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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Jan. 21 2 PM
Third Legacy Meeting

Feb. 18 2 PM
Third Legacy Meeting

Mar. 18 2 PM
Third Legacy Meeting

Apr. 6th, 7th, 8th
Mini-Conference
Ashtabula, Ohio

Apr. 15 2 PM
DCM Workshop

(unless noted) All 3rd Legacy
Meetings and Workshops are held
at:

The 12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, Ohio
(on US Route 42 about 1/4 mile
south of State Route 303, next to
the Bowling Alley)



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from the Delegate

Hello Northeast Ohio:

First of all I wish to say that I am grateful from the bottom of my heart for your love and trust. Your decision to elect me as your Delegate for Panel 51 is much appreciated and will not be taken lightly, not even for a second. Your expressions of trust and support will be followed through with hard work and diligent representation.

We have a wonderful panel, Bob, Dan, Emmett, Lewis, and Alice, who feel the same as I do. We also have some dedicated Committee chairs, which are listed here in the Northeast Ohio Recorder. I urge you to join a committee and share in the experience of committee work.

Speaking of our newsletter, the Northeast Ohio Recorder, we are always in need of articles. We are interested in all group, district, committee, and area events, and this is the place to announce them. Please keep our Past Delegate, Rob busy with your articles and events.

We have a wonderful Web mistress, Jill S. who takes care of our website, please visit our site at www.aaneoh.org when you have events of interest please contact Jill to have those events posted.

We have some exciting events coming up such as our 26th Annual Mini-Conference, April 6-8, 2001. This year's theme is *Love and Service*. The Conference will be held at the Comfort Inn in Ashtabula, Ohio

to express the spirit of rotation throughout our Area. All will have a fun and informative time. Planning meetings will be announced shortly. I am sure that we will make this year's Conference a success in the sense of sending me to the General Service Conference informed with your voice on current A.A. issues.

Other Area 54 events include our Annual Open House, and Gratitude Sunday, GSR, DCM Workshops and other District and Committee affairs. Other events of interest throughout the East Central Region this year include:

- Delegate/Past Delegate Conference, Feb. 9,10,11, 2001, Appleton, WI
- East Central Regional Convention, July 6,7,8, 2001
- Ohio State Convention, Area 53, July 27,28,29, 2001, Columbus, OH
- Regional Forum, Area 55, October 12, 13, 14, 2001, Toledo, OH

I look forward to the challenges of this position that you have bestowed upon me. I am truly grateful for the Past Delegates of this Area, which have offered their assistance in getting me through this adventure. I hope to make Area 54 proud.

In Love and Service,

Tina A H.
Delegate Area 54, Panel 51

Alt. Delegate Report

My life in General Service started taking shape in about 1991. I had about eleven years in the program then. I had been the Group Secretary, Treasurer, Intergroup Representative by this time and had been a sponsor for a few men. But, there was something missing. Then I heard George O. talking about District and Area meetings at our home group, so I asked to be the Alternate GSR and started going to District 7 meetings and area meetings. Our GSR left after 6 months and I became the GSR for a little over two years and worked on the State Convention when Burt H. was the Delegate.

Then I became the DCM for District 7 for 2 years and the Area Public Information chairman. I then was elected to the now famous Panel 47 of Bob, Bob, Rob, Dan and Tina as your Treasurer. Bob McKimm, the delegate tried very hard to make me an accountant. But I failed and kept my simple report - Cash In, Cash Out, Balance on Hand. Oh well, that is another story. Then I was elected to Panel 49 and became the Recording Secretary because I finally learned how to spell "Treasurer" after two years.

Now I will have twenty years in the program and I am your new Alternate Delegate. It was out of the hat so I guess this is where God wants me. I know Panel 51 will work together as the past two panels I have been on. Tina will always do her best and I will try to keep her laughing..... and God will keep her healthy. And "we" Tina, Bob, Lewis, Dan, Alice and Emmett will give you our best. I have found the missing piece in my sobriety puzzle and it is General Service.

In love and Service
Bob E. (Who)
Alternate Delegate
Area 54 Panel 51

I would like to thank the Area 54 for the honor of being the Al-Anon Coordinator for the Ohio State AA Con-

vention held at Sandusky in October.

We had wonderful meetings, wonderful fellowship, wonderful AA's who came to find out what Al-Anon was all about, and a wonderful Al-Anon lead Steve F.

Thanks to all who participated to make the Al-Anon portion of the Convention a warm and wonderful experience.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the Convention.

In love and service,
Sue E., better known as Mrs. Who

Finance

May this letter serve to introduce myself, Denise Reed. I am currently the newly appointed chairperson for the Finance Committee for the upcoming two years. I am also the current DCM for District 29 and have served as GSR for my Home Group, Kinsman Saturday Morning.

