He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

And do you think he had the 24-hour program in mind with these words? . . . "One today is worth two tomorrows".

And just in case you think alcoholism is a new and modern-disease, try these quotes:

"All the crimes on earth do not destroy so many of the human race, nor alienate so much property, as drunkenness."-Roger Bacon

"Bacchus has drowned more men than Neptune."

-Garibaldi

"Of all the calamities, intemperance is the greatest."

-Thomas Jefferson

And in case you think the early A.M. eye-opener is something new, try this one from the Bible: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them."-Isaiah V, 11

--Independence Group News

A typographical error occurred in the directory of groups on page 4 of the October 1963 issue of the Central Bulletin. The North Olmsted groups meets at The Episcopal Church of the Advent, \$760 Dover Center Road, midway between Lorain Road and Center Ridge Road, Wednesdays, 9 :00 "p.m."

This is North of Lorain Road, not South. Is our face red!

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2—Second Anniversary of the Night & Day Groups, 13867 Euclid Avenue. A gala time is in store for all visitors. The regular meeting time has been advanced to 10 p. m. when the speaker will be introduced. Upon completion of the meeting the festivities will begin.

November 11—Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Orchard Grove group in Lakewood Elks' Hall, Detroit Ave., and Bunts Rd., at 9 P.M. Speaker will be Gene S. of Chicago, Ill.

November 12—Twenty-second Anniversary of the Mansfield Tuesday group in Grace Episcopal Church, Bowman at W. Third St., Mansfield, O. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 p. m. Open meeting at 8:30 p. m. Ed B. of East Cleveland will be the speaker.

November 18—Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Borton group in the East Cleveland Congregational Church, Paige and Euclid at 8:30 p. m. Twenty-two year (or more) members "Liz" B. and Harry S. will be the speakers.

December 1—Area-Wide Meeting in Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital, Sunday at 4 p.m. Speaker will be John McH., Pittsburgh, Penna.

## IT ISN'T AA, IF . . .

If a diabetic fails to take his insulin and has another attack . . .

If an ulcer patient does not follow his diet and has another attack . . .

If a man with an arrested case of tuberculosis fails to follow the doctor's advice with the result that the disease flares up again . . .

If the person with heart trouble or high blood pressure ignores his physician's advice and has another attack . . .

We don't fire the doctor or say the medicine's no good.

We send for the doctor and ask him to help us again.

If good church members sin, they don't fire the preacher, priest or rabbi and say the religion's no good.

If you're an alcoholic and "slip," don't be so foolish as to drop out of AA and say it's no good. Do as the patient does. Remember how well you got along while you followed the AA prescription. Then get back in AA and start getting along well again.

## NEW GROUP IN BEREA

A new group is being planned for the Southwest area of Cleveland. It will be known as 'Southwest Sunday and will meet at 8:30 p. m. Sunday evenings in the Berea Board of Education building at 390 Fair Street, Berea, O.

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th.

## OBITUARY

Peter Pierete, a 22 year member of the Collinwood group, passed away on October 4. He is survived by a wife, three sons, one step-son and two step-daughters. Our sincere sympathies go out to the survivors as well as to the group.

## ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-5135

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams...1st & 3rd Mon., 8 :30  
BR'K PK.—PARMA—Red'm'r Luth. 6151 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8 :30  
LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian, Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon., 8 :30  
EUCALID—Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. .... Tues., 8 :30  
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6655 Turney, Tues. 8 :30  
SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church. 20300 Hilliard. Tues.. 8 :30  
MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. .... Tues., 8 :30  
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church. W. 65th & Clinton...Wed., 8 :30  
BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation, 8437 Broadway--Wed.. 8 :30  
FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center, Eagle st. .... Wed. 8 :00  
LORAIN AVE.—Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Rd. Thurs., 9 :00  
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid ..... Fri., 1 :30  
CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. E. 22nd & Central. .... Fri., 8 :30  
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 118 South St. . . . Fri., 8 :30  
LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 82807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9 :00  
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd a 4th Sunday) Closed ..... Sun., 4 :00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

# CLEVELAND AREA A.A. GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**BROOK PARK**—Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6151 Smith Road, Brook Park 8:30  
**EARLY-EARLY**—Baptist Church, 1740 E. 17th St., Corner Walnut 7:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**—6037 Pearl 8:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24606 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**LAKWOOD MEN'S**—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY**—First Presbyterian Ch., East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**—St. Mark's Church, 15805 Trisquet Road 8:30  
**PEARL**—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
**RAMONA**—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
**SHAKER**—Christ Episcopal Church, 8445 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 8:45  
**SOUTH EAST**—7526 Broadway 8:30  
**TEMPLE**—Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
**W. 25th ST.**—United Church of Christ, 2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S**—Westside—West Blvd. Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45  
**ELYRIA MEN**—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30  
 Mixed Discussion 10:30 a.m.  
**VERMILION**—Congregational Church 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

**BRECKSVILLE V. A. HOSPITAL**, 10000 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, O. 7:30  
**CLARK**—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish**, Hall, 8846 E. 131st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN-Y.M.O.A.**, Room 6, Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EDGE LAKE**—Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16016 Detroit 8:30  
**EUCLID MORNING**—Euclid Christian Ch., Lake Shore Blvd. — E. 280th St. -10 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS**—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**GARFIELD TUES.**—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6666 Turney Road 8:30  
**HILLTOP ST.**—Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**LAUREL**—Brooklyn High School Cafeteria, 9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY-LYND**—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 6816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
**MILES-LEE**—St. Mary's Church, 4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13867 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON ST.**—Joseph's School, 9821 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 6:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK**—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**—Geneva, O. Methodist Church, So. Broadway, 1st Tue 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20—E. Southwood, Mentor 6:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**—Lorain O., Trinity Church 8:30  
**YANFIELD**—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St. Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**—Methodist Church, Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 48 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**—Town Hall 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**—Lithuanian Hall, 6885 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER-B+**—John's Lutheran School, 6826 Cable 6:30  
**BEDFORD**—Bedford Christian Church, Warrenville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLYN K.** of P. Hall, 8316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
**C.E.I.**—55 Public Sq. (rear) Roan 861 8:30  
**COLLINWOOD**—046 E. 162nd St. 8:30  
**DOAN MEN**—YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 106th St., Second floor front 8:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING**—0606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent) 10:30 a.m.  
**GARFIELD**—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4692 E. 151st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE**—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 45th and Colgate 6:30  
**LEE ROAD**—St. Ann's Church Basement, Coventry and Cedar 9:00

