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A Word From Our Delegate

My Journey to the General Service Conference May19-25, 2019

The time had arrived. The day had come for us to leave for the conference in Manhattan, New York. My sponsor and I flew in on Friday night. After a night's rest that did not happen, we went to breakfast and walked Broadway for a short period. Afterward, I attended what I now believe is the unofficial start of the conference, the Meet, and Greet.

This event was an opportunity to connect with our trustee, Mark E., and delegates from the ECR region (our region) and the conference members that were in attendance. A high point was connecting with the GSO staff that has visited Area 54 in the past. We congregated until 3 pm, then held a 1728 Meeting. It's meeting to share our 36 AA principles with our class A trustees. Later, there was a delegates-only meeting. The discussion was fun and spirited.



On Sunday morning, the conference began with a roll call for everyone present. The sense of belonging was strong and carrying the voice of the Northeast Ohio community was paramount. At that moment, gratitude for the opportunity that had been given was felt. In the afternoon session, area highlights began and continued through Wednesday. My assigned conference committee was Literature, and the group met on Sunday afternoon. There were 16 agenda items to get through, and the work began right away. An agreement was made to start an hour earlier on committee session days so that we would be able to get through everything. Later, Sunday evening, there was an elegant sit-down banquet dinner, followed by speakers that shared their experience, strength, and hope in mini leads. As the evening closed, the word connections came to mind. I will always be linked with people that have shared this conference occurrence.

Sunday's program set the tone for the rest of the week. Mornings were spent in committee sessions, and after sumptuous noon meals, we listened to presentations and had discussions on various topics: Clarity of Purpose, The Legacy and Future of the Big Book in Today's World, International Convention 2020, and Grapevine/La'Vina. Another highlight was the visit to the GSO office, "our office." This occurred Wednesday morning, and a behind-the-scenes tour and a breakfast brunch were had by all. After lunch, the area highlights were completed. When the East Central Region (our region) was at the podium, mysteriously the timer was not working, so no one was dinged. When the next area came to the podium, the lighted timer was functioning, and of course, a comment was made about why it was working now and not for the East Central Region. After area highlights were completed, the voting session began. Voting continued to Friday evening. The session closed with the panel 68 delegates given farewell remarks.

As this discussion closes about my experiences at the General Service Conference, a few more things need to be shared. This week involved a group of people that may not mix in the "real world," but who came together in hopes of creating new policies and ideas for the betterment of our fellowship. This conference has reinforced what was shared early in my service journey, that A.A was not just the neighborhood meetings or homegroups, districts or area, but it is about making

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sure this awesome recovery program is readily available for anyone, anywhere that wants or need it! Remember, as Jeff Y. would say, "we are all delegates-in-training" and this wonderful experience could happen for all who are involved in general service.

Love and Service,

*Shyrl B. - Delegate
Area 54 - Panel 69*

SERVICE: THE THIRD LEGACY

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A.A.'s Twelfth Step, carrying the message, is the basic service that our fellowship gives; it is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of recovered alcoholics in action. We *must* carry A.A.'s message otherwise we ourselves may fall into decay and those who have not yet been given the truth may die. This is why we so often say that *action* is the magic word. Action to carry A.A.'s message is therefore the heart of our Third Legacy of Service.

Yet some of us are still a bit confused about A.A.'s Third Legacy. We still ask, "Just what is this Third Legacy business anyhow? And just how much territory does 'service action' take in?"

The answer is simple. An A.A. service is anything whatever that legitimately helps us to reach fellow sufferers. As we have seen, the Twelfth step call is the greatest of A.A.'s services. But the publicity that caused the prospect to get in touch with us, the care we rode in, the gasoline we paid for, and the cups of coffee we bought him—all of these aids were necessary to make our call possible and effective. And this is only the start. Our services involve meeting places, hospital co-operation, Intergroup offices, and pamphlets and books. Services can require committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. They include small voluntary money contributions so that the group, the area, and A.A. as a whole can function. They range all the way from the cup of coffee up to A.A.'s General Service Headquarters for national and international action. The sum of all these services is A.A.'s Third Legacy. Such services are utterly necessary to A.A.'s existence and growth. Yearning for simplicity, we often wonder if we could not do away with many of A.A.'s present services. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have no bother, no politics, no expense, and no responsibility! But this is only a dream about simplicity; it would not be simplicity in fact. Without its essential services, A.A. would soon become a formless, confused, and irresponsible anarchy.