I love Service Work. First of all, it enhances my sobriety, secondly, it gives me a sense of fulfillment and finally, to be of service shows that I am responsible and a few short 24 hours ago, I was **not** responsible. I look forward to being a part of service for a very long time to come

Thank you for giving me the opportunity. My contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.

In Service,
Denise R.
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Committee Reports

Greetings NE Ohio

My name is **Ron Jackson** and I have graciously accepted the position of Committee Chairperson for Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC). Through God's grace and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous I became sober March 28, 1992. I have served as Secretary and Treasurer at the Group level as well as GSR and am currently Alternate DCM for District 29.

With the help of AA volunteers our mission is to carry the message through presentations, letters and literature, etc. to the uninformed professional community. In maintaining AA traditions, the need for anonymity must always be observed. I thank God and Tina for this opportunity.

In closing, anyone with the willingness to work on this committee should contact me at 216-321-2386.

Your Grateful Servant,
Ron J.
CPC Chairperson
Alt. DCM District 29

Archive Committee Meeting

Akron Intergroup Office, 2 PM on Saturday January 13th.
Bob McK., 216-321-2534

What a Concept !

- Q. Where can the Twelve Concepts of World Service be found??
- Q. Which Concept addresses "the Right of Appeal" and what does it mean?

Answers will be given in the next Area 54 Newsletter.



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

Hello, Area 54! I am Carol T., your new chair of the Area Grapevine Committee. I am both humbled and excited by the assignment, and resolve to do the very best job I can for all of the recovering alcoholics in Area 54.

I have many ideas for the committee:

Get as many Grapevine Reps in the area's Groups as possible, and help in any way I can to equip them to do their job.

Try to get the word out to groups what a wonderful door prize a *Grapevine* subscription is for anniversaries, etc.

Try to get Group subscriptions much more widespread than current rates.

Spread the word on the wonderful other books, pamphlets & tapes the Grapevine offers other than just the magazine.

I can use everyone's help to give a one - two minute "promo" for his or her Home Group as I can hardly get to that many meetings. If anyone in the Area has ideas or suggestions, please call or stop by our table at an Area meeting and let me know!

In Love and Service,
Carol

DCM WORKSHOP...July 16,
2000

On a nice Sunday afternoon a small, but enthusiastic crowd came to Brunswick to attend the DCM Workshop chaired by our Past Delegate, Bob M.

One of the speakers was unable to make it, so Joyce K., past Delegate and Jay M., DCM combined the topics: *(cont next column)*

Presentations on the Twelve Concepts: 1) In our Groups, Districts and Intergroups 2) At our Area Meetings and the General Service Conference and 3) In all our affair (clubs, treatment facilities, with employees, etc.)

After about 20 minutes each, we broke into groups and considered the following questions:

- 1) How were the concepts applied in a circumstance you remember...or how might they have been?
- 2) Is the minority opinion "right of appeal" exercised at your group, district, or intergroup
- 3) What does "sufficient operating funds, plus a prudent reserve" mean to your group
- 4) Other Twelve Concept Considerations.

After spirited discussion, we heard a synopsis of the group's opinions. Some of the more interesting items brought up were DCM's running wild with their perceived authority and how Service structure can deal with that. Unqualified authority was discussed along with questions of how to deal with the problem.

A person brought up a problem with a Church hosting a meeting telling a Group what to do. The way the smoking issue was handled at Area 54 was brought up more than once. There was wide disparity on how groups treat prudent reserve.

All in all, it was a worthwhile afternoon. Everyone in attendance came away with some new knowledge and perhaps a new way to look at things.

Jay M., DCM

Important Information For All Concerned

If you are reading this article you are on the Area 54 Mailing List as a contact person for a Group. Group Information needs to be updated every year for the Regional Directories that AA's use when they travel.

Your DCM should be contacting you in the next month or so to get your updated information on your Group. However, if he or she does not please feel free to let someone else know. Call or write the Area Mailing Secretary, address on the back page, and make your changes. They have to be into NY before the first of March.

Our Area deadline for getting change information to Emmett, so he can get it entered and into NY, is the February Third Legacy Meeting, February 18th.

If you are a DCM, you should have your new listings, and you need to get busy.

Any questions can be referred to any of the Panel Members, and all their contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

Current information is very important for those AA's who travel and like to attend meetings where ever they are. My home Group has had visitors from all over the world just because of our up to date information in the Eastern Directory. Out of date information, like dead folks still being listed, can cause heartaches for families.

Please help us UPDATE!!!!

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

Your Trusted Servants Committee 51

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