**LORAIN-TRISKETT**—Bosworth Road, Presbyterian Church, 3631 Bosworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED-Episc** Church of the Advent, 3760 Dover Ctr. Rd., north of Lorain 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**—1708 Aiken 8:30  
**ST. JAMES**—St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar 8:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Women's Home Cor. 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)**—Twelfth Step Club, 8804 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN**—Harris Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.**—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42, So. of 808 6:30  
**ELYRIA O.**—St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR**—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00  
**INTERRACIAL**—80th & Wood, Lorain, O., Yt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
**JEFFERSON, O.**—St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN**—1st Presbyterian, 4786 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN**—M&H. Church, Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 57 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**SANDUSKY, O.**—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30  
**WICKLIFFE**—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 399th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal, Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**ANGLE**—St. Malachi's, 2469 Washington 8:30  
**BAY WEST**—Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY-55th**—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, 8898 E. 85th St. 8:30  
**COVENTRY**—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
**CROSSROADS**—St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 78th St and Lake Avenue - 9:00  
**EASTLAKE**—Reformation Lutheran Church, 84300 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN**—Richmond Library, 26111 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**EUCLID-WADE**—18867 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN**—Golden Gate Plaza, Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd., - 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**, THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd., Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13857 Euclid Ave. -11 A.M.  
**NORTH RANDALL**—Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARYA HEIGHT**—400 Pearl Road, NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**—Rockport Methodist Church, 8310 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR**—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING**—W. 98th & Denison, Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY**—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.**—St. Peter's Church 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**—Bethany Luth'n Ch. Penn. Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
**BEREA**—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA**—St. Agnes Sch., Lake & Dewey 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—Alcanon Cl., 346 Broad, 3rd Fl. 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.**—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION**—112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 A.M.  
**MAPLE LEAF**—Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE**—Congregational Church, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Peville 8:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.**—St. Thomas School, Harris Road 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD**—8487 Br'dway 9:00  
**CEDAR-Salvation Army**, 6006 Euclid 8:15  
**CHARITY**—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN**—1081 Ter. Tow. 6:00  
**EUCLID**—FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
**FREWAY STAG**—1353 E. 260th 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumline Room 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Paul Corn. Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd. 0:00  
**HEIGHTS**—Closed Discussion, Christian Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
**HUDSON, O.**—Closed meetings, Christ Church, 21 Aurora 8:30

**LEE ROAD**—American Legion Hall, Post 168, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST-Town House Motel**, 16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**PARMATOWN MEN**—Assembly Room, Parma Community Hospital 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY**—Friendly Inn Settlement, 2282 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARIS MIXED**, 1820 Washington Ave. 8:15  
**WEST CLIFTON**—Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1875 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**—First Congregational Church, 82801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
**BEREA**—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS**—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON**—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**—Methodist Church, Buffalo and Madison Sts. 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—25 Mulberry - 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON, O.**—St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY**—2126 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
**L.S.I.**—17600 Broadway 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**—Teamster's Hall, 2076 E. 22nd St. at Carnegie 9:00  
**LEE-SEVILLE**—New Home Baptist Church, Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
**LIBERTY**—046 E. 152nd St. 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**—Luth. Church of Covenant, 10000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**YATT TALBOT**—Windermere Presby. Ch., 14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL**—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4466 Turney Rd. 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES**, 1147 E. 66th St. at Shore Drive 9:00  
**FARMA**—Third Federal Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road 8:45  
**PLAINS**—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., ts, 806 and 288, Mentor, O. 9:00  
**REDWOOD**—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Ortole 8:30  
**TRINITY**—Trinity Evangelical Church, 8626 W. 26th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2692 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.**—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30  
**ELYRIA**—Catholic High School 8:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**PARKMAN, O.**—Congregational Church 8:00  
**WEST RICHFIELD**—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**—Village Hall, 6661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C.A.H. Discussion**—13357 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
**COLLINWOOD**—946 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY**—8304 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
**DISCUSSION**—6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GRATEFUL**—St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden, near Shaw 2:00  
**LAKWOOD ARMY**, 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**—St. Thomas Church, 9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK**—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**—St. Catherine's Church, 8448 E. 98rd St. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR STAG**—8801 Superior- 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Cooley Farms, Recreation Room 10 a.m.  
**YOUR**—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank, 86690 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 8:00  
**CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE**—V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.**—Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**—Immaculate Conception Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**, St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURY, O.**—St. Helen's Church 8:15  
**TWILIGHT**—Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30

# CLEVELAND AREA

## *Guest Speakers*

### NOVEMBER, 1963

**Allendale (Thursday 8:30 p. m.)** 7—Chollie P., Chardon; 14—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 21—Wendell H., Wednesday-Lee; 28—George G., Forest City.

**Ansel Road (Wednesday 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Roy B., Cleveland Welfare; 13—Jack R., West 25th; 20—Tom P., League Park; 27—Bobby J., Forest City.

**Brecksville V. A. (Tuesday 7:30 p. m.)** Note change of day to Tuesday. 5—Bob C., Brook Park; 12—Ralph C., Parma Heights; 19—LeRoy R., Berea-Friday; 26—George G., Forest City.

**Brooklyn (Wednesday 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Wynn W., Lee-Wednesday; 13—Ladd T., Lake Shore; 20—Tom T., Lorain-Thursday; Ted R., Valley View.

**C.A.H. (Sunday 11 a. m.)** 3—Bob F., Newburg; 10—Gus the Baker, Baxter; 17—Farrell G., Angle; 24—Don C., Geneva.

**Charity (Friday 8:30 p. m.)** 1—Mike M., Matt Talbot; 8—Bobby J., Forest City; 15—Ken S., YOUR; 22—Joe F., Superior; 29—Jim S., Friendship.

**Doan Men's (Wednesday 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Mike M., Matt Talbot; 13—Mike M., YOUR; 20—John McD., Allendale; 27—Glenn B., Monday-Lee.

**East Shore Women's (Thursday 8:15 p. m.)** 7—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 14—George G., Forest City; 21—Bill H., League Park; 28—No meeting.

**Edgelake (Tuesday 8:30 p. m.)** 5—Bob E., Shaker; 12—Sponsors Night with Warren C. North Canton as speaker; 19—Jack B., Shaker; 26—Gratitude Night-no speaker.

**Euclid-Wade (Wednesday 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Joe M., \_\_\_\_\_; 13—Joe F., Superior; 20—Earl J., Angle; 27—Val G., Night & Day.

**Fairport Harbor (Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.):** Visit this happy, friendly group. Meetings are held at the Luther Center, 525 Eagle St., near 6th St. You'll receive a cordial welcome.

**Fairview Park (Tuesday 8:30 p. m.)** B—Ellen K., Lakewood Armory; 12—Jim F., Lakewood Men's; 19—Bob L., Independence; 26—Larry H., North Olmsted.

**Friendship (Monday 8:30 p. m.)** 4—Whitey E.; 11—Gordon B.; 18—Dick L.; 25—Closed Discussion-AA's only. 11th Step and 11th Tradition.

**Garden Valley (Sunday 4:30 p. m.)** 3—Eddie H., Garfield; 10—Frank K., Southeast; 17—Bob G., Solidarity; 24—Herman A., Garden Valley.

**Garden Valley (Thursday 8 p. m.)** 7—Marian and Bruce S., Temple; 14—Gates H., C. A. H.; 21—Johnnie J., Garden Valley; 28—Thanksgiving-Gratitude, Small Luncheon.