Regarding any particular service, we need to ask only one question: "Is this or that service *really needed*?" If it is not, then let it be eliminated. But if it *is* needed, then maintain it we must or fail in our mission to those who want and seek A.A. For twenty years now we A.A.'s have been trying to determine what are needed services and what are not. As I tell the story of the growth of A.A.'s services, I hope that the vision of our Third Legacy will come clear.

Let's begin with my own sponsor, Ebby. When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and spend money. He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all. Right then and there, Ebby estab-

lished the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money.

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Since Ebby's visit to me in the fall of 1934 we had gradually evolved what we called "the word-of-mouth program." Most of the basic ideas had come from the Oxford Groups, William James, and Dr. Silkworth. Though subject to considerable variations, it all boiled down into a pretty consistent procedure which comprised six steps. These were approximately as follows:

We admitted we were licked, that we were powerless over alcohol.

1. We made a moral inventory of our defects or sins.
2. We confessed or shared our shortcomings with another person in confidence.
3. We made restitution to all those we had harmed by our drinking.
4. We tried to help other alcoholics, with no thought of reward in money or prestige.
5. We prayed to whatever God we thought there was for power to practice these precepts.

This was the substance of what, by fall of 1938, we were telling newcomers. Several of the Oxford Groups' other ideas and attitudes had been definitely rejected, including any which could involve us in theological controversy. In important matters there was still considerable disagreement between the Eastern and the Midwestern viewpoints. Our people out there were still active Oxford Group members, while we in New York had withdrawn a year before. In Akron and vicinity they still talked about the Oxford Groups' absolutes: absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love. This dose was found to be too rich for New Yorkers, and we had abandoned the expressions. But all of us, East and West, were placing increasing emphasis on Dr. Silkworth's expression describing the alcoholic's dilemma: the obsession plus the allergy. By now we knew from experience that the new prospect had to accept Step One or get no place.

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At the Cleveland Convention we sensed that Dr. Bob was soon going to leave us and that many another early A.A. would soon follow. The old order was changing. In the future we could no longer depend upon the authority and influence of our pioneering people for A.A. unity.

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Only a few weeks later, I saw Dr. Bob at Akron and was able to bring the good news that the Trustees would, in all probability, consent at last to the formation of a world service Conference. This development could do for A.A.'s services what the Traditions were doing for A.A. unity.

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A few hours later I took my leave of Dr. Bob... Neither of us dared to say what was in our hearts... The wonderful, old, broad smile was on his face as he said almost jokingly, "Remember, Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple!" I turned away unable to say a word. That was the last time I ever saw him.

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OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

This week I read the Youngstown Area Intergroup (YIAG) newsletter. The YIAG had an article reminding us to be kind, patient and accepting of one another. AA meetings must be all inclusive. Recently, the East Central Regional Forum had a workshop on "Who Is Not In The Rooms." Both topics spoke to me about keeping the rooms of AA open to ALL and welcoming to everyone in our diverse society.

Then the God of my Understanding had me listen to a young woman with seven years speak at a meeting. She related that the percentages of recovery from the early members of AA were far greater than today. She related that it was reported recovery from alcoholism was 50% and now it is between 5% and 10%. She talked about possibly the early members were so desperate that they read the book and did everything that was suggested. They even succeeded in sobriety with fewer meetings, no internet, no texting and fewer phones. That when speaking on the phone or in person, sponsors felt the pain and suffering of their sponsees. Could we be too distant from the new person?

At first my mind glazed over at the rest of her comments. She weaved her story into and asked the newly sober to read the book and talk to sponsors and go to meetings – well, I think she did. BUT, her statement struck me that low bottom early members versus the high bottom new members might have some validity.

