

Lancaster Area Intergroup
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STEP TWO

"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

TRADITION TWO

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

CONCEPT TWO

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

NEW LAI WEBSITE.

www.lancasterareaintergroup-aa.com/

In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while. What used to be a hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind. Being still inexperienced and having just made conscious contact with God, it is not probable that we are going to be inspired at all times. We might pay for this presumption in all sorts of absurd actions and ideas. Nevertheless, we find that our thinking will as time passes, be more and more on the plane of inspiration. We come to rely upon it.

One Day At A Time

OFFICE NEWS TO ALL SECRETARIES

Please keep the LAI office informed of addresses and current Secretaries for your group. This is to ensure that you receive this newsletter and more to come. If you want the newsletter emailed to you, please email the Interoffice at lai111@sbcglobal.net Information Change Form is available in the office. Please look over your addresses and names to make sure they are correct, please send changes to buckeyebear@netlink.net or you can mail them to the LAI office. Thank you.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 15th at 2:00 pm**. All group secretaries and alternates are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!! If your group secretary is not attending, find out why!! Office is open for donations and literature purchases after meeting.

GET INVOLVED!

Do you like having an Interoffice in Lancaster? Is it important to you to have AA information at your fingertips? Get involved with what's going on at the Inner Office? The office is in need of volunteers and taking applications. **Requirements are 6 months of continuous sobriety and actively working with a sponsor**. If you are interested and would like to do some service work, call Kathy S. at the office at 740-653-4869 or email at lai111@sbcglobal.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The LAI office can only stay open with donations from the groups. Please make sure your group is donating! If they're not ask why???

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT

The **INTERNET** is up and running! You can request schedules, pricing and so much more. The website is in the works. Volunteers are wanted for the website. The new email address is lai111@sbcglobal.net. There are new office hours - Sat. is now open 10 to 2.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Look for the LAI Membership Confirmation form. Please fill it out and return to the LAI office.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Would you like to plug a meeting? Share Experience, Strength and Hope? Submit you're A.A. related news, info, or ideas to buckeyebear@netlink.net or leave in the Newsletter box in the LAI Office by the 10th of the month, in order for it to get in the following month's newsletter. **Again please check your name and address and please send any changes to me via email or send to the LAI office**. We are off to a great start for the Newsletter for the New Year, I am still in need of Anniversaries and Experience, Strength and Hope from everyone, so please get them in to the office or email me. Thank you, David S.

Lorraine S. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Serenity Prayer said. All in attendance were:
 Groups - John Y. (As Bill Sees It Group), David S. (Ya Gotta Want It), Patti W. (Sisters In Sobriety), Linda L. (Spiritual Steps to Freedom), Dorsie L. (Experience, Strength and Hope), Mariea W. (Circleville Big Book). John T. Chips. (Friday Late Happy Hour). Todd S. (Rock Solid, CTC). Eight (8) voting Secretaries present. Officers - Kathy S. - Office Manager, Lynny P. - Assistant Office Manager, Lorraine S. - Steering Committee Chairperson, Cherie S. - Steering Committee Co-Chairperson, Glen P. - Treasurer, Ron S. - Trustee, Amy Y. - Secretary-excused absence, John K. - Trustee. Seven (7) Officers present. Cherie S. read the Traditions and Chip S. read the Responsibility and Unity Statements.

November's Minutes: Approved

November's Treasurer's Report: Approved

Office Manager's Report: Written report can be found in the Steering Committee Minutes binder

Membership Committee: Written report can be found in the Steering Committee Minutes binder

Newsletter Editor: Tanya H. had an excused absence and no report was submitted.

Old Business:

Court Slip and Recovery Center: John K. stated that Ann K. contacted the Recovery Center addressing the issue of the tradition of anonymity of AA. The issue is that the Recovery Center is requesting that their clients submit the full name and phone number of their sponsors. Ann K. responded to the Recovery Center that she does not mind giving sponsees her first name and last initial and phone number but not her last name. Dorsie contacted the Probation Department and the Recovery Center about the anonymity tradition of AA. The Recovery Center and Probation Department said they are implementing a progressive chemical dependency program to allow people get treatment and keep them out of jail. Dave S. stated that the cell phone numbers cannot be traced but home phone numbers can be traced.

New Business:

Newsletter: Lorraine S. stated the steering committee is responsible for addressing any issues related to the newsletter. There will be no newsletter for December but there will be a newsletter for January. Tanya H. can come on the Monday after the Steering Committee meeting and use the office computer to write the newsletter.

Lynny P. stated that there have been group donations that have not been mentioned in the newsletter.

Kathy S. reported that there is an overlap in group donations. They may be listed more than once on the donation list. Kathy S. suggested, that during the week after the Steering Committee, the newsletter should be done and sent out by Wednesday to Lee. The newsletter will always be a month behind due to the Steering Committee approval of the prior month's minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Ron S. would like to know the turn around with Lee, who prints the newsletter. Ron S. suggested that the newsletter editor has a week to send out the newsletter. He also suggested that the newsletter editor goes to Kinko's if Lee cannot print the newsletter.

Lorraine S. stated that the LAI office will fund the Kinko's expenses if there is a need to go to Kinko's.

Internet: John T. stated that the website is 90% complete and he did a demonstration for the group secretaries present at the meeting. Patti W. motioned to approve the website and was seconded by David S. Vote was unanimous. Approved.

