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**"Let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found - a new life of freedom under God."**

A.A. Co-Founder, Bill W., February 1961, From: "The Shape of Things to Come"; *I Am Responsible: The Hand of A.A.*, © A. A. Grapevine, Reprinted with permission

## A Word From Our Delegate

### 65th General Service Conference

I left for the General Service Conference in New York on Saturday April 18, 2015 at 9:30 AM from Hopkins Airport. However my journey to the General Service Conference began in 2002 when I became the Alternate GSR for my Home Group Mustard Seed. I was curious about service. The late Al J., Panel 43 Area 54 Delegate, was a member of Mustard Seed and encouraged participation in General Service within the Mustard Seed Group. Little did I know or imagine that I would be flying to New York as the Panel 65 Area 54 Delegate some thirteen years later. When you participate in General Service you do indeed become a Delegate in training. I served as GSR, DCM, Chair of the North Coast Multi District, Area Treasurer, Alternate Delegate and by the Grace of God I was elected as your Panel 65 Area 54 Delegate.

The flight from Cleveland to New York takes about one and a half hours. The Super Shuttle from La Guardia Airport to the Hotel took two and a half hours. It was like a long bus tour without comments. I found out that the cab ride from the airport was only forty-five minutes. If you don't know, you don't know.

Upon arrival at the Crowne Plaza Hotel I was nervous and apprehensive about being at the Conference. Going to my first meeting on Saturday I saw familiar faces, Delegates and GSO Staff whom I had met during our four Ohio Area (53, 54, 55 and 56) Mini Conferences and other Delegates whom I had met at the East Central Regional Past and Present Delegates Conferences. This had a calming effect on me. However I was still on edge about delivering my two minute Area Highlights.

On Sunday I picked up my General Service Conference Manual and the notebooks for the two Committees I would be serving on: Policy and Admissions and the secondary Committee, Archives. The work now started. Our time was scheduled Sunday thru Friday from 9 am until 9 pm, later if necessary each day. My Area Highlights were scheduled for Monday and thankfully I delivered them within the two minute time frame. I now felt at ease I had conquered the Two Minute Highlights Barrier.

We commenced to meet in our various Committees and we heard various Board reports and presentations by the Delegates and Trustees. In between there was the visit to Our General Service Office via the New York City subway. It was an interesting ride and I lost my Metro Pass for the return trip. Thankfully our escort allowed me to use his extra pass. When you arrive at the General Service Office, the personnel greet you by saying "Welcome to Your General Service Office". It was a great experience and then it was back to Committee reports and discussions. I voted the conscience of the Area as received at our 40<sup>th</sup> Mini Conference. On Friday, we heard the farewells from the Panel 64 Delegates and on Saturday morning it was farewell talks by the Rotating Trustees. I took a cab to the Airport, short and sweet.

Back in Cleveland I began to prepare my Conference Report for the Unity Day celebration. At our May 17<sup>th</sup> Unity Day we first heard from Karen, Steve and Wellington speaking on the international flavor of A.A. This reminded me that A.A. is a worldwide program. There are 63 foreign General Services Offices. Alcoholics Anonymous is around the world, what a blessing to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. I gave my Conference Report to close out the Unity Day celebration. I was relieved as I was nervous about the presentation. The 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference results have been posted on our Web Site. Advisory Actions, Recommendations that Failed and Floor Actions are listed in our Business Section for your viewing. I will also be available to give my Conference Report upon request. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**Calvin L., Delegate - Area 54/ Panel 65**

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### SERVICE GRATEFULLY RENDERED

***“Service without inconvenience lacks spiritual merit.”***

Sitting in an open meeting on a Friday night last winter I heard the speaker make the above pronouncement. Wow, that felt like a 2x4 smack between the eyes! This joker must be one of those radical, dyed-in-the-wool, true-believer, take-no-prisoners A.A. bleeding deacon.

But upon further reflection, I got the message she was trying to impart through this statement. We alcoholics in our cups were selfish and self-centered to the extreme. Go out of our way to help another, let alone a stranger? Not likely, bud. Not convenient — what’s in it for me? It would take up valuable drinking time. That’s for do-gooders like those AAs.

We say that we have to be selfish in AA, too. Selfish in a different way, though. Our lives depend upon destruction of ego—it must be smashed, or we will die a terrible alcoholic death. Therefore, we must seek out opportunities to be of service to others in order to ensure our own recovery. ‘Selfish’ in a rather roundabout way. Our basic text reminds us,

***“For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual condition, through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead. If he did not work, he would surely drink again, and if he drank he would surely die. Then faith would be dead indeed. With us it is just like that.”*** -p.14

So, here is the secret and the recipe for continued sobriety, for spiritual growth, and survival despite difficulties in our life: work with another alcoholic. Provided it is coupled with self-sacrifice, working with others will gain us spiritual growth, as we slowly but inexorably, destroy ego.

Going back to our original idea, service without inconvenience lacks spiritual merit. Lots of people provide service to us every day. It’s part of their job or they are nice people or good neighbors. Service to another in the normal course of everyday life is not uncommon. Taking a Twelfth Step call at midnight in February with three feet of snow on our doorstep and then going to our job six hours later on three hours sleep, that’s not commonplace.

