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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 19            2 PM  
Area Assembly
- January 26            2 PM  
Mini Conference Planning  
Hudson Holiday Inn
- February 16           2 PM  
Area Assembly
- February 23           2 PM  
Mini Conference Planning  
Hudson Holiday Inn
- March 16              2 PM  
Area Assembly
- April 4, 5, 6  
28th Mini Conference  
Hudson Holiday Inn  
Hudson, OH

Unless otherwise noted,  
Area Assembly Meetings &  
Workshops are held at:  
The 12 Step Recovery Club  
1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick,  
OH (on US Route 42 about  
1/4 mile south of State  
Route 303)



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## from the Delegate:

Greetings NE Ohio,

I am grateful to have this opportunity to represent the members and groups of Northeast Ohio for the next two years. With the aid of my higher power and my group conscience – YOU! - I will do my best to serve Area 54.

We have an excellent and experienced Area Committee consisting of Alice, Greg, Linda, Joe and Jeff who will do their best to serve the Area as well. I'd like to formally thank our Committee Chairs for stepping forward and offering their time and energy to carry the message to the groups of NE Ohio. Their contact information is listed on the rear of this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to ask their assistance.

The beginning of the year will be busy as usual as we begin planning our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Conference. The Mini-Conference will be held April 4 – 6, 2003 at the Holiday Inn in Hudson, Ohio. Planning meetings will be held Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the hotel. We will need everyone's help in making this conference a success, so plan on attending and participating.

This year's General Service Conference theme is *Living A. A.'s Principles Through Sponsorship*. The importance of sponsorship cannot be underestimated, without it none of us would be here. From Bill W. reaching out to Dr. Bob in 1935, to the person, or people, who carried the message to

each one of us, sponsorship has helped the lives of millions. Does sponsorship stop with getting sober? Has sponsorship faded away? Who teaches us about change? What are the Principles of AA? Join us in April and share your experience with other members on this crucial topic.

The 2003 Area meeting and event schedules are available and the website has been updated. As event flyers are received they will be available online, as well as mailed to all the groups. Links to many of the Central Offices and Intergroups in NE Ohio have been added to the website. Meeting schedules for those offices that don't have websites have now been added to ours. The Area 54 Fact File is now available online.

In July the General Service Office will host the East Central Regional Forum in Columbus, Indiana. The forums were designed to improve communication between AA members and the GSO Staff, AA World Services and The AA Grapevine. I urge every AA member to take advantage of this opportunity to meet your GSO Staff members face to face and share your experiences.

Many thanks to our Past Delegates and service members in Area 54 for their continued dedication to service and constant guidance. We will do our best to serve the members of NE Ohio and to make ourselves available to the still suffering.

In Love and Service,  
**Dan M Panel 53 Delegate**



## Committee Reports

Hello Northeast Ohio,

Many of you have already met me at some point in time during the last 3 years that I have been involved with General Service in Northeast Ohio. I have not been, at least up till now, involved as much at the Area level, so much as the District level.

During the last 3 years, I have been my home group's G.S.R., have Chaired the Hospitality Rooms for both 2001 and 2002 in Ashtabula, have been the Dual District 23 & 39's "Bridging The Gap Chair" in the past and am now finishing up my 2nd year as the Dual District's "Literature Chairman".

I look forward to being available for service to all of you in Northeast Ohio, and will always be available when needed for fulfilling the responsibilities of being your Literature Chairman. Please feel free to call me anytime that I can be of service for you

Yours in Love and Service,

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7<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives Workshop  
September 26-29, 2002  
Thank you for sending me to this west coast event. Gail L. [redacted] of the Akron InterGroup started these workshops and General Service joined her later in an effort to get AA archivists the tools they needed to effectively do their jobs. Neither Gail nor others that we've sent to jointly represent us were available this year when we planned this, so I went.

The Workshop started Thursday with a talk on Mrs. Marty M. [redacted] (founder of the Nat'l Council on Alcoholism), by the authors of a new book by that name. I've donated my copy to our archives. While it's a good treatise on AA progress in general, it has little of our area history.

Friday started with preservation. Bob W. [redacted] gave handouts and demonstrations on: Collections Policies & Preservation; Temperature/Humidity/Light/Air Quality; Repairing Paper Artifacts; Surface Cleaning Paper; Relaxing and Flattening Paper.

I attended a multimedia talk by Jay S. [redacted] on the Oxford Group Movement from which AA evolved. I confirmed that we in Akron give substantially the same information on our tour. The OG fell out of favor in part by a 1936 quote by its founder: "I thank God for a man like Adolph Hitler who built a frontline defense against communism..." He greatly feared these godless communists and had no inkling then of the horrors Nazism would put in its place a few years later. The Oxford Group Movement changed its name to Moral Re-armament (MRA) in the late '30s and in April 2002 again changed to its current name: Initiatives of Change (IC).

Erin L. [redacted] Asst. GSO Archivist, talked on projects underway at our GSO's archives. Tape preservation is largely accomplished and much digitizing of records is underway. Her address was followed by a series of long-timer talks.

Saturday started with small groups. I spoke in the Formulating Guidelines group. The other two choices were: Carrying the Message through Archives and Archives Financing. A second grouping followed. Kevin S. [redacted] our archivist spoke in the Anonymity and Ethics group. I attended the Collecting Histories—Oral and Written. The third choice was Sorting, Classifying and Cataloguing.

