



LAI
NEWSLETTER
March
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STEP THREE

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

TRADITION THREE

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

CONCEPT THREE

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."

NEW LAI WEBSITE.

<http://www.lancasterareaintergroup-aa.com/>

Big Book Quote

There is a solution.

Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation. But we saw that it really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness and futility of life as we had been living it. When therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools left laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

Keep it Simple.

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, March 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 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.

To be remembered.

John Young

Known as Johnny Rocket.

Known for saying: " It's Gonna be OK".

Founder of As Bill Sees It Group.

Lancaster, Ohio

He will be Sorely missed.

Synopsis of the LAI Steering Committee Meeting January 18, 2009

Loraine S. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Serenity Prayer said. All in attendance were:

Group Secretaries/Representatives

Marcia W. (Circleville Big Book). Ann K. (Miracles Happen). David S. (Ya Gotta Want It). Patti W. (Sisters in Sobriety). John Y. (As Bill Sees It). Pamm S. (Spiritual Steps to Freedom). Chris H. (Primary Purpose). Matt S. (Wednesday Night Jail Meeting). Chip S. (Friday Night Late Hour). Todd S. (Rock Solid Group). Bob K. (Brothers in Sobriety). John T.

Officers

Amy Y. (Secretary). Cherie S. (Co-Chair). Linda L. (Treasurer). Kathy S. (Office Manager). Hohn K. (Trustee). Lynny P. (Assistant Office Manager). Ron S. (Trustee). Loraine S. (Chairperson).

There were 11 voting members and 8 officers present.

Bob K. read the 12 Traditions and Pamm S. read the Responsibility and Unity Statement.

December's Minutes: Amy Y. motioned to accept the December's minutes and seconded by Ron S. There was not a vote taken and since there were no objections the minutes were approved.

December's Treasurer's Report: Approved

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

Membership Committee: Tim K. had an excused absence and there was no report submitted.

Newsletter Editor: Tanya H. has resigned as Newsletter Editor. David S. has volunteered to be Newsletter Editor. Ron S. suggested to post on the LAI website asking for help for the Newsletter Editor. Lee is no longer able to print the Newsletter. Kathy S. reported the Minute Man is able to print the Newsletter cheaper than Kinko's. Loraine S. stated that the LAI will fund the expenses for printing and mailing the Newsletter.

Old Business: LAI WEBSITE: John T. reported that the LAI Website is complete. The Web address is <http://www.lancasterareaintergroup-aa.com> The cost of the domain and host is \$59.07 per year. He also provided the LAI with 2 user manuals pertaining to the website.

New Business: Amy Y. announced that she will not be able to attend the next Steering Committee meeting and asked for a volunteer to take minutes for next month. Bob K. volunteered. Amy Y. thanked him.

Linda L. stated that it was understood that she be able to do the Treasurer's report over the Internet during times that she will be out of town. She does not have the Money program installed on her laptop. She asked the Steering Committee for suggestions on how to be able to do reports. There was a discussion that followed. Loraine S. suggested to do quarterly Treasurer's reports. Linda L. asked if the bank statements and other necessary paper work be faxed to her. Loraine S. suggested purchasing another Money program so Linda L. can install it on her laptop. Linda L. expressed concern of the available space on her computer to add programs that pertain to accounting and the ability to create reports. Todd S. stated he could import spreadsheets from Excel to Microsoft Money program. Kathy S. reported that Glen P. may be able to help with the Treasurer's report while Linda L. is out of town. David S. volunteered to research other programs and the costs that have accounting abilities and the ability to create reports. This concern will be addressed and a decision made at next month's Steering Committee meeting.

Todd S. asked permission to add the LAI website link to the Rock Solid website. This website is for the Rock Solid meeting held at CRC and has contact information, announcements for upcoming events and links to COGF and other intergroups. Patti W. motioned to approve Todd S. to add a link to LAI's website and Seconded by David S. Vote was taken with results at 10 for and 1 abstention. Approved.

John T. announced that the LAI website has a link to the Rock Solid group COGF.

Kathy S. suggested that other AA related websites can put a link to the LAI website with the approval from the Steering committee. Ron S. expressed concern to link to other website groups who are not registered though the New York office.

Kathy S. did go to the New York office website to print off the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of AA name on a website making sure that the LAI website follows the New York office copyright laws.

Ron S. suggested forming a group for the LAI office pertaining to assistance with any issues that should arise with the computer or LAI website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at 2:00 pm March 15, 2009.