We alcoholics want a pat on the back for fulfilling our normal obligations responsibly, let alone for anything we do out of the ordinary. But the joy of giving comes from

service freely and gratefully rendered without thought of recognition.

Early on, thirty years ago for me now, the old-timers reminded us young punks to “do something nice for someone else every day then don’t tell anyone.” Do you remember how ego destroying those little actions were? We were just dying inside to tell somebody, anybody what a great AA we were. Our old selfish selves were indeed dying.

Does that mean I should only perform service when it is inconvenient? Must we go to extreme lengths to discover opportunities to perform service? Not necessarily. Every day the chance to be helpful is laid at my feet amongst our kit of spiritual tools. I only have to open my eyes and ears and shut my mouth for a change. The simplest of tasks can allow our HP to slay that King-Baby within us. A newcomer needs a lift home after a meeting, in the opposite direction we were headed. Will I gratefully accept this invitation from HP in the guise of a new guy?

Throughout this issue, we have articles about service gratefully rendered, at minimal personal expense of pocket money but at much greater expense of time and effort and patience and tolerance. My prayer has changed from the old ‘God help me, God help me’, to ‘God use me, God use me’. Today I need not be sober and useless...perhaps not merely decorative but also functional.

*~Your editor, Jeff*

*We welcome your service-related contributions, comments, and questions. Send topic ideas or loving appraisals to:*  
[newsletter@area54.org](mailto:newsletter@area54.org)



## Area Officer Reports

### ALTERNATE DELEGATE

At this time in my life I am experiencing some very emotional feelings.

What is emotional sobriety? In short, it's being able to regulate your emotions and your mood. Emotional sobriety is being able to deal with strong feelings without resorting to addictive, compulsive, or destructive behaviors. Without emotional sobriety, it's difficult - if not impossible - to maintain physical sobriety. Emotional sobriety isn't as simple or as "easy" to accomplish as it is to abstain from alcohol. Physical sobriety is concrete and tangible, while emotional sobriety is abstract.

I believe that nothing, absolutely nothing happens by coincidence, there is always a reason, I may not understand it at the time, however if I apply the saying, "And more will be revealed" I can be a little more patient.

I have connected a few more of the dots!! Because I am participating in service and I am required to write a report for the "Recorder" I am discovering additional ways to live life more successfully. I have read and researched many articles on the internet about recovery; reviewed much of the literature on various subjects of recovery; and learned so much more of what and how the AA program and becoming a participant in it has changed my thinking and some of my behaviors. I now, truly accept that life is not filled with all happiness and joyful things, tragedy, sickness and death are all part of life. Writing these articles is one way that continues to help me stay focused and understand how Alcoholics Anonymous and participating in service helps me to accept life on its terms and not mine. For me to accomplish this I must apply what I am learning to what is occurring in my life today.

These actions all become a part of my maintaining emotional sobriety. Listed below are a few others that have helped me "One Day at a Time":

#### **JUST FOR TODAY: THE CHOICE IS MINE**

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, not tackling all of my problems at once. I can do something at this moment that would discourage me if I had to continue it for a lifetime.

Just for today I will try to be happy, realizing my happiness does not depend on what others do or say or what happens around me. Happiness is a result of being at peace with myself.

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is and not force everything to adjust to my own desires. I will accept my family, my friends, my business, my circumstances as they come.

Just for today I will take care of my physical health; I will exercise my mind; I will read something spiritual.

Just for today I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least one thing I don't want to do, and I will perform some small act of love for my neighbor.

Just for today I will try to go out of my way to be kind to someone I meet. I will be considerate, talk low, and look as good as I can. I will not engage in unnecessary criticism or finding fault, nor try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests—hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet time of meditation wherein I shall think of my Higher Power, of myself, and of my neighbor. I shall relax and seek truth.

Just for today I shall be unafraid. Particularly, I shall be unafraid to be happy, to enjoy what is good, what is beautiful, and what is lovely in life.

Just for today I will not compare myself with others. I will accept myself and live to the best of my ability.

Just for today I choose to believe that I can live this one day.

Just like physical sobriety and recovery, everyone's emotional sobriety and journey to it, is unique.

Yours in Love, Service & Gratitude,

Jamie B., Alternate Delegate

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### AREA CHAIRPERSON

As May comes to a close, we have had a successful Unity Day with great presentations by the Unity Day Committee with an International Theme headed up by Mary Ann K.. Her panel, Karen S., Wellington R, and Steve B, were outstanding with their presentations. Thanks to all the good food. The second half of Unity Day was an entertaining and informative Report on the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference by Calvin L., our delegate. We heard his frustration with the 2½ hrs. shuttle ride to the hotel. This was longer than the plane ride from Cleveland to LaGuardia Airport (1½ hrs.). We got the sobering news that AA is declining in contributions per group and per member with the expenses trending up 2 – 3% each year. He showed us a graphic of \$1 in 1945 is equivalent to \$13 today. Tells me that my \$2 in the basket just doesn't do it—but it certainly helps!

As you receive this, newsletter I hope you will have planned or have attended the Area Open House/Picnic. It is held this year at Christmas Run Park in Wooster. Please check out the website to get more information on our events and schedule.

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## Area Officer Reports

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Just a quick reminder to all Committee Chairs, our July Assembly is July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The Agenda includes Standing Committees, DCMs, Intergroup Liaisons and as well as all Area Function (Events) Reports. This makes for a busy meeting but I am sure we will be able to keep on track.