**Grateful (Sunday 2 p. m.)** 3—Don K., St. Clair-Thursday; 10—Steve J., Grateful; 17—Discussion Sunday; 24—Joe K., Ramona.

**Laurel (Tuesday 8:45 p. m.)** 5—Fred D., Miles-Lee; 12—Joe S., 24-Hour; 19—Jeanne B., 24-Hour; 26—James R., Edgelake.

**Lee-Monday (Monday 8:30 p. m.)** 4—Betty F.; 11—Joe H., Borton; 18—John R., Northeast; 25—Jim D., Edgelake. Guests at this meeting will include members of the clergy, Medical and law professions.

**Lorain-Triskett (Wednesday 9 p. m.)** 6—Fred F., Clark; 13—Jack D., Charity; 20—Jim R., Edgelake; 27—Lester S., Brookside.

**Night & Day (Tuesday 8:30 p. m.)** 5—Dorothy McA., Detroit Sunday; 12—George W.; 19—Pat P., Night & Day; 26—Joe F., Superior.

**Night & Day (Thursday 11 a. m.)** 7—Roy D., Euclid Morning; 14—Irene K., Night & Day; 21—Ernie L., Night & Day.

**Night & Day (Saturday-Midnight)** 2—Observes its second anniversary (meeting at 10 p. m. see "Dates to Remember" on Page 3); 9—Tom J., L. A.; 16—Lou M., League Park; 23—Al B., Wickliffe; 30—Agnes N., Mistletoe.

**Night & Day Travel Unit-7-No.** Randall (leave 7:30 p. m.); 14—Painesville (leave 7 p. m.); 17—Newbury (leave 6:30 p. m.); 28—Independence (leave 7 p. m.).

**North Olmsted (Wednesday 9 p. m.)** 6—Bernie D., Lorain Ave. Thursday; 13—Carl A., Lorain Ave. Thursday; 20—Dick P., Newburg; 27—Wm. C., Lorain Ave. Thursday.

**Orchard Grove (Monday 8:30 p. m.)** 1—Jim D., Independence; 18—Ladd T., Berea-Thursday; 25—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; November 11th-24th Anniversary at Lakewood Elks Hall, Detroit Ave. at Bunts Rd. Guest speaker will be Gene S. of Chicago.

**Parmatown Men's (Friday 8:30 p. m.)** 1—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; & George M., Edgelake; 15—Paul B., Edgelake; 22—Bill H., Shaker; 29—Ed. D., Hague.

**Solidarity (Friday 8:45 p. m.)** 1—Bill H., Shaker; 8—Fran P., Nela Park; 15—Curtis B., Garden Valley; 22—Mike V., Bedford; 29—Betsy LaR., Forest City.

**Redwood (Saturday 8:30 p. m.)** 2—Tom McG., Edgelake; 9—Tom S., Willoughby; X—Minnie C., Grateful; 23—Jim D., Independence; 30—June R., East Shore Women.

**Trinity (Saturday 9 p. m.)** 2—Freda L., Laurel; 9—Joe G., Trinity; 16—Joe K., Brooklyn; 23—Ray G., Charity; 30—Hilda H., Laurel.

**West Park (Tuesday 8:30 p. m.)** 5—Dot & Ted N., Clark; 12—Joe K., Brooklyn; 19—Gene R., West Park; 26—Andy Z., Clark.

**West Side Women's (Monday 8:45 p. m.)** 4—Tom J., Lakewood Armory; 11—No Meeting-Orchard Grove Anniversary; 18—Helene W., Cleveland Women's; 25—George M., Lakewood Armory.

**Willoughby (Monday 8:30 p. m.)** 4—Hank H., Mentor Plains; 11—Ralph McC., Gordon Square; 18—Mat I., Fairport; 25—Dan H., Newbury.

**YOUR (Monday 8:30 p. m.)** 3—Earl J., Angle; 10—Farrell G., Angle; 17—"Big Josephine", Collinwood; 24—Joe S., Nela Park.

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## ADMITTING WRONG

Many laymen have the belief that a lawyer can express a thought in 2500 well-chosen words or more, which the ordinary fellow might describe in a short sentence. If this be true, then a careful study of the Twelve Steps will lead you to the conclusion that the authors were not lawyers. Take a look yourself. See if you can find a single surplus word.

A friend of ours recently re-studied the steps for the umpteenth time with this exact objective in mind. He failed to find the surplus word but he did come up with a suggestion of the most commonly forgotten words. They are in the last half of the Tenth Step and they read, "And when we were wrong, promptly admitted it." How many of us do?

Reflective thinking on this suggestion leads one to realize that almost every mention made of this step covers the continuing inventory and stops right there. Often this column has suggested that knowledge by itself is an empty thing. Until knowledge is thrown into the main current of our life's action, it is meaningless.

Admission of being wrong has ever been a stumbling block for humans. For many of us it often seems like an insurmountable stone wall. Yet the prompt admission that we are wrong, if only to ourselves, is an indispensable ingredient if we are to achieve quality and effectiveness in a sober life. The **problem** is not confined to us, it is simply more important to us. A little observation of the people around you in **every-**day life will show you countless souls who are miserable and make those about them miserable because of their inability to admit wrong. To survive, such a one must rely **on** placing the blame elsewhere, on somebody else or upon conditions beyond his control.

So, we see that this failure or inability involves in the first instance, the refusal to accept responsibility for one's own acts. It breeds self-pity as you meditate on the rum deal you are getting from the world, or because of somebody's imagined act. It destroys your capacity to understand and be tolerant of the other person. It just doesn't "fit in" with tossing him the blame.

Actually the experience of assuming full responsibility for your acts in life can of itself be most rewarding. And the simple admission of wrong, when you are or may be, can **give you** a new lease on life with a minimum of effort on your part.

It is not easy to dismiss the ingrained habits of a lifetime. You start slowly and keep going with incessant awareness of the need to do so. The small step of admitting a small wrong right away, is a good beginning. As most of us look back at our little accomplishments in a long period of sobriety, the high spot will probably be someone we helped along the way.

Today our former pigeon stands as a sort of symbol because of his own example, which in fact may exceed our own. If such be the case, then remember if you will, that helping him was a situation in which we not only assumed responsibility for ourselves, but for him as well, "and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

It is nice to  
be important,  
but it is more  
important to  
be nice.

## PAT'S PLEDGE

Pat certainly had a drinking problem, though he stubbornly denied it. Finally his long-suffering wife sought counsel from her parish priest. Pat was called in and finally consented to taking a **30-day** pledge. He honored this pledge, but on the 31st day he got drunk!

He took two more **30-day** pledges, with the same tragic result. The priest put him on a **60-day** pledge. On the 61st day he went on a rousing bender which lasted for some time.

Deep in his misery and conscience-stricken, he was approached by a sympathetic stranger who told him about AA—that he, too, had tried to quit many times, but failed until he heard about AA, sought help and found continuous, happy **sobriety**.