My story involved what appeared on the outside to be a high bottom recovery. On the inside, I was desperate for the solution. AA's track record of long term sobriety and welcoming acceptance of me had my attention. Also the stories in the book and the stories told by and about old timers showed this program worked. I believed stories of being prayed into the rooms. The successes of Rosary Hall gave me firm beliefs that if they could stay sober, I could.

Taking my inventory today, I wonder if I tell the stories of those successes. Do I share the struggle to look for the hope and examples of sobriety? I look back at my first years and see that the teenage members of AA that I fed and housed truly taught me this program. They kept me sober. Their successes and failures taught me to read the books, the need for not missing a meeting, taking others to meetings and making room for one more at the table. I ran that red Chevette until its end.

Back to the basics of our program has been mentioned a lot by members from podiums, by members young and old. About 5 years sober, I found the '12 x 12' (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) meetings. These meetings read the '12 x 12' book paragraph by paragraph. How

blessed I was. The '12 x 12' left no room for my thinking. The directions were clear and concise. It left me no interpretation or wiggle room. Just follow directions.

About ten years ago, I sat at Bill Wilson's desk with its cigarette burns in his 'Wits End' office at Stepping Stones. I got the message of Hope. I believe that Divine intervention was with him when he wrote the '12x12.'

Perseverance was a key for my desperation. Hope was given from the eyes of members with "some" sobriety. But the biggest lesson was the word "compassion." I read about compassion in my search for my God of my understanding. I read in a spiritual book that said that compassion is the highest form of love. Having compassion for my fellow alcoholic led this judgmental woman to sobriety and hope.

As we continue our journey in sobriety, here in Northeast Ohio we host the 2020 The Ohio State Convention here in Cleveland next August. This will be just 6 short weeks after our 2020 International Convention in Detroit. The International Convention theme is "Love and Tolerance is our Code." For me this is bringing me back to my first year of meetings and I was repeatedly told about love and tolerance is our code.

Let us here in Northeast Ohio create a state convention that shares our experiences, history, strengths and hope for ALL our fellow alcoholics with compassion. All of our members in Northeast Ohio are needed to assist in any way possible to put this together. We need your big ideas and great plans and hospitality and greeters and physical labor and entertainment and selecting speakers and creating serious discussions on issues we face in AA. We need to carry the message of Hope to the new and old members of our fellowship.

Please attend the two (2) important planning meetings September and October on the 3rd Sunday at 12:30 pm at the Brunswick Twelve Step Recovery Club. We need a Convention Flyer by the first Saturday in November for the rest of the state. Every idea is needed. THANKS in advance for being present. You are needed.

Respectfully submitted

Yours in service

**Susan R., Alternate Delegate
Area54 - Panel 67**

AREA CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We Will See How Our Experience Can Benefit Others

When I first joined AA, I had no experience other than getting sloshed three times a day. But the members of my Home Group shared their experience with me, how I could be useful by getting

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out of myself. Books I could read to help me stay sober, like the Four Absolutes that they used in the early days. Reading 2 pages of the Big Book every day and Living Sober has so many ways to help you stay sober, plenty of meetings to attend, and the ones the people in my home group thought would help me. My sponsor Ken C. hounded me to do my fourth step after we had done the first three in one evening, and how to use the formula in the book to do my inventory. Those folks got me through that and suggested I become the groups GSR. In doing so I would have a better chance staying sober doing general service work. They told me all I had to do was go to the district meeting and report what we were doing at our group and come back and report what they were doing at the district level.

When the Grand River men's group was my homegroup I was unaware that many of them had helped start the Ashtabula Area Intergroup Office (AAIGO). Books and pamphlets would now be readily available for those who needed help without having to travel 50 miles. They had an AA hotline before that, but it would be next to impossible to find the number unless you had already attended meetings in our districts. The AAIGO changed things; there was now a listing in our local phone book so people in need could find us easier. Around 9 months sober I found a new service commitment called Bridging the Gap at our local treatment center. It was held every other Monday at 1 PM. I presented a video called "Hope" and talked about sobriety, how I had found AA, and how it had changed my life. The clients would fill out temporary contact forms and I would deliver local forms to the Intergroup and mail the others to our Area 54 treatment chair Mike S. I then became dual district treatment chair.