Be sure to plan on the DCM College Workshop on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Any member of AA can represent their group and represent their district. These workshops always helped me with the alphabet soup: GSR, DCM, IGR, GVR, DCMC.

As I reread the Area Guidelines for the Area Chair, I realized that I need to be available to all the committee chairs to assist you in your efforts to do your jobs. Please feel free to contact me with any issues. I may not have the answer but I have lots of past committee chairs and delegates to help with the answers.

Love and Service,

Susan R., Area Chair

### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Real life things happen. We are told that our recovery and higher power will help us through anything. Early in recovery I didn't understand that. I thought (and sometimes still do) think I have to do everything myself. But now 11 yrs. later and many years of service work/recovery under my belt I understand it (even though I still try to do everything myself). All aspects of my service work and recovery help me deal and process the real life situations I'm dealt with no matter what those situations may be. Yes, I still tend to freak out and get a little crazy, but over the years I have learned to trust in my recovery and what it has taught me and to tell on myself when I get discombobulated, panicked, or scared. All of these feelings can prevent me from thinking and processing and doing the next right thing.

These are the tools we are taught every day in recovery from day one. It is important to use these tools to help us to cope when things get crazy in our personal life. But lately for me my service to the AREA has helped me to learn more about myself and has helped to grow more than I have ever expected. My recovery has changed over the years because of all the friends I have made, and all the learning I have done from watching the examples others. It has been demonstrated to me from my sponsor, grand sponsor and service sponsor on down to the new comer. All of them have taught me how to handle real life situations and to trust what I have been taught by them and many others both here and gone, that when real life happens, pull your tool box out and search it for your answers. Pray the simplest prayers and quit relying on self-will.

Tina C., Recording Secretary

The Mini-Conference, hosted by Area 56 was held at the Dayton Marriott. Area 56 is celebrating 80 years of Recovery, Unity and Service, which is the Foundation of Our Future. On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, I accompanied Calvin L. and Jamie B. to Dayton. We enjoyed dinner in the Hospitality Room. The Conference opened at 7:30 pm, with a Summary of the Agenda Items with Garwood F., Area 56 Delegate; a Report from the General Service Office by Julio E.; and a report from the General Service East Central Trustee, Bill F. The evening closed with a lead by Bill F., Marietta.

On Saturday, Conference activities began at 9 A.M., and we broke into committee sessions which included Public Information, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, and Report and Charter (which was my committee assignment).

After lunch, committee reports were provided during the Conference Assembly period and voting followed each report. And as an Area 54 representative to the Mini-Conference, I wish to let you know how the Report and Charter Committee considered and voted on various issues before us:

**ISSUE:** Request the AA Service Manual to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information. **PASSED**

**ISSUE:** Consider request to add text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section "Stimulating interest in General Service" on page S23. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ISSUE:** Consider draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" to be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Boards) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section. **PASSED**

**ISSUE:** Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on S41-S42. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ISSUE:** International Conferences and Regional Forums B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

The evening concluded with a banquet, and an evening meeting with the lead speaker, Julio E. from The Bronx, New York, of General Service. He shared his life story, his life as an alcoholic, and what it is like working in General Service. The Sunday morning session opened at 9 A.M. with Mark E., the Area 56 Immediate Past Delegate. The session concluded with the Ask-It Basket, and Garwood F. Area 56 Delegate, closed the meeting.

Ron O., Mailing Secretary

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# East Central Regional Forum

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – November 13-15, 2015

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the East Central Regional Forum to be held the weekend of November 13-15, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, located at 16401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee WI 53221. Telephone Number: 414.764.5300. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015. The Orientation for First-time Attendees is at 6:45 p.m. and the opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Forum closes promptly at noon on Sunday, November 15, 2015. There is no registration fee for the Forum. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

**Forum Registration:** You may register for the Regional Forum by filing out the Forum Registration Form and mailing it to G.S.O. or you can register online at: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online Forum registrations must be received at G.S.O. before **November 9, 2015** in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register but your advance registration greatly helps our planning.

**Hotel Reservations** at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel can be made by one of the following methods: By phone: 877.227.6963 no later than **October 14, 2015**. Please use Group Code: **ECR** to get the special room rate. By internet please go to [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/regional-and-local-forums](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums) follow the link by clicking on "Online Hotel Reservation"

**In order to get the special room rate, be sure to register for your hotel accommodation no later than October 14, 2015.** If you have any questions about this Regional Forum, feel free to email: [regionalforums@aa.org](mailto:regionalforums@aa.org)  
We are looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours,



Clay R.,  
Regional Forums Coordinator



Terry Bedient  
General Service Board Chairperson

## Let's Go Green!

Area 54 General Service is inviting you to Go Green! Get your Area flyers, information, and an EXPANDED web-only version of the *Northeast Ohio Recorder*. All the information that comes to your USPS mailbox now can come to your inbox.

The *NE OH Recorder* you're reading now is 8 pages long—that's the page limit to keep postage weight within our budget and so that it can be folded to fit in an envelop. But we have so much more Area 54 news for you! The web version of the last issue of *NEOHR* was 14 pages packed with experience, strength, and hope.

