



# 33rd ANNUAL AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE MINI-CONFERENCE

April 11-13, 2008

Theme:

**“Communication and Participation –  
The Key to Unity and Self-Support”**

*(All AA members are encouraged to attend this conference)*



## Speakers

Banquet (Open AA Meeting)  
**Doug R.**, Staff member from  
our General Service Office

Trustee's Report  
**Bob M.**, our East-Central  
Regional Trustee

**Registration**  
Friday: 2:00 – 8:00 PM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Hospitality Suite**  
opens Friday at 4 PM

**Conference Begins**  
Friday: 7:00 PM

## Schedule includes

Friday  
Service - What We're About  
Ohio Unity – Area Highlights  
General Sharing Session

Saturday  
Early-bird A.A. Meeting  
Presentation of Agenda Items  
Conference Agenda Items  
Area Voting on Agenda Items  
Banquet, Skit, Speaker Meeting

Sunday  
Early-bird A.A. Meeting  
Past Delegates Panel  
Ask-It Basket  
General Sharing Session  
Area Assembly to follow

## Holiday Inn Westlake

(See map on back for details)

**\$72 per night**

(Plus State & Local Tax)

reserve by

**March 11, 2008**

Phone: **(440) 871-6000**  
**(800) 426-0122**

Make reference to:  
**Northeast Ohio  
Mini-Conference**

Free parking for hotel guests and local  
participants.

Please visit our web site: <http://www.area54.org>

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ As you would like it on your nametag \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
LOWER PRICE this year! **Total** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please select: Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
- or - Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_  
- or - Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch buffet available in hotel restaurant - **\$ 6.95** & Sunday Brunch buffet available in hotel restaurant - **\$11.95**  
(optional – do not include in registration payments)

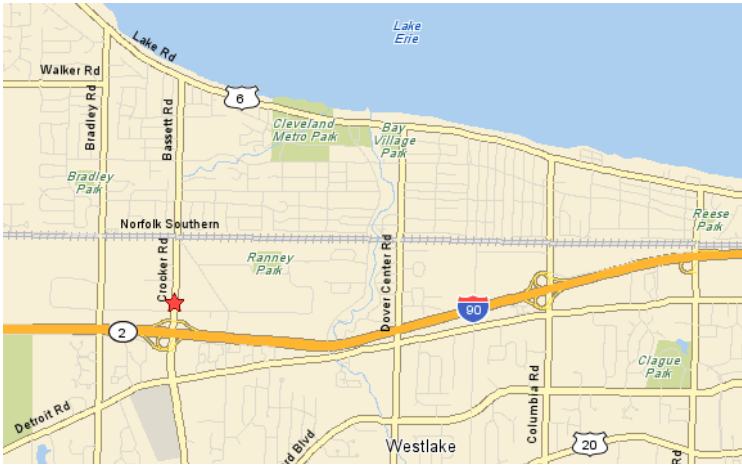
*Anyone can register at the door; however, the meals may not be available.*

Please make checks payable to: **NE Ohio Mini-Conference**

Mail to: Mini-Conference, 1076 Woodview Road, Cleveland Hts OH 44121

Email inquiries to: [MiniConference@aaneoh.org](mailto:MiniConference@aaneoh.org)

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> or please register at the conference.



Holiday Inn Westlake

1100 Crocker Rd.

Westlake, OH 44145

Phone: (440) 871-6000 (800) 448-2296

### Directions

From the East or West - Take I-90 to the Crocker/Bassett Road exit, #156. The hotel is just north of I-90.

From the South - Take I-71 north to I-480 west. Follow I-480 west to Clague Road. Exit north on Clague Road. Continue north on Clague Road to I-90. Follow I-90 west to the Crocker-Bassett Road exit, #156. The hotel is just north of I-90.

### Amenities

Rooms are all equipped with Free High Speed Wireless Internet Access, an ironing board, and coffee maker. Relax and unwind in the indoor pool, sauna or whirlpool, or enjoy a vigorous workout in the exercise room. Join friends for Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner in Huntington's Restaurant inside the hotel. The hotel is 12 miles from Cleveland Hopkins airport and 30 miles from Akron-Canton airport.

### What is the purpose of the Area 54 Mini-Conference?

This Mini-Conference was developed to give our Delegate the informed conscience of the groups in Area 54—Northeast Ohio, on some of the agenda items that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time constraints, it is not possible to address all of the agenda of the General Service Conference. The selected agenda is mailed to the registered General Service Representatives (GSRs) of the groups in advance. The group can discuss the issues and send their group's conscience to the Mini-Conference via their GSR. At the Mini-Conference the issues are discussed with GSRs from many groups throughout Area 54. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the AA Service Manual, a consensus is reached. This consensus will be taken to the General Service Conference via our seated Delegate.

The Mini-Conference will also feature displays and information provided by the Area 54 Standing Committees and a variety of ways for a GSR to share with others committed to their service to others. GSRs can meet the East Central Regional Trustee, a staff member from the General Service Office and the Area Committee. There are also sharing sessions for GSRs and an Ask-it-basket hosted by Past Delegates, the Regional Trustee and GSO Staff member.

### Why do I have to pay?

While there are no dues or fees for membership in AA, it is the practice of Area 54 General Service that each individual event be self-supporting. This conference requires months of planning, preparation and money to present. Our expenses include printing of the background material and purchase of literature relevant to the agenda that will be discussed, printing of flyers and schedules, mailing costs and registration supplies. We do not pay our speakers, but we do provide for their expenses to attend the conference. At times we have snack or beverage expenses. The hospitality rooms are self-supporting of themselves. The Saturday Night Speaker is an open A.A. Meeting and is the only function that will not require attendees be registered.

**All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend.**