This aroused Pat's curiosity. He told the stranger how he had tried to quit through pledges, but always got drunk when the pledges had been fulfilled. He was convinced that he *couldn't* stop, much as he wanted to. No, he was doomed to be a drunken bum!

"Much as *you wanted* to stop drinking, you said," said the stranger, "Are you truly sick and tired of being sick and tired? If you are, I can guarantee that you will never take a drink again if you sincerely follow the simple program of AA. It has worked with me as it has worked for over 300,000 all over the world!"

"How can you guarantee such a thing?" Pat answered. "I tried pledges four times, but I always got drunk when the pledges were fulfilled! No, I'm different! I'm sure it wouldn't work for me. I'm hopeless!"

"But you did stay absolutely sober for periods of **30** and 60 days, **didn't** you?" the AA asked. "That proves that you *can* quit if you *want* to!"

"Our AA program is a daily plan. If you could stay sober for thirty and sixty-day periods, certainly you can stay sober one day at a time.

"Your pledge to your priest was made by you to him. Did you at any time feel that your pledge was made through the priest, directly to God?"

"Our program of recovery is based on admitting we were powerless over alcohol and coming to believe that only a Power Greater than ourselves could restore us to sane living without alcohol.

"Our Daily Plan demands the same obedience that was demanded of you by the **priest**—that you remain steadfast to your God daily, by abstaining from alcohol beverages **daily**, by living an honest, upright life daily, and by proving your sincerity and gratitude for your deliverance from living in an insane, chaotic existence to a genuine, happy, worthy and fruitful one."

Pat listened and was emotionally impressed. He asked more questions and finally agreed to attend a meeting. To his surprise he found a covey of former drinking buddies who were members.

"But why doesn't the priest know about **this**?" Pat asked. "He **could** have saved me a lot of **grief**!"

"Why don't you go over and tell him-about it?" **his**

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## MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

While it is incumbent upon us to be thankful for Alcoholics Anonymous, for our sobriety, for our new way of life—each day of that life. And while we are thankful, it occurs that some of the time we may be rather hum-drum about it, taking it for granted.

It is more than fitting then, that as a fellowship, we set aside the month of November to especially remember and show and express our thankfulness, and this we do individually and collectively, showing our gratitude for the program—its three legacies of *Recovery, Unity and Service*.

Gratitude, as does humility, almost defies definition (the dictionary notwithstanding). Each is a state—one of thankfulness, the other of a quality of being humble. To our way of thinking, each defies definition or explanation, for each is the product of the individual's relationship with his Power greater than himself, and the individual's understanding of gratitude and humility is this relationship between God and himself.

Collectively, as we gather at our meetings, it becomes our expression of an individual relationship with God, and is gratitude personified. In other words, example. Let us think then, as we pass through this Thanksgiving season, into the Christmas season—a time of giving, a time of sharing; let us think of the sober days past, of the all-important *today*, and the tomorrows that may become our todays.

This has been used here before, but in our meditation on gratitude and giving may we be stimulated by the following:

*If a man would find God;  
let him humbly ask for a chance to believe;  
and meanwhile, let him go personally  
— not by delegate —  
to his less fortunate brother,  
helping him in his need of body and soul.  
He will presently find what he seeks.  
For when a man can leave himself  
and enter the lives of others,  
he leaves his own heart open  
so that God may enter and dwell with him.*

A bountiful Holiday Season to you, with best wishes for all good things in continuing abundance, by George!

PAT'S PLEDGE  
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friend replied. "There are many priests, ministers and rabbis who know about and recommend AA."

"A day at a time! A day at a time! I'll make it, begorra!"

## OBITUARIES

James R. Brennan—One of Cleveland's most popular and devoted members for the past 24 years passed away on October 25 after a long siege of throat cancer. Jim's passing leaves an aching void almost impossible to replace. He is survived by a daughter and three grandchildren.

Edward Mroczka, secretary of the Bedford Heights group and a dedicated AA passed away on November 4, 1963. He enjoyed seven years of sobriety. Our sympathies go out to his family and many friends.

**Holiday Waning — Don't Take that First Drink!**

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Central Committee held its scheduled meeting on November 5, 1963. The group of representatives who attended had the privilege of being the first to be informed of recent important developments.

Jim R. reported that Serenity Hall, a ward for the treatment of 11 male alcoholics at Bay View Hospital, would become a definite reality on November 18th. With a capable doctor who is experienced in this vital work, a committee of dedicated AA members to administer the AA program, a willingness on the part of the hospital to cooperate to the fullest extent, and the most cheerful surroundings imaginable, this is a godsend to an area where a shortage of hospital beds exists for this purpose. Nine patients were hospitalized in the first week.

Harry D. announced an increase in the number of subscriptions to the Central Bulletin, and continued good support for the supplement that lists the speakers.

The Action Committee gave an off-the-cuff account of its current activities. At the present time, it does not wish to announce names or details pending authentication of the matters being investigated.

The Area-Wide meeting has secured an excellent speaker for December 1, 1963. John McH., of Monroeville, Penn. Speaker is an outstanding AA member.

Central Committee will meet again on the first Tuesday in December as usual. The moderator and vice-moderator for 1964 will be elected. Try to be present for this important meeting at 8:30 p. m., December 3, 1963, in room 1372 of the Hanna Bldg. —J.T.B., North Olmsted

## AREA-WIDE MEETING

St. Vincent's Charity Hospital-Jordan Hall  
Sunday, December 1, 1963 at 4:00 P.M.

An outstanding speaker, John McH., of Monroeville, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, will address the Winter Area-Wide meeting in Jordan Hall on Sunday, December 1 at 4 p. m.

These meetings give members in the Cleveland area an opportunity of hearing a speaker from a distant city who has impressed many at AA conventions. A speaker of his caliber would normally not be available to the 150 groups in our area.

These quarterly meetings also make it possible to renew acquaintanceship with friends who live in the outlying areas from Astabula to Sandusky, Ashland and Mansfield, Elyria and Lorain, Akron and Willoughby, etc. Coffee will be on tap before and after the meeting.

## "MAN WITH CAST ON ARM"

During our compulsive drinking, we developed mental attitudes, judgments and reflexes which medicine calls "behavior patterns." With subtle slowness these formed below our conscious awareness: from emotions of frustration, vanity, guilt, fear, sustained anger and despair. In our conscious mind, we are aware only of these emotions. We are unaware that the forces of alcohol are distorting these emotions and developing misshapen behavior patterns. Ultimately our minds are obsessed, the patterns of a normal mind are gone.

Abstinence removes the forces but the patterns remain. Until we can recognize these misshapen patterns as being not normal, we will still react as we formerly did. An M.D. explained this as similar to applying a plaster cast to a healthy arm. In the weeks of immobility, blood vessels compress, muscles atrophy, nerves lose responses and soon the arm withers.

In the time of drinking, the alcohol is the cast, the obsessive forces compress and atrophy the mind, reflexes are dulled and distorted, the normal behavior patterns wither.