Let Jim S., your Area 54 Mailing Secretary, know that you would like to save a tree or three (and save the area some \$Green\$) with a message at [mailingsecretary@area54.org](mailto:mailingsecretary@area54.org)

Please note: if you do nothing, you will still get your Area mail by USPS and by email (if we have your email address) as you always have.

## A.A. AROUND THE GLOBE

*This was part of the presentation given at Unity Day, May 17, preceding the Delegate's Conference Report:*

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.  
And for that: I am responsible.**

Early in its existence Alcoholics Anonymous spread from place to place through the efforts of individual A.A. members who moved to a new town or traveled on business. Even Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob came about because Bill went to Akron on business. Today that tradition continues. What follows is a brief history and sampling of the way A.A. members have helped spread the message around the world.

In 1944, Bill W. toured the United States to visit A.A. groups. Then, in 1950, he traveled to Europe. In a letter he wrote to Dr. Bob after almost seven weeks there, he says, "A.A. has come to Europe to stay."

Bill visited Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, England, and Ireland. At the time there were 3,527 groups in approximately 34 countries. Today there are more than 114,000 groups in approximately 170 countries.

At first, the spread of A.A. was left almost to chance. An early Internationalist, Captain Jack, carried the message of hope from port to port where his life as a merchant seaman took him. Others carried the message as they traveled on business or on vacation. In 1946, an A.A. member from Philadelphia visited Dublin and took the opportunity to carry the message of recovery there. His efforts paid off and Ireland's first A.A. meeting took place in Dublin in November of that year. A.A. was likewise carried to Brazil, El Salvador, and Iceland by traveling A.A.s from the U.S.; to Japan, by a U.S. soldier serving with the occupation forces; and to Romania, by an American couple.

As A.A. grew, countries with an established A.A. service structure began to help fledgling countries. In one example, Germany sponsored A.A. in Poland in the 1980s. Poland was then in a position to help spread A.A. to other Eastern European countries. Other instances of this activity include Japan helping carry the message to Korea, and Mexico acting as a sponsor to Cuba. Meanwhile, South Africa, with the help of Britain and the United States, has played the role of sponsor in Sub-Saharan Africa. The practice of country-to-country sponsorship continues today as A.A. grows around the world.

In the late 1960s, the World Service Meeting (WSM) was conceived as a forum where A.A. members from around the world could share with each other how A.A. operates in their respective countries. The WSM convenes every two years, alternating between New York and a site in a host country. At the first meeting in 1969, 27 delegates from 16 countries participated. In 2012, 61 delegates representing more than 35 countries participated. As the World Service Meeting matured, the concept of a zonal meeting was introduced. The zonal meetings are like mini-

World Service Meetings, opportunities for countries from the same geographical area to meet. And A.A. representatives who have participated in the World Service Meetings can then share that experience with those who have not.

The Meeting of the Americas, the first zonal meeting, took place in 1979 with participants from 10 countries. This was followed in 1981 by the European Service Meeting with 14 participants. By 1997, this zonal meeting had grown to 21 countries. An Asia-Oceania Service meeting began in 1995 and in 1997 had seven participating countries. The first Eastern European Service Meeting took place in April 2002 in Warsaw, Poland, with 14 countries represented. This meeting has subsequently merged with the European Service Meeting. The first Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting took place in June of 2003 in Johannesburg, South Africa, with 17 delegates from nine countries. While not a full-fledged zonal meeting, in 2007, service structures from countries in French-speaking Africa gathered in Paris to begin the process of sharing together, forming what is known as R.A.C.O. (Réunion de Service de la Zone Afrique Centrale et Occidentale). More recently, A.A. in countries from the Middle East cooperate in what is known as the Middle East Region Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (MERCAA).

The explosion of new A.A. activity internationally since the 1980s has created an enormous need for basic A.A. material. In response, G.S.O. U.S./Canada allocates funds to assist in translating and printing A.A. literature in countries where A.A. is developing. This helps ensure a consistent interpretation of the A.A. message of recovery, and supports the management of copyrighted A.A. material through licensing arrangements. This, in turn, helps preserve the integrity of the A.A. message. Countries that wish to can contribute to an International Literature Fund that supports this work. The proposal for the Fund came out of the 11th World Service Meeting in 1990 and is managed by A.A.W.S. Over \$1.4 million has been contributed to the fund, directly helping provide A.A. literature in more than 90 languages.

The trustees' International Committee of the General Service Board (U.S./Canada) is responsible for suggesting policies and actions that result in carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics overseas, particularly in countries without an established service structure. G.S.O.'s International desk shares information and experience on the General Service Board structure, activities and G.S.O. services with A.A. groups in countries that request help in establishing literature distribution centers, boards or general service offices; and cooperates and exchanges information with A.A. groups and members in countries that do not have a General Service Office or comparable structure.

Over the years, the trustees, general managers and staff members have been invited to participate in events all over the world, offering the experience of trial and error, sharing what has worked and what has not. We do not govern; we share experience.

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# A.A. AROUND THE GLOBE

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rience, strength and hope to help others carry the A.A. message of recovery to those who still suffer. In recent years, trustees and staff members visited many countries, including Columbia, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Peoples Republic of China, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. The chair of the General Service Board traveled with one of our trustees-at-large to India, where they were interviewed by representatives of that country's press, radio, and television. They also visited treatment centers, schools for social work and social sciences, and met with A.A. members from all over India.