Some of the people at the district meeting suggested I ride with them to the Area Assembly, so I could better understand the structure of AA. I got to meet Mike and found out that he would give the contact forms to people in the area and find people in other areas including Pennsylvania and Michigan so they could do twelfth step work by taking new members to meetings and introducing them to AA, so they wouldn't feel so alone going to their first meeting. Soon afterwards we elected a new delegate Danny F. He asked me if I would like to be the Archives committee chair, and I gladly accepted. As I was riding to our first Archives committee meeting, Richard U said, "Well I guess you'll be going to Los Angeles this fall." I turned to him surprised and said, "For what?" Richard told me that the National Archives workshop originated in Area 54 and that every year they sent a representative to the workshop. I didn't realize my new position would allow me to travel to L.A. I was excited for the opportunity to attend the workshop.

After the workshop was complete, Bob McK and I stayed

an extra day in California and we travelled down to San Diego and spent the evening with my old sponsor Ken C. on his ship in the harbor and attended a couple of meetings there. The year after that, I visited Macon, GA with Richard and his wife Julie, then to Cocoa Beach with Joel T. the following year. I always took someone with me so they could share the experience and I figured there's no sense in staying at a hotel by myself. I became the Archivist and paid my own way as area 54 had been trying for years to host the workshop back in our area, one year we finally accomplished that in Philadelphia.

After that, I attained a new job outside of AA. So when Calvin L. called and asked if I would like to continue as the Archivist, I had to decline his offer as I thought I would be too busy working my new job. I went to the January assembly and discovered that they needed someone to fulfill the Grapevine commitment. I figured I could at least do that as I wouldn't have to make it to every assembly, so I took up that responsibility. I got to attend Founders Day, where the Akron Intergroup allows Area 54 to sell Grapevine materials there once a year. I had the privilege to meet people from all over North America and other parts of the world. I felt that God was working in my life because if I wouldn't have taken up the Grapevine commitment, I may have never returned to Area 54. This past year I ran for Area chair and am enjoying being on the panel.

I still go to my home group to set up and make coffee before our meetings. I am a board member at our intergroup office. Being a part of AA has opened me up to new experiences. For instance, years ago the intergroup was holding a golf outing. I had never been on a golf course but felt it would be worth attending. So, I bought a set of clubs at a yard sale and participated in the outing, where I got to enjoy the day with members of our member of our fellowship. Through AA I have had the honor to fellowship with old timers that have now passed on and people who still share their experiences with me like my sponsor Jon and my service sponsor Bob. Thank you all for sharing your experience with me.

Yours in service,

Tim H. - Area Chairperson
Area 54 - Panel 69

AREA TREASURER'S REPORT

Tradition One ensures a united whole while honoring all voices in an open dialogue. We provide a platform for everyone, even those with minority views; all sides must be given an opportunity to speak without judgment. All members of the group must be willing to accept the minority opinion (even if they don't agree) and work together to put any decision into action. This helps

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prevent disagreements that can undermine the group and it's members. The exchange of suggestions are beneficial as long as all members are committed to protecting the principal of Tradition One which is UNITY. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Steps are meant to provide you with the foundation by which to live your life, not just stop drinking.

Our unity is the most cherished quality we have; our lives and the lives of all to come depend on it, or AA dies. Without unity, the heart of AA would cease to be. No AA can make another do anything. No one can be punished or kicked out (thank God!). But unless you incorporate the 12 Traditions in all aspects of your life your journey can become lacking in the principles and you will put self before others.

When you look at Step 1, Tradition 1 and Concept 1 some key things they state are We, Our, Unity and collective conscience of our whole fellowship. I am so thankful there is no "I" in recovery because I get drunk and We recover. And for that I am grateful.

Love and Service,

Tina C. - Area Treasurer
Area 54 - Panel 69

AREA RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Varieties of Spiritual Awakening

As A.A. co-founder Bill W. wrote in 1965:
We have atheists and agnostics. We have people of nearly every race, culture and religion. In A.A. we are supposed to be bound together in the kinship of a common suffering.