**Lancaster Area Intergroup
January 2009 Treasurers Report**

	Dec. 2008	2009 FYTD*
Beginning Balance	\$1,295.73	\$1,051.89
Total Income	\$1,283.40	\$8,247.75
Subtotal	\$2,521.61	\$8,010.19
Total Expenses	\$1,672.54	\$8,393.05
Ending Balance	\$906.59	\$906.59
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:
Patti W. - Annual Picnic
Tim K. - Membership
David S. - Newsletter**

LAI Group Membership Confirmation – Update

In October the LAI Membership Committee sent a special mailing to representatives of all area AA Groups, asking them to complete a Membership Confirmation Form. The purpose of this effort is to update our files so that LAI can continue to serve all participating Groups. As of February 15, we have received completed forms from 16 Groups, all of whom confirmed their desire to continue LAI participation. A special thanks to the responding groups listed below:

As Bill Sees It Group, Bremen AA Group, Friday Night Late Happy Hour Group
Hocking Hills 12&12 / Big Book Study Group, Hocking Hope Group,
Lancaster Tuesday Night Open Lead, Logan Sunday Night Open Lead,
Logan Wednesday Night Big Book Study Group, Prestige Group, Rock Solid Group
Spiritual Life Is Not A Theory Group, Sisters in Sobriety, Sunday Morning Breakfast Group
Sunday Primary Purpose Group, Wednesday Big Book Group, Ya Gotta Want It Group

We are still attempting to get responses from all area groups. A reminder is being sent to non-responding groups in the near future. Please check your mail and return the completed form at your earliest convenience.

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 January and the first two weeks of February, 2009. Thank you to all groups for your ongoing contributions

Foundation Stone. Brothers In Sobriety. Logan Sunday Nite Lead.
Steering Committee. Spiritual Steps to Freedom Friday Nite
Group x 2. Coffee Funds.

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 lai111@sbcglobal.net



Bill W.A smiling soldier in World War I

Heard at meetings

At some point in my life, I told God to go to hell, but he stayed where he was and I went there instead.

Thought from Hazelden.

One of the great spiritual truths is that each person must work out his or her own personal salvation. When a person you care about is in trouble, you can reach out to support his or her healing, but past a certain point you can do no more. No matter how much you love, you cannot carry another person's burdens.

What can you do when someone you love is in pain? First, affirm that there is a purpose behind the experience. Know that the soul has some important lesson to learn that will be of great value to him or her.

Second, although you cannot directly intervene, your positive thoughts and prayers do make a difference. Visualize your friend surrounded by light and love. This type of healing acts directly on the soul level and does not encounter resistance from the conscious mind.

Finally, know that Divine protection is present. The forces of light are always available to the person who requests help. Ultimately, no soul can be lost; as all who ask will be guided to the safety of their spiritual home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

53rd OHIO STATE CONVENTION OF AA GENERAL SERVICE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2009 JULY 10TH - 11TH - 12TH
HOLIDAY INN 7007 N. HIGH STREET.

Founders' Day Weekend.

June 11th - 13th Registration to begin March 1st

Information: E-mail: foundersday@akronaa.org Voice Mail: 330-972-7725

Wednesday Night Baltimore Open Discussion Group

27th anniversary on March 18. Fellowship is at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and a dual lead beginning at 8:00.

Thornville Lead Meeting Anniversary.

March 20th: Fellowship begins at 5:30pm dinner at 7:00pm and Lead at 8:00pm
We will furnish dinner, but please bring a desert or covered dish.

Door prizes and huge 50/50 drawing.

For information call Steve W. at 740-974-7572



Happy St. Patrick's Day.



Hmm Taste Contest.

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:

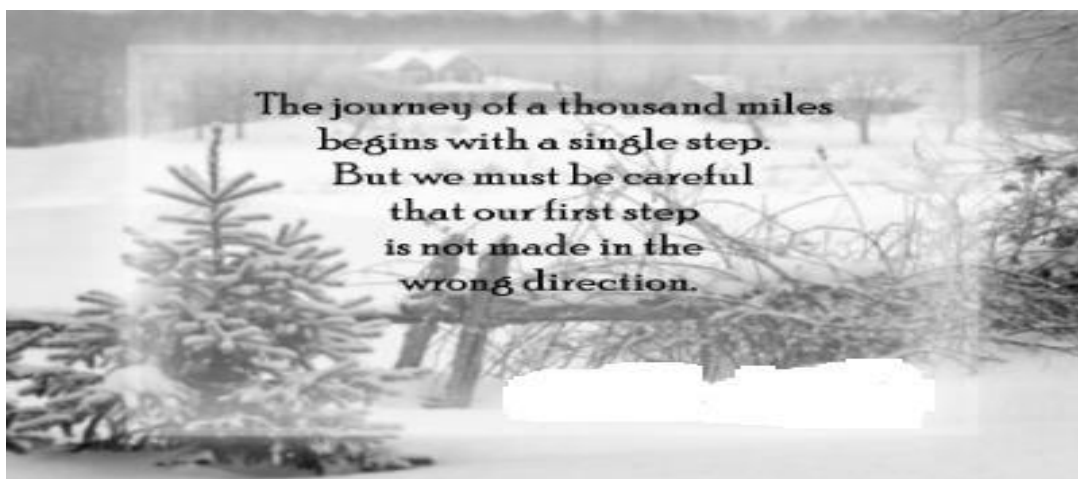
Big Book, 12 + 12 and As Bill Sees It

Joke of the Month

AA faker: "Since joining AA 3 years ago, I have not found it necessary to take a drink"

Newcomer: "Liar, I saw you not 2 weeks ago at Joe's bar and grill drunk as a skunk"

AA faker: "Yeah, but it wasn't necessary"



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