Today, the A.A. way of life is practiced in approximately 170 countries. Most of this is still accomplished, as in the earliest days of A.A., through the miracle of one drunk helping another.

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## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Penn-Ohio Family Fun Day — August 8

<http://www.aaneoh.org/pdfs/2015PennOhio.pdf>

33rd Ohio Roundup, Cleveland OH — August 28-30

<http://ohioroundup.org/>

Ohio Women's Conference — August 28-30

<http://www.ohiowomensconferenceofaa.com>

19th Annual National AA Archives Workshop — Sept 24-27

<http://naaaw.org>

### Ohio Women's Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous

4th Annual O.W.C.A.A.

August 28-30, 2015

Cherry Valley Lodge



2299 Cherry Valley Road  
Newark, Ohio 43055  
(740) 788-1200  
[www.cherryvalleylodge.com](http://www.cherryvalleylodge.com)

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this conference is singleness of purpose, addressing the issues and celebrating the victories faced by women with the disease of alcoholism. This three (3) day event is designed for women in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to come together for the distinct purpose of sharing their experience, strength and hope on their journey of sobriety, by way of lead meetings, panel discussions and workshops in a single venue.

Room rate: \$99.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for single or double

\$109.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for triple

\$119.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for quad

Please call (740) 788-1200 for reservations

When making room reservations, please inform hotel staff of any special needs you may have.

CONFERENCE RATES ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL JULY 15, 2015.

The entire conference is a closed\* AA women's event for registrants only. Mail-in and on-line registration close on August 1, 2015. No refund policy. No checks or credit cards will be accepted on-site at the conference. Cash or money orders only. At the conference, name badges must be worn at all times. Please register by August 1, 2015 to ensure a pre-printed badge.

CONFERENCE OPENS — FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

Marta M., Louisville, KY

Friday Night Speaker

Robbin R., Chicago, IL

Saturday Night Speaker

Hilda H., Buffalo, NY

Sunday Morning Speaker

CONFERENCE CLOSURES — SUNDAY 12 NOON

Make checks payable to:

Ohio Women's Conference of AA

Mail completed registration form with checks/money orders to:

Ohio Women's Conference of AA

P. O. Box 361124

Columbus, Ohio 43236

Singleness of Purpose  
One Heart, One Mind

#### REGISTRATION

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be of service? (circle)

Panel Workshop Greeter

Early Registration \$35.00

On-Site Registration Fee \$40.00 (Cash Only)

#### Meals

Saturday Breakfast \$20.00

Saturday Night Banquet \$45.00

Sunday Breakfast \$20.00

Dinner Entrée Choices: (circle one)

Chicken Grilled Salmon Vegetarian

Souvenirs (circle choice and size)

T-shirt with Logo \$18

T-shirt with Logo 2X plus \$23

S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 5X

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23.00

Qty. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mugs X \$7.00

If you would like to help some to be able to attend this great conference, we welcome your donation to our Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Fund Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On-line registration is available at

[www.Ohiowomensconferenceofaa.com](http://www.Ohiowomensconferenceofaa.com)

## NOTE THE DATE

July 19

Area Assembly

GV Lit sales

2:00 pm

August 7-9—Cincinnati, OH <http://www.59thohiostateconvention.org>

59th Ohio State Convention Registration form on pg 15

August 16

DCM College

2:00 pm

September 20

Area Assembly

2:00 pm

September 24-27 — Independence, OH

National A.A. Archives Workshop

Registration form on pg 16

October 18

Area Assembly

GV Lit sales

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November 7 — Columbus, OH

Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting

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November 13-15 — Milwaukee, WI

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## RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our A.A. experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, expressed through 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, GSRs 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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## Recovery, Unity, and Service - A Framework for Future Change

The “Big Book” *Alcoholics Anonymous* instructs the alcoholic that “PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.” It further instructs that “...if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead.”

For those of us who sponsor other members and/or participate in service to others either at the home group, intergroup, district or area levels have likely experienced this type of giving as an integral part of our recovery program. These passages from the “Big Book” are not a theory. In other words, service is the secret. It is not only the secret for our own recovery but also for the continuing spiritual growth and improving our ability to face the bumps in the road when they come.

For quite a number of years now I have been involved in the service structure of our wonderful Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have had the unique opportunity of traveling around Area 29 (Maryland), meeting and sharing with many dedicated and service-minded AA members, and so often I have heard a particular phrase mentioned: “The Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous must change to keep up with modern times and the problems of our society today.”

When I entered the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous thirty two years ago, I was a very sick, confused, negative, depressed, and lonely individual, who needed and wanted help. Many hands reached out to me and made me feel wanted and comfortable in all the meetings I attended. For the first time in my life I felt part of something. In a short amount of time, I was blessed with loads of friends, all with the same problem I had, coupled with a strong desire to do something about that problem. These recovering alcoholics were telling me how they got sober and how they stayed sober one day at a time, and I listened.

These same recovering alcoholics handed me two books: The Big Book and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The most important lesson I learned from these resources was that in order for me to enjoy a happy, peaceful, sober existence, I had to change--I had to change my attitudes, my way of thinking, and my habits. As a matter of fact, I had to change everything about me. This I attempted to do very slowly through the use and practice of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and the help my sponsor and other recovering alcoholics. I learned that in order to like other people, I had to like myself; in order to receive all the benefits of the A.A. Fellowship, I had to give of myself. The Twelve Steps of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous became the foundation for the new me.