Remove the cast but the withered arm remains. Physiotherapy, massage and corrective exercises are required to reactivate it. Remove the alcohol and the obsessed behavior patterns remain. The vital required therapy is to recognize, analyze, remove and replace these patterns.

Only in AA, with honest humble practice of the steps will the mind be reactivated.

—Anonymous

**A LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir;

Can you please write and print a strong, effective article in the Bulletin about these so-called AA members who openly brag in meetings or at the coffee sessionr about their recent slips?

During the past year I've been unfortunate to sit across or next to some jerks who openly brag about having a recent slip (as they chose to call it).

"Boy, did I hang one on last week," he'd say. Then he'd tell you he has been in AA five years!

Another man at a meeting (tonight as a matter of fact) tells me he has been in AA two years. Then he started bragging about having gone on a bender 6 weeks ago, and *laugh8* about it.

When you ask them why, they flippantly say, "Oh well, it was one of those things."

Now Mr. Editor, I'm in AA with 26 months of total sobriety. Many others are newer in the program than me. Why do they persist in contaminating us with this bragging?

I'm getting to the point where I walk away from them in disgust.

Then they have the gall to get up and extoll the merits of AA in comments and then later say to you, "I had a slip recently."

I say let them confess their sins to their sponsors. Why to a new man? Don't they realize they may be talking to a new member?

I really think an effective article on this subject would be helpful.

-Bill F. (a new AA member)

**Editor's Note:** We are printing this letter as it came to us, after making some minor revisions. We have been touching on this same subject off and on for the past twenty-one years, and are grateful to Bill F. for writing it. We're happy that he is included in the dedicated half of our AA members who have found and treasured their sobriety by following the precepts of the AA program fully and gratefully. Thanks, Bill.

**CLASS DISTINCTION IN SOBRIETY**

**The Pure — The Partially Pure — The Fakers**

Fortunate are **The Pure** in Sobriety, for they shall reap its rewards. **The Partially Pure** shall become **The Pure** in Sobriety, with faith and total abstinence. **The Fakers** shall **never** attain **The Pure** in Sobriety because they are Fakers. —William F.

**THE AA FORMULA**

"When I am asked the question, "How does AA work?" or "What makes AA work?," I simply give them the AA formula . . . AA, plus *application*, plus *determination*, plus faith equals *sobriety*.

Continued application, plus desire, plus common sense equals permanent sobriety.

Permanent sobriety, plus decency, equals health, wealth and happiness. —Ball F., Brooklyn Group

**ACTION**

Words mean a whole lot to all of us and if you doubt the importance of the manner in which they are used, consider:

As the Indian said: Everyone is smoking the pipe of peace but no one is inhaling . . .

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A sister was teaching her pupils about heaven. "And now," she said, "*everyone* in the class who wants to go to heaven, hold up your hand." All did except little Pat. "What's the matter, Patrick? Don't you want to go to heaven?" "I can't", he said sorrowfully. "Mother said I have to come right home after school" . . .

—Chalmers

**AA OFFICE SECRETARY RESIGNS**

George O'H., capable secretary of the Cleveland AA District Office for the past years rendered his resignation on Friday, November 8 on his doctor's orders. His successor has as yet not been named.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 1**-Area-Wide Meeting in Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital, Sunday at 4 p.m. Speaker will be John **McH.**, Pittsburgh, Penna.

**December 4**-Third Anniversary of the North **Olmsted** group with **Herschel H.**, Mansfield as the speaker.

**December 7**—**Sixteenth** Anniversary of the Trinity **group**, with J. Don H., Counselor for North American Aviation, Inc. of Columbus as speaker. Meeting at **9:00** p. m.

**December 8**—**First** meeting of the **Southwest** Sunday group at **8:30** p. m. with Harry H. of Rocky River as speaker.

**December 12**—**Fourth** Anniversary of the Painesville **group** with Warren C., Jr., as speaker.

**December 25**-Fifteenth Anniversary of the East Side morning group will be held in the University Club, 3813 Euclid Ave. at 11:00 a. m. Tom V. of **Borton** will be the speaker.

**A NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES**

Nobody minds a morning eye-opener and it's **OK** to have a **bracer** about 10 A. M. and a couple of **drinks** before **lunch**.

A few beers on a hot afternoon keeps a man healthy, or at least happy. And, of course, everyone **drinks** at the cocktail hour. A man can't **be** criticized for having wine with his dinner, a liqueur afterwards and a highball or two during the evening. But this business of sip, sip, sip, all day long has got to stop!

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Group **Leader:** "All those here who are **alcoholics** will raise their **hands**." One hundred hands shoot up.

Group **Leader:** "Now those who do not feel they are alcoholics." One hand goes up.

Group **Leader:** "How would you classify yourself, Sir?"  
**Voice:** "I'm the janitor here."

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When drinking, it took **no** effort to bore people on any **subject**

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It's better to raise beans than **spill** them.

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Domestic quarrels can usually be curbed by the discreet use of arms.

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An alcoholic is a guy who can't drink but keeps on trying to the very end.

**ALANON GROUP MEETINGS**

- Alanon Answering Service — Call SU. 1-5185
- ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams...1st & 3rd Mon., 8 :30
- BR'K PK.—PARMA—Red'm'r Luth. 6161 Smith Rd. (1st&3rd Mon.) 8:30
- LAKEWOOD—Lakewood Presbyterian. Detroit Ave. at Marlowe Mon.. 8:30
- EUCLID—Christian Church, 28001 Lake Shore Blvd. —Tues., 8:30
- GARFIELD HEJGHTS—Garfield Hts. City Hall, 6666 Turney, Tues. 8 :30
- SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues. 8:30
- MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. .... Tues. 8:30
- BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church. W. 65th & Clinton... Wed., 8:30
- BROADWAY—Newburgh Recreation. 8427 Broadway - Wed.. 8:30
- FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center, Eagle st. .... Wed. 8 :30
- LORAIN AVE.—Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Rd. Thurs. 9 :00
- E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid . . . Fri. 1:30
- CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. E. 22nd & Central ..... Fri. 8:30
- CRARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 118 South St. .... Fri. 8:30
- LORAIN COUNTY—Congregational Ch., 32807 Electric, Avon Fri. 9 :00
- VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed.....Sun. 4:00

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 206, Frederick Building, 2063 East 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is **CHerry 1-7887**.