Tradition 12: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

Spiritual experience in A.A. is broad and varied, and for those members who struggle with spiritual concepts, ongoing sobriety often brings the realization that - in some remarkable and unforeseen way - they have indeed experienced a spiritual change.

I also shared my experience, strength and hope.

Very Sincerely,

Beverly F. - Area Recording Secretary
Area 54 - Panel 69

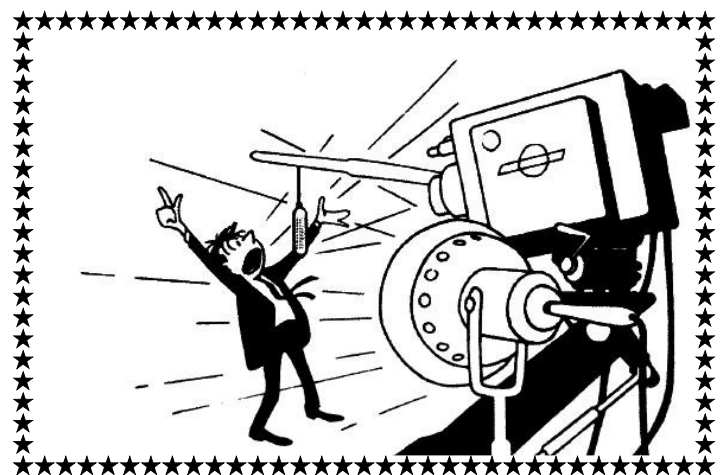
AREA PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR REPORT

The General Service Board has several committees to study areas of AA interest: Literature, Corrections, Public Information, etc. Most of these have corresponding Conference Committees to which area delegates are assigned for the annual General Service Conference. Archives was an exception. The Trustees Archives Committee had no corresponding Conference Archives Committee. The National AA Archives Workshops (NAAAW) formed by Gail L, then Akron Intergroup Archivist, in 1996 felt this should be remedied. In 1998 as a response to a request from Area 54, the Conference created it as a secondary committee. This meant some delegates would be assigned to it in addition to another committee.

Thus, those of us from area 54 have a special relationship with AA Archives and its needs. A couple years ago at the NAAAW Gail, Theron B (prev. from our area), and I met to discuss archives needs and how these committees could help achieve them. We felt a checklist for archivists would prove useful and we discussed it with Michelle Mirza, non-alcoholic Archives Director at GSO, who enthusiastically concurred. I then brought this to the area who submitted our request to "create a list of questions to aid those interested in starting or improving their archives" to the Conference.

The Trustees Archives Committee decided to pursue this and asked the Fellowship for input. I joined many others in submitting a list of questions that I thought should be included. GSO organized everyone's questions into topics, creating this new service piece: "Archives Checklist: A quick guide for local A.A. Archivists", item F-221. While it's published, the cover letter I received stated that it's not *carved in stone*. Michelle wrote, "We hope to gather feedback from the local Archives community and improve the piece as we go along."

Bob McK, Cleveland District Office Archivist
Public Information Chair
Area 54 - Panel 69





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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE AREA AND BEYOND

NOTE THE DATE

August 25 - 2:00 PM - Brunswick, OH
DCM Workshop

September 15 - 2:00 PM - Brunswick, OH
Area Assembly

October 20 - 2:00 PM - Brunswick, OH
Area Assembly Gv Lit

November 17 - 1:00 PM
Gratitude Sunday - Gv Lit
Hosted by TBA - Location TBA

OUTSIDE OUR AREA

October 18-20
Area 75 (Wisconsin State) & East Central Regional Conference
Crowne Plaza - Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th St., Milwaukee, WI 53221

November 2
Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting
Columbus, OH

Gv = Grapevine sale days
Lit = Literature sale days

EXCEPT AS NOTED, Area Assemblies & Workshops begin at 2:00 pm and are held at The 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd. (in Brunswick Plaza), Brunswick, OH 44212. The club is on US Route 42, about 1/4 mile south of State Route 303.
Phone: (330) 273-7216



The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code."

A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 9, 2019, on aa.org. Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee.

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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