In Step Twelve on pages 124-125 of *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* book we find this passage

*“Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God’s help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the well-understood fact that in God’s sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given surely brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self-constructed prisons, the surety that we need no longer be square pegs in round holes but can fit and belong in God’s scheme of things --- these are the permanent and legitimate satisfactions of right living for which no amount of pomp and circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes. True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God.”*

All this restructuring of myself was not done overnight. However, to my amazement, after several hundred twenty-four hours, I was able to notice changes in me, and I liked the changes.

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What's even more miraculous is that the changing process for the better is still going on and I pray to God it never ceases. All this I owe to a "Society of nameless drunks."

About this "Society of nameless drunks," should their Fellowship change to keep up with modern times? I don't see why it should. It is my belief that our common disease of alcoholism and the symptoms of our disease (the way we drank, the things we did under the influence of alcohol, and our character defects) are no different in 2015 than in 1935. I still see the best medicine for arresting the disease of alcoholism is sharing with another alcoholic and thoroughly following the path of the first one hundred members of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as outlined in the AA literature.

While the basic tenets of our life- saving and life-giving program don't require any changes, I do see problems or situations that have created some controversies among fellow AA members in groups districts, and areas that may be the reasons for their thinking that changes are necessary. The following is only a short list:

Is our message of recovery from alcoholism becoming diluted? For instance, should nonalcoholics be allowed to attend closed AA meetings or should they seek help for their "other addictions" elsewhere?

Should we as AA groups be signing proof of attendance papers at AA meetings?

Should we as a Fellowship attempt to be a cure-all for all the problems of the world?

Should we as AA groups be displaying and selling non-AA literature at group meetings which may possibly be implying affiliation with outside enterprises?

Are we as AA group members each allowed to express our individual opinions at group business meetings on issues affecting our

groups?

Do we allow well-meaning AA members to be all-powerful in dictating how groups should be run?

Do we protect our individual and group anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and films?

These are just some of the concerns I have heard expressed in the past few years which could probably be increased ad infinitum. I am personally convinced that all the answers to these questions can be found in our Twelve Traditions.

Practicing the Twelve Traditions to the best of my ability has become just as vital a part of my personal recovery program as practicing the Twelve Steps. The Steps teach me how to think and act. The Traditions keep my personal program of recovery simple, well-balanced, and healthy. Whenever I do a Twelve Step inventory of my personal recovery program, I also do a Twelve Tradition inventory, including questions such as the following:

1. Do I share any concerns I have for the group welfare with other members of my group?
2. Do I participate in group business and group conscience meetings whenever I can?
3. Am I a good leader, serving my group according to the group conscience, and not making decisions and rules based on what I personally feel is good for the group?
4. Do I encourage my group *not* to make decisions and carry out actions that may adversely affect other groups or AA as a whole?
5. Do I encourage my group to cooperate but not affiliate or imply affiliation with outside entities?
6. Do I notify the proper people when I observe an anonymity break at the level of press, radio, TV, and films?
7. Do I support my group by contributing money to help the group pay its expenses, thus enabling it to be self-supporting?
8. Do I encourage my group to contribute extra group funds to the service entities within AA?
9. Do I guide the people I sponsor in carrying the

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AA message of recovery as described in the AA literature?

10. Do I encourage my group to stick to our primary purpose of recovery from alcoholism?

11. When speaking at meetings, do I keep my personal story on alcoholism and my recovery from alcoholism?

12. Do I practice placing principles before personalities in everything I do?

If I can honestly answer yes to these questions, I know that my personal program of recovery from alcoholism is on the right track today. If I have to debate any of these questions in my mind, I know there is something in my thinking that is causing turmoil within. Most of the time, the solution has been to examine Twelve Traditions again to allow my complicated mind to nurse my personal program of recovery back to health again; thereby, allowing me to be of maximum service to those I would help.

The Twelfth Step speaks of practicing these principles in all my affairs while our Twelfth Tradition reminds me to place principles before personalities. In the one case, the principles referred to are those of recovery as outlined in the Steps; in the other the principles of unity, as presented in the Traditions. Yet, in pondering both practicing the principles and the placing principles before personalities, there emerges a further set of values and attitudes that are outlined in Concept XII in the very specific form referred to as the Six Warranties. They have proven to be spirit-inspired standards that are evident in most service activities in the Fellowship.

In completing the inventory, I can utilize the Warranties as a check list to determine how far I have come in changing to becoming of maximum service to others:

W1 - Have I/We been a source of perilous wealth or power?

W2- Have I/We maintained sufficient operating funds and a prudent reserve?

W3 – Have I/We attempted to place/use unqualified authority over others?

W4 – Did I/We make all important decisions through the process of discussion, vote, and substantial unanimity?

W5 – Have I/We been personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy?

W6 – Have I/We performed any acts of government (usurped any authority) and have I remained democratic like the society I/we serve in thought/spirit and action?

By equally combining the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concept of Service, I no longer work a fragmented program of recovery. Today I live a happy, healthy, well-meaning life filled with gratitude toward the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As symbolized by the triangle in the circle of Fellowship, the gifts bestowed on me as a recovering alcoholic known as the three Legacies--the Steps of *recovery*, the Traditions of *unity* and the Concepts of *service*--have proved to be invaluable.