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# CLEVELAND AREA A A GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.  
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**BROOK PARK**—Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
6151 Smith Road, Brook Park 6:30  
**EARLY-EARLY**—Baptist Chumh.  
1740 E. 17th St. Corner Walnut 7:30  
**EDGE LAKE**—Faith Lutheran Ch., Lakewood,  
Woodward & Hilliard (Wdwr. Ave. ent.) 8:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**—4687 Pearl 6:00  
**FRIENDSHIP**—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,  
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**—St. Peter's Episcopal,  
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00  
**LEE MONDAY**—First Presbyterian Ch.,  
East Cleveland, Neia and Euclid 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.**—St. Ignatius Hall,  
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30  
**ORCHARD GROVE**—St. Mark's Church,  
15805 Trisket Road 8:30  
**PEARL**—St. Mary's Sch., 4600 State Rd. 8:30  
**RAMONA**—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30  
**SHAKER**—Christ Episcopal Church,  
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00  
**SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN**—Sunset Rd.,  
St. John Parish House, Independence 12:30  
**SOUTH EAST**—7526 Broadway 8:30  
**TEMPLE**—Fatima Hall, 6914 Lexington 8:15  
W. 25th St.—United Church of Christ,  
2409 Willowdale Ave. 9:00  
**WOMEN'S**—Westside—West Blvd. Christian  
Church, Madison & W. 101st St. 8:15  
**ELYRIA MEN**—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30  
Mixed Discussion 10:00 a.m.  
**JEFFERSON, O.**—St. Joseph's Church 8:30  
**VERMILION**—Congregational Church 8:30  
**WILLOUGHBY, O.**—First Presbyterian  
Church, 4785 Shankland Rd. 8:30

## TUESDAY

**BRECKSVILLE V. A. HOSPITAL**  
10000 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, O. 7:30  
**CLARK**—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30  
**CORLETT MIXED**—Holy Family Parish  
Hall, 3945 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**EASTSIDE WOMEN**—Y.M.C.A., Room 6,  
Lee Road at Euclid 8:15  
**EUGLID MORNING**—Euclid Christian Ch.,  
Lake Shore Blvd & E. 230th St. 10:30 a.m.  
**FAIRMOUNT**—St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**FALLS**—Community Church, Olmsted Falls,  
7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00  
**GARFIELD TUES.**—Garfield Hts. City Hall  
5555 Turney Road 8:30  
**HILLTOP**—St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**LAUREL**—Brooklyn High School Cafeteria,  
9400 Biddulph Rd. (Parking, W. 96th) 8:45  
**MAY-LYND**—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan,  
5816 Mayfield Road 8:30  
**MILES-LEE**—St. Mary's Church,  
4070 E. 142nd St. 8:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—18857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**—St. Joseph's School,  
8821 Orleans Ave. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church,  
E. 40th and Superior 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 8:00  
**VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**,  
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7100 Kinsman 7:00  
**WEST PARK**—Puritas Lutheran Church,  
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**—First Presbyterian Church,  
3rd & Church Sts. 8:00 EST  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**—Geneva, O.  
Methodist Church, So. Broadway. 1st Tue 8:30  
**KIRTLAND, O.**—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY**—Meth. Fellowship Hall,  
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30  
**LORAIN CENTRAL**—Lorain, O.,  
Trinity Church 8:30  
**MANSFIELD**—Episcopal Church,  
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST  
**MEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**STREETSBORO, O.**—Methodist Church,  
Intersection of Rte. 14 & Rte. 48 8:30  
**Stronzeville**—Methodist Ch., 13354 Pearl 8:30

## WEDNESDAY

**ANSEL**—Lithuanian Hall  
6935 Superior Ave. 8:30  
**BAXTER**—St. John's Lutheran School,  
6826 Cable 8:30  
**BEDFORD**—Bedford Christian Church,  
Warrensville Center and Blaine 9:00  
**BROOKLIN**—K. of P. Hall,  
8816 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30  
**COLLINSWOOD**—946 E. 152nd St. 8:30  
**W A N MEN**—YMCA (University Circle),  
8666 E. 105th St., Second floor front 6:30  
**EASTSIDE MORNING**—9606 Euclid Ave.  
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.  
**EUGLID-WADE**—13857 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**GARFIELD**—Pilgrim E. & R. Church,  
4592 E. 181st St. 8:30  
**HAGUE**—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,  
West 66th and Colgate 6:30

**LEE ROAD**—St. Ann's Church Basement,  
Coventry and Cedar 9:00  
**LORAIN-TRISKETT**—Bowworth Road,  
Presbyterian Church, 8681 Bowworth 9:00  
**NO. OLMSTED**—Epis'l Church of the Advent  
3760 Dover Ctr. Rd., north of Lorain 9:00  
**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**—1706 Alken 8:30  
**ST. JAMES**—St. James Church,  
E. 64th and Cedar 6:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**—18616 Detroit,  
Church of the Ascension 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Women's House Cor. 7:30  
**WEST SHORE**—Wat Shore Unitarian,  
60401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 6:30  
**WEST SIDE (Closed)**—Twelfth Step Club  
6894 Detroit Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN**—Burt  
Memorial, W. 68th & Adams, Ashtabula  
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30  
**BRUNSWICK O.**—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,  
Route 42, so. of 303 6:30  
**ELYRIA O.**—St. Paul Building,  
Third and Middle, ride entrance 6:30  
**FAIRPORT HARBOR**—Luther Center,  
Eagle St., Fairport H & or 6:00  
Farm-9438 Slagle, Rte 303, Garrettsville 10:30  
**INTERACIAL**—30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30  
**LAKE COUNTY WOMEN**—1st Presbyterian,  
4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby 1:00  
**LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN**—Meth. Church,  
Rte. 264-1 block east of Rte. 67 8:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park - 6:00 EST  
**WICKLIFFE**—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church,  
E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

## THURSDAY

**ALLENDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Church, 16887 Euclid Ave. 6:30  
**ANGLE**—St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 8:30  
**BAY WEST**—Church of the Redeemer,  
23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 8:30  
**BROADWAY**—56th—Our Lady of Lourdes  
School Hall, 8898 E. 55th St. 6:30  
**COVENTRY**—F&mount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30  
**CROSSROADS**—St. Luke's Episcopal,  
W. 78th St and Lake Avenue 9:00  
**EASTLAKE**—Reformation Lutheran Church,  
84800 Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00  
**EAST SHORE WOMEN**—Richmond Library,  
26161 Euclid Ave., Euclid, O. 8:15  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—(Outhwaite) 8:00  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00  
**GOLDEN GATE WOMEN**—Golden Gate Plaza,  
Ohio Savings Bank, Mayfield Rd. 8:30  
**LORAIN AVE.** THURSDAY-4470 Ridge Rd.  
Dr. Martin Luther Church 9:00  
**NIGHT & DAY**—IS867 Euclid Ave. -11 AM  
**NORTH RANDALL**—Village Hall,  
21987 Miles Ave. 9:00  
**PARMA HEIGHTS**—6400 Pearl Road  
NADS, basement, rear entrance 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**—Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3810 Wooster Road 9:00  
**ST. CLAIR**—Nottingham Methodist Church  
St. Clair & Melville 8:30  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
**WEST SIDE MORNING**—W. 96th & Denison,  
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 AM  
**ASHLAND THURSDAY**—2nd and Union,  
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST  
**AMHERST, O.**—St. Peter's Church 8:30  
**ASHTABULA HARBOR**—Bethany Luth'n Ch.  
Penn. Ave., between W. 9 and W. 10 8:30  
**BEREA**—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,  
8 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00  
**ELYRIA**—St. Agnes Sch., Lake & Dewey 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.**—St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00  
**DISCUSSION**—112 E. 19, Lorain, O. 10 AM  
**MAPLE LEAF**—Congregational Church,  
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 6:30  
**PAINESVILLE**—Congregational Church,  
Edge Bldg., Mentor Ave., Painesville 6:30  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, O.**—St. Thomas  
School, Ham's Road 8:30  
**WILLARD, O.**—United Bank Bldg. 8:30