Saturday afternoon brought area histories and the March of Time video, followed by the banquet and keynote speaker. His story included frequent attendance at Founder's Day and the Ohio State Convention.

Hello

My name is Marcus M. [redacted], my start on the road to recovery began 10/30/1998, and God has been in charge ever since, I started in service by asking the question what a GSR was and the next thing I knew I was in Brunswick. Once a month carrying information back to our area one thing led to another and I was given the position of DCM for District 18 and that went on to be my real involvement in service. That position opened the doors to meeting some people that really knew about love & service, steps, traditions & concepts. So the rest is as follows mini conf, State conf, third legacy meetings and workshops. My recovery is the first thing on my mind in the morning, and at bed time, this is life or death for me today and I have met others who feel the same way. My sponsor calls them winners and so do I.

On Oct 20th I was asked by Dan Mix if I would be interested in being a committee chair person. The first thing that jumped in my head was, to what length are you willing to go to stay sober, my answer to Dan was yes and I choose Public Information, and I will say to the rest of area 54 I will do my very best, to live the steps, traditions & concepts, and most certainly Tradition 11. Thank you.  
Your friend & love & service.

Marcus M

P.S.

I am currently GSR and treasurer for the Monday Night 12/12 in Wellington OH, on Bennett St, at the Heartland Circle Bldg.

Sunday began with a review of the guidelines. Some further thought to the financing of these workshops is needed.

Sunday continued with a review of addresses by General Service personnel both Trustee and Conference committees. Comments were invited about available materials. This workshop throughout the years has largely contributed to the development of the Conference Archives Committee and the materials sanctioned through it.

The next Workshop will be September 26-28, 2003 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Bob M. [redacted], Area Archivist

I am happy to be allowed to serve Area 54 as treasurer. I sobered up in 1990 and became active soon after in my home group, Wooster Monday Night. I have served my home group as secretary, treasurer, and GSR.. I have also served as Treasurer and DCM of District 10, which consists of groups in Wayne and Holmes counties. I have a job as a school teacher working as district technologist for Southeast Local Schools in Wayne County.

Joe H  
Area Treasurer

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Area 54 as your new Mailing Secretary and Registrar. Service work has kept me sober for 17+ years, first as a coffee maker and 'ashtray emptier', then a greeter, moderator, chairman, secretary and treasurer at the group level. My home group in Toledo sent me to Intergroup for the first time in 1986 and to [Area 55] General Service in 1989, where I served briefly as a GSR and as a DCM. I served as a GSR in [Area 33] Detroit for two years before moving back to Cleveland in 1991. I have represented Thursday Men's Fellowship in District 41 as GSR since 1998. My service sponsor, Bob McK., encouraged and supported me as we tackled the challenge of reinvigorating a 'dark' multi-district. Most recently I've served as DCM for District 41 and as the chairman of the Heights Hub multi-district.

Jeff Y  
Area Mailing Secretary

## Officer Reports

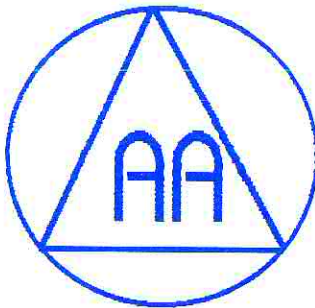
Hello Northeast Ohio Area 54

First I want to thank you all for your support. As your trusted servant Treasurer the last two years I was able to meet and get to know you a little.

I am very Grateful that you have given me the opportunity to continue to serve Area 54 and AA as a whole and will put every effort into this new position of trusted servant. Together we can and will remain strong and continue to grow. For it surely is We.

With a Grateful Heart,

Alice R. H  
Alternate Delegate



### Congratulations and Welcome

Please help me to welcome the new Delegate and his Committee to their two year tenure of Service to Area 54 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. These individuals have pledged a commitment to us and now it is OUR job to support them in all that they do for us.

Hello Family:

My name is Linda S . . . I am an alcoholic. I became a member of AA January 9, 1997, the day after my last drink. I had no idea what was in store for me. I found a sense of belonging and a desire to be a part of AA, not just in AA from the very beginning.

I sincerely believe the AA members who carried the message of recovery to me saved my life and I have a responsibility to carry that same message to the next still suffering alcoholic. I also believe as our first tradition states: *Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.*

I have enjoyed being a GSR for my home group. I have enjoyed being a DCM for District 20 in Lorain County. And, I look forward to serving, to the best of my ability, Area 54, Panel 53 as the Recording Secretary for the next two years. (One day at a time of course)

It will be hard to follow the excellent job Dan did as recording secretary. But, I will be sitting right next to him in case I have any questions. I know that I am willing and qualified for the position so I look forward to seeing you all at the Third Legacy meetings and Area 54 functions.

Peace & Serenity,  
Linda S  
Area Recording Secretary

## RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our AA experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, as He may speak in our group conscience, is our sole Authority. World Service is the heart of our Third Legacy. Our meetings are informative and educational. They are held so that the Committee Members, GSR's and all interested members may be better equipped to carry the message of World Service back to their home groups and individual members, thus giving a better understanding to our purpose, our hopes and our work.

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