In a Grapevine article written by Bill in November 1951 titled, "*Services Make AA Tick*", he writes, "By our Twelve Steps we have recovered, by our Twelve Traditions we have unified, and through our Third Legacy -- Service -- we shall carry the AA message down through the corridors of time to come."

Since this article appeared in the magazine one month before I was born, I will be forever grateful for the vision this article has provided as framework for change to our glorious fellowship these last sixty plus years ago.

*Contributed by Arnold R., Baltimore, Maryland.*

## AA UNITY - LOVE AND TOLERANCE OF OTHERS

When I complained to my first sponsor about a man in our home group that I did not like, he explained to me that we might not like everyone in AA but we must love and tolerate them because they, like us, were seeking release from alcoholism. He went on to tell me that I would be surprised at what these individuals who annoyed me might teach me. He was right. This man said something that has stuck with me throughout my years in the program and it was in reference to the people who can't seem to get AA and continue to slip in and out of the program. His comment was simple and since that time I have heard it often, "Don't quit before the miracle". I have applied that axiom to sponsorship, to service work as well as to my professional and personal life. Anytime things get tough I remember that I shouldn't quit before the miracle. This man who is now deceased never was a person I wanted to be close friends with and I can't say I ever really liked him, but I did develop a loving tolerance toward him and this helped me learn to keep a more open mind to the sharing of others. It is amazing that those who irritate the most sometimes provide the clearest recovery insight and at just the right moment. This attitude of acceptance of others has helped me contribute to the unity of my home group and to any other AA group in which I participate.

In *AA Comes of Age* (p. 79) Bill Wilson tells how our friends the psychiatrists had begun to warn: "This fellowship of alcoholics is emotional dynamite. Its neurotic content can blow it to bits." How have we avoided that catastrophe?

Upon arrival to AA many of us came as ego-maniacs with inferiority complexes as well as lugging the baggage of all the other negative emotional attributes of alcoholism. There are those of us who contribute to disunity because we "know what is best for AA". We take a stand on some issue that most disagree with and cling to that position refusing to open our minds, no matter what. In the course of this interaction, much disunity can be created.

The solution to this strife, of course, is always in the unity assured by our Twelve Traditions.

When Bill wrote the Twelve Traditions, he knew the alcoholic personality and he judiciously provided for our neuroses. He provided for AA membership being extended to any who have a problem with alcohol and the only requirement for membership, a desire to stop drinking with God as the ultimate authority in any group interaction. In other words absolutely anyone has a right to membership and no one is an authority. Tradition Twelve with its spiritual anonymity and self-sacrifice for the good of all is the epitome of love and tolerance. The concept of principles before personalities guarantees the setting aside of alcoholic behaviors and the development of a deep concern for others and the group welfare.

In a 1944 *Grapevine* article, Dr. Bob says that, "Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: In kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages, and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own." He continues this vein of thought with "Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important-in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search whether it be scientific or spiritual."

The spiritual love for another alcoholic allows me to avoid hurting others by remembering Bill's words in Step 10, from the Twelve and Twelve on Page 91 states "Our first objective will be the development of self-restraint. This carries a top priority rating. When we speak or act hastily or rashly, the ability to be fair-minded and tolerant evaporates on the spot. . . We must avoid quick-tempered criticism and furious power-driven argument. . . Our first job is to sidestep the traps. When we are tempted by the bait, we should train ourselves to step back and think. For we can neither think nor act to good purpose until the habit of self-restraint has become automatic."

I want to always honestly examine my own motives, do I have a personal agenda or is a character

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defect running wild? Again in Step 10, Bill talks about personal motives: "But in other instances only the closest scrutiny will reveal what our true motives were. There are cases where our ancient enemy rationalization, has stepped in and has justified conduct which was really wrong. The temptation here is to imagine that we had good motives and reasons when we really didn't."

From Page 130 of the book 12 Steps and 12 Traditions: Tradition One, The Unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. In my home group or any other AA group in which I participate, I need to keep the concept of unity" uppermost in my mind and remember that sometimes what I want takes second place to what a group or board decides. Difference of opinion is inevitable but consensus and, hopefully unanimity must ultimately be attained for the good of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The men I sponsor, the participants in meetings I attend and my fellow workers at the office all deserve love and tolerance. On Page 84 of the Big Book this principle is stated, "Love and tolerance of others is our code." For me this requires personal inventory and immediate amends. It is also the frame of mind in which I view the words and actions of others.

My first sponsor, who is now deceased, was a powerful role model for devoted service to the Fellowship he loved and for the manner in which he loved fellow AA's. From my vantage point of observing his actions, Wayne's love of AA spilled over into everything that he did in life. His humble joy in service to others was an inspiration to many. I was the lucky recipient of his love and enthusiasm for our glorious fellowship. In one of my last conversations with Wayne when we knew he was very seriously ill, I asked him what we could do to help. He said, "Just love me". In the final analysis that is all any AA member can do for another.