## FRIDAY

**BROADWAY-HARVARD**—8437 B'way 8:30  
**CRADAR**—Salvation Army, 6006 Euclid 6:15  
**CHARITY**—Amphitheatre, 6th floor,  
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8  
**CLEVELAND WOMEN**—425 Term. Twr. 6:00  
**EUGLID**—FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,  
Lake Shore & East 210th St. 9:00  
**FREWAY STAG**—1868 E. 260th 8:30  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Ply-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room 1:00  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Paul Corn. Church,  
4427 Franklin Blvd. 9:00  
**HEIGHTS**—Closed Discussion, Christian  
Church, Van Aken & Avalon (rear) 8:30  
**HUDSON, O.**—Closed meetings,  
Christ Church, 81 Aurora 6:30

**LEE ROAD**—American Legion Hall,  
Pat 168, 16644 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST**—Town How Motel,  
16661 Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**PARMATOWN MEN**—Assembly Room  
Parma Community Hospital 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY**—Friendly Inn Settlement,  
2232 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30  
**STELLA MARIS MIXED**  
1820 Washington Ave. 6:15  
**WEST CLIFTON**—Lkwd. Congregational  
Church, 1816 W. Clifton Road 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**—First Congregational Church,  
62801 Electric Boulevard 8:30  
**BEREA**—Social room of Berea Cong.  
Chumh, Seminary and Church 6:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS**—Federated Churches,  
76 Bell Street 9:00  
**CHARDON**—Pilgrim Christian Church,  
118 South Street, Chardon, O. 6:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**—Methodist Church,  
Buffalo and Madison Sts. 6:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—25 Mulberry 8:00 E.S.T.  
**WELLINGTON**—St. Patrick's Catholic  
Chumh. No. Main St., Wellington, O. 6:30

## SATURDAY

**FOREST CITY**—2125 Broadview Rd. 9:00  
**L.S.I.**—17600 Broadway 8:30  
**LANDER CIRCLE**—Garfield Mem. Methodist  
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00  
**LEAGUE PARK**—Teamster's Hall,  
2076 E. 22nd St at Carnegie 9:00  
**LEESEVILLE**—New Home Baptist Church,  
Seville & Sunview Ave. 7:00  
**LIBERTY**—946 E. 152nd St. 8:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**—Luth. Church of Covenant,  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT**—Windermere Presby. Ch.,  
14112 Euclid Ave. at Windermere 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**—Lakewood Congregational Ch.,  
1876 W. Clifton cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00  
**NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL**—Williams  
Bldg., Entrance at 4466 Turney Rd. 7:30  
**NIGHT & DAY**—13867 Euclid Ave. 12 Midnight  
**NORWALK TRUCK LINES**—  
1147 E. 66th St. at Shore Drive 9:00  
**PLAINS**—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,  
Rte. 806 and 288, Mentor, O. 6:00  
**PARMA**—Third Federal Savings & Loan  
6960 Ridge Road 8:45  
**REDWOOD**—Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole 6:30  
**TRINITY**—Trinity Evangelical Church,  
8626 W. 25th St. 9:00  
**VALLEY VIEW**—Pilgrim Congr. Church,  
2692 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather 9:00  
**ASHTABULA, O.**—St. Peter's Epis. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park 6:30  
**ELYRIA-ALANON**—Woodbury St.,  
off Cleveland St. 6:30  
**LORAIN SATNITE**—7th and Reed St.,  
St. Mary's Church Basement 6:30  
**MANSFIELD**—20 1/2 S. P.ug 6:00 EST  
**PARKMAN, O.**—Congregational Church 8:30  
**WEST RICHFIELD**—Consolidated Chumh,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

## SUNDAY

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS**—Village Hall,  
6861 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 6:30  
**C.A.H. Discussion**—13867 Euclid 10:45 a.m.  
**COLLINSWOOD**—946 E. 162nd St. 7:30  
**DETROIT SUNDAY**—8804 Detroit Ave. 7:30  
**DISCUSSION**—6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00  
**GARDEN VALLEY**—Outhwaite,  
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30  
**GRATEFUL**—St. James Lutheran Church,  
1424 Hayden near Shaw 2:00  
**LAKEWOOD ARMY**—  
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00  
**MISTLETOE**—St. Thomas Church,  
9206 Superior Ave. 7:00  
**NELA PARK**—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg.,  
Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30  
**NEWBURGH**—St. Catherine's Chumh,  
8448 E. 93rd St. 6:30  
**SOUTHWEST SUNDAY**—390 Fair St.  
Board of Education Bldg., Berea, O. 8:30  
**Superior Stag**—2028 E. 106th 11:00 a.m.  
**TRUSTY**—Cleveland House of Correction,  
1000 ft. east of House of Correction 6:00  
**WARRENSVILLE**—Cooley Farms,  
Recreation Room 10 AM  
**YOUR**—Euclid Community House,  
240 Briardale 7:15  
**AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank,  
86699 Detroit Rd., Avon, O. 6:00  
**CEIPPEWA-SEVILLE**—V.F.W. Hall,  
Seville, O. 8:00  
**GENEVA, O.**—Episc. Ch., 66 So. Eagle 7:30  
**GOLF LAKELANDS**—Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hubbard Rd., No. Madison 8:30  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**—  
St. John's Sch., 81 & Rt. 67, Lorain 7:30  
**MANSFIELD, O.**—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 EST  
**NEWBURY, O.**—St. Helen's Church 8:15  
**TWILIGHT**—Grange Hall, Axtel, O. 7:30

# CLEVELAND AREA

## Guest Speakers

### DECEMBER, 1963

**Allendale (Thursday, 8:30 p. m.)** &Cliff and Mollie Z., Clark; **12—John McE.**, Independence; **19—Charlie G.**, Allendale; **26—Jack and Billie M.**, Parma.

**Avon Central (Sunday, 8:30 p. m.)** 1—Tom M., Solidarity; 8—Paul R., Warren, O.; **15—Edith B.**, Wednesday-Lee; **22—Bill H.**, Monument, Dayton, O.; 29—Tom K., Barberton, O.

**Brecksville VA. (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.)** 3—Tom T., Lorain Ave. Thursday; **10—Bill H.**, Monument, Dayton, O.; **17—Jack S.**, Pearl; **25—Special Christmas Program** by the Task Force; **31—Special New Year Watch** by the Task Force.