Bad Weather: Kathy S. will send out e-mails or phone people if there is bad weather and the meeting should be cancelled. Linda L. stated that if there is any level of emergency for bad roads then the meeting is automatically cancelled.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at 2:00 pm. **January 18, 2008.**

John K. motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Lynny P. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

**Lancaster Area Intergroup
 December 2008 Treasurers Report**

	Dec. 2008	2009 FYTD*
Beginning Balance	\$675.48	\$1,051.89
Total Income	\$1,846.13	\$6,958.30
Subtotal	\$2,521.61	\$8,010.19
Total Expenses	\$1,231.93	\$6,720.51
Ending Balance	\$1,289.68	\$1,289.68
Prudent Reserve	Cash	\$1,121.00
	Literature	\$466.40
	Total	\$1,587.40

Fiscal Year = July1 -June30

TRUSTED SERVANTS

The current officers of the LAI Steering Committee, as approved by representatives of voting groups, are:

Loraine S. - Chairperson
Cherie S. - Co-Chairperson
John K. - Trustee
Ron S. - Trustee
Linda L. - Treasurer
Amy Y. - Secretary

Current LAI Office Managers and Committee Chairpersons, as approved by representatives of voting groups, are:

Kathy S. - Office Manager
Lynny P. - Asst. Office Manager
Committee Chairpersons:
Tanya H. - Annual Picnic
Tim K. - Membership
David S. - Newsletter

Birthday/Anniversary

WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, CELEBRATE YOUR SOBRIETY BY JOINING THE BIRTHDAY CLUB. PROVIDE YOUR NAME (AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE ANNIVERSARY LIST), YOUR SOBRIETY DATE, NUMBER OF YEARS SOBER AND YOUR HOME GROUP. PLEASE HAVE THEM TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR/ buckeyebear@netlink.net BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH.

GRATITUDE LIST

LAI is grateful to the following Groups who have made donations to support the operations of LAI. The list represents donations made in December and the first two weeks of January, 2008. Thank you to all groups for your ongoing contributions.

The Prestige Group. Hocking Hills South Perry Group
Brothers in Sobriety. Sisters in Sobriety Lancaster.
Baltimore Open Discussion Group. Tuesday Night Open Lead Lancaster.
Thursday Night Open Lead Lancaster. Spiritual Steps to Freedom.
Hocking Hope Group. Primary Purpose Group.
Lancaster Area Intergroup Steering Committee Coffee fund.
Ya Gotta Want It Group. Miracles Happen Group
Anonymous Donations x 2.

FAITHFUL FIVER

Anonymous. Kathy S. Bob K.

Make sure your name is listed here **NEXT** month!

What are Faithful Fivers?

They are AA Members who pledge at least \$5.00 per month toward the support of their local Intergroup Office to "carry the message." This idea is catching on around the country. In *Just for Today*, a story noted that "the plan came about when we remembered that many of us had spent far more than \$5.00 on alcohol during our drinking days."

I agree to pledge \$_____per month for _____months.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____, State_____ Zip_____

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OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS lai11@sbcglobal.net



Heard at meetings

"Show me an alcoholic whose Big Book is falling apart, and I'll show you an alcoholic who isn't"

Old Timer's Prayer

Old Timer Prayer.

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject
and on every occasion.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the
point.

I ask for the grace to listen to the tales of others pains. Help me to endure them in
patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of
rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be
mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard
to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in
unexpected people.

And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou know est,
Lord, that I want a few friends in the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS

53rd OHIO STATE CONVENTION
OF AA GENERAL SERVICE

Hosted by Ohio & S.E. Michigan General Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2009

JULY 10TH - 11TH - 12TH

HOLIDAY INN

7007 N. HIGH STREET

Speakers-Panels-Fellowship-Films-Archives-Hospitality

Standing Committee Displays-Past Delegate

MAILBOX

If you would like to share your **Experience, Strength and Hope** or recognize someone that is going
the extra mile and want it in the Mailbox, please have it in the Interoffice by the 10th of the month

or email at lai111@sbcglobal.net

Thanks David S.

AA GROUP CHANGES.

"As Bill Sees It"

6:30PM to 7:30PM

Tuesday Meeting: First Presbyterian Church.
Corner of Broad & Mulberry Streets.

New Format:

Big Book, 12 + 12 and As Bill Sees It

Joke of the Month

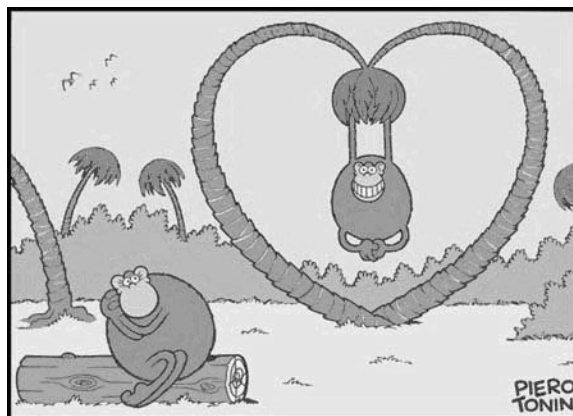
From February Grapevine:

A neighbor was sympathizing with the wife of a heavy drinker as she complained that her back was sore from moving furniture. "Why didn't you wait till your husband got home?" the neighbor asked. "I could have," said the wife, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not passed out on it."

Richard M., Golden, Colorado



Rule #62: Don't take yourself to dam seriously!



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**NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY, 2009**

**First
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