Earlier I referenced psychiatrists' concern that the emotional baggage we bring to AA could blow us to bits and I posed the question of why

that hasn't happened. My opinion is that we have avoided this disaster through the love and tolerance we each develop as a result of the practice of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. The loving heart that develops as we recover in the service of AA brings us tolerance and assures unity in Alcoholics Anonymous. A desire to give back for what I have freely received here overrides the character defects that would harm the Fellowship if I were to give them free rein. I forget to be petty, envious or critical when I am helping another man, reading the background for a meeting or carrying out a committee assignment or any other AA responsibility I have assumed. I find myself in a state of spiritual grace with my heart filled with love for AA and the deepest gratitude for the life I have. I believe these are some of the many reasons AA has survived. There is nothing wrong with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. It does not need to be fixed. We, the members, may need to be fixed, but AA the way Dr. Bob and Bill envisioned it is just fine.

My current sponsor, Harold, points out to me, that in the final analysis, it is not so much what education or expertise I have as a trusted servant. If my heart is not filled with love and good will for other A.A. members, what I may have to give to the fellowship in the way of experience, education and expertise will be negated if there is a shortage of love in my heart and tolerance in my head. When I experience the joy of service, it is a direct result of a loving heart and that to my way of thinking is the most important quality any of us can bring to the table.

Our code of love and tolerance of others assures sobriety for individuals in AA or at least guarantees the opportunity for sobriety while protecting and preserving the Fellowship from our character defects. Respect for each other, a by-product of tolerance, and the acceptance generated by love for each other provide cornerstones of stability that have withstood the many tests of our alcoholic behaviors over seventy four years.

May it always be so!

*Contributed by Arnold R., Baltimore, Maryland.*

# General Sharing Session 1Q2015

The General Service Board first quarterly meeting of 2015 was held at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City.

The topic of the first Quarterly General Sharing Session was “Autonomy in A.A.” Joel C, regional trustee, and Ed M, Grapevine director, presented on the topic. John F., Class A trustee, chaired the session and welcomed the visiting Conference delegates and Class A trustee candidates.

Joel shared on the subtopic, “Autonomy and the relationship between the A.A. group and the A.A. service structure,” noting that just as A.A. gives each member great freedom – both as a means toward recovery and as a blessing of recovery – A.A. gives the groups great freedom through our Tradition of group autonomy.

He considered the principle of autonomy as it relates to the most basic link between the groups and the service structure – that of the general service representative (GSR) and to the group’s decision to call itself an A.A. group.

He said that rather than ‘policing’ groups, he shares his experience with our Traditions. He considers himself a custodian rather than a guardian of the Traditions, noting that guardians use swords and spears, while custodians use mops and brooms – able to mop up potentially messy situations using a lighter touch.

He concluded with a quotation from *A.A. Today*, excerpted in *As Bill Sees It* (p.319): “The A.A. Traditions are neither rules, regulations, nor laws. We obey them willingly because we ought to and because we want to. Perhaps the secret of their power lies in the fact that these life-giving communications spring out of living experience and are rooted in love.”

Ed shared on the subtopic, “Autonomy and the group conscience” and noted clear illustrations from our literature that show the mixed blessings of A.A.’s Traditions. He said each member has a voice and vote as a free-thinking, autonomous and sovereign part of the group conscience. He noted that the group conscience had, in the short-hand of Tradition Four, the right to be wrong, but that, according to our Twelfth Concept, we would nonetheless be traveling toward God’s will as expressed in the that group conscience. Groups can remain true to A.A. Steps, Traditions, and Concepts – or their version of them – as long as they don’t try to change A.A. as a whole. When we lean on the Traditions, they should move, and not be rigid. He ended his presentation by saying that love is the key. After the presentations, the moderator thanked the presenters and invited sharing on the topic.

A delegate commended that we treat the writings of our co-founder Bill W. with reverence, but even he could contradict himself on the topic of group autonomy. If no one in a meeting can tell you what to do, then we have no membership; and if we have group autonomy to the extent that we don’t have to follow the Traditions, then we have no Fellowship.

A regional trustee reminded the session that the second part of the Fourth Tradition states that groups are autonomous in matters not affecting other A.A. groups or A.A. as a whole. He often refers to the benefits of participation in the district or intergroup on matters affecting other A.A. groups, and in the general service structure on matters affecting A.A. as a whole. He added that what a group may do, including breaking the Traditions, is what their autonomy allows; and all we can do is share our experience.

A trustee emeritus noted two areas where A.A. was struggling with autonomy: 1) with the addict coming to an A.A. meeting – and he believes the Fellowship would work it out; and 2) with religion and the use of the term “God”. He feels strongly that religion does not belong in A.A. and he has a problem with delisting any groups that say they are A.A. groups.

A staff member recalled that our co-founder Dr. Bob often said that A.A. boils down to love and service. The Conference, he said, is structured so that we can continue to communicate with one other and share about the Traditions, but he does not think anyone has the right to say if a group is an A.A. group or not.

A delegate spoke about how he, as an individual A.A. member, could ‘police’ a group straying from A.A. Traditions by not making a Seventh Tradition contribution to the group. He noted that we have all these freedoms because we have these checks and balances built in, like the power of the purse.

A Grapevine director reported that when she was new to A.A. service, she had been startled to hear a delegate calmly explain that neither he nor a group’s GSR was there to ‘police’ a group but to share examples of his experience on how other groups had handled certain situations.

A Class A trustee said she hoped A.A. groups could be loving and open to people with problems with other substances who were confused about their role in an A.A. meeting. These people need our help, without judgment or exclusion, but rather with love and tolerance, to find out if they might be A.A. members or not.

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