**Brooklyn (Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.)** P—Harry D., Edgelake; 11—William B., Brooklyn (his 16th anniversary); **18—Al S.**, Brooklyn (his 17th anniversary); 25—No meeting. **C.A.H. (Sunday, 11:00 a. m.)** 1—Joe F., Superior; **8—Joe K.**, Ramona; **15—Fred F.**, Superior; **22—"Scottie" R.**, Norwood; **29—Tony M.**, Mistletoe.

**Charity (Friday, 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Ted S., Northeast; **13—John B.**, Lakewood Men; **20—Harry H.**, Rocky River; **27—Jack McG.**, Northeast.

**East Shore Women (Thursday, 8:15 p. m.)** S—John W., Fairmount; **12—Mary S.**, East Shore Women; **19—Christmas Party and Panel of Lake County Women**; **26—"Group Responsibilities"** topic discussed by East Shore Women, led by Peg. H.

**East Side Morning (Wednesday, 10:30 a. m.)** Observes its 15th anniversary month with four speakers whose sobriety totals over 75 years; **4—Fred D.**, Coventry; **11—Henry W.**, Euclid-Wade; **18—Tom McG.**, Edgelake; **25—Gala Christmas Party in the University Club, 3813 Euclid Ave. at 11:00 a. m.**, with Tom V., Borton as speaker.

**Edgelake (Monday, 8:30)** Now meet in new quarters in Faith Lutheran Church, Woodward and Hilliard, on Mondays. (Entrance on Woodward Ave.) **Speakers: 2—Jim D.**, Independence; **9—Howard (Bill) T.**, Edgelake; **16—Christmas Party**, Harry D., Edgelake; **23—"Bud" H.**, Independence; **30—Norman S.**, Lorain Ave., Thursday.

**Euclid-Wade (Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.)** &—George G., Forest City; **11—John S.**, Night and Day; **18—John McD.**; **25—Nellie F.**, Westside Women.

**Fairview Park (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.)** 3—Paul L. Berea; **10—Harry H.**, Rocky River; **17—Mose Y.**, Hartville, O.; 24—No meeting; 31—Discussion.

**Garden Valley (Sunday, 4:30 p. m.)** 1—Levi W., Garden Valley; &Willie P., Garden Valley; X—Claude M., Garden Valley; **22—Herman W.**; 29—Jim D., Edgelake.

**Garden Valley (Thursday, 8:00 p. m.)** 5—Leroy M., Garden Valley; **12—Bud H.**, Independence; **19—Ernest M.**, Garden Valley; **26—Christmas Party.**

**Grateful (Sunday, 2:00 p. m.)** 1—Riff F., Heights Discussion; **8—Glover D.**, Fresno, Calif.; **15—Discussion** group; **22—Jack B.**, Shaker; **29—John S.**, Lee-Monday.

**Laurel (Tuesday, 8:45 p. m.)** 3—Bobbie J., Forest City; **10—Jim R.**, Brookpark; **17—Maggie M.**, Golden Gate Women; **26—(Thursday)**, Jim B., Clark.

**Matt Talbot (Saturday, 8:30 p. m.)** 7—Al B., Wickliffe; **14—Jerry S.** Monday-Lee; **21—Lou G.**, Heights Discussion; **28—Hob D.**, (Chicken Dinner served).

**Night and Day (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.)** 3—Harry B., League Park; **10—Milt B.**, Night and Day; **17—Bobby M.**, Matt Talbot; **24—Al L.**, Ashtabula, O.; **31—Bob G.**, Night and Day.

**Night and Day (Thursday, 11:00 a. m.)** &Roy N.; **12—William McG.**; **19—Joe P.**; **26—Harry McG.**

**Night and Day (Saturday midnight)** 7—Jack B., Beverly Hills, Calif. Stag. (Tape recording); **14—Pete H.**, Fairport Harbor; **21—Charlie P.**, Chardon; **28—George McF.**, Wickliffe

**Night and Day Travel Unit** 7—Parma (leave 7:00 p. m.); **14—Kenmore**, Akron (leave 7:00 p. m.); **21—West Richfield** (leave 7:00 p. m.); **29—Newburgh** (leave 7:00 p. m.). **North Olmsted (Wednesday, 9:00 p. m.)** 4—Observes its Third Anniversary with Herschel H., Mansfield as guest speaker. **11—Bill S.**, Lorain Ave. Monday; **18—Harry H.**, Rocky River; **25—Tom M.**, Crossroads.

**Orchard Grove (Monday, 8:30 p. m.)** "William McA., Angle; **9—John M.**, Forest City; **16—Tom M.**, Crossroads; **23—Christmas Party**; **30—"Skid" S.**, Newburgh.

**Painesville (Thursday, 8:30 p. m.)** 5—Dick L., Euclid-Friday; **12—Observes Fourth Anniversary** with Warren C., Jr., as speaker; **19—George Mc?**, Wickliffe; **26—Tim P.**, St. Clair Thursday.

**Parmatown Men (Friday, 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Tom J., Lakewood Armory; **13—Dick P.**, Newburgh; **20—Neil C.**, Parma Heights; **27—Harry H.**, Lakewood Men.

**Solidarity (Friday, 8:30 p. m.)** 6—Bob F., Newburgh; **13—Kitty C.**, Westside Women; **20—Tony K.**, Newburgh; **27—Bob W.**, Temple.

**Southwest Sunday (Sunday, 8:30 p. m.)** First meeting of this new group; **8—Harry H.**, Rocky River; **15—Phil B.**, Independence; **22—Ken W.**, Independence; **29—Bruce M.**, King School, Akron.

**Trinity (Saturday, 9:00 p. m.)** 1—Observes its Sixteenth Anniversary; **14—Jess C.**, Akron; **21—Joe K.**, Brooklyn; **28—Jim K.**, West Park.

**West Park (Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.)** 3—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; I&—Maggie M., Golden Gate; **17—Ted R.**, Valley View; **24—No meeting**; **31—Going** as a group to the Clark Group's Dance.

**West Side Women (Monday, 8:45 p. m.)** 2—Grace N., Strongsville; O—Evelyn S., Strongsville; **16—Terry S.**, Valley View; **23—Paul B.**, Edgelake; **30—Mary Ann K.**, Independence.

**West 25th (Monday, 9:00 p. m.)** 2—Ann C., Niles, O.; **9—Jack R.**, W. 25th (his 3rd anniversary); **16—Jim M.**, Forest City; **23—John W.**, Collinwood (his 8th Christmas lead at W. 25th group); **30—Tom M.**, Solidarity (his 8th New Year lead at W. 26th group).

**Willoughby ((Monday, 8:30 p. m.)** 2—Irene Z., Fairport; **9—Frank S.**, Doan Men and Tom V., Borton; **16—A Christmas message** by the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. William Gross (non-alcoholic). He addresses the group at least once each year; **23—Tom P.**, Cleveland; **30—Open.**

**YOUR (Sunday, 7:15 p. m.)** 1—Pat P., Night and Day; &—Eugene L., Chardon; X—Ruth L., Willoughby; **22—Tom G.**, Euclid **Friday**; **29—Ann C.**, Niles, O.

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