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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

October 20th 2 PM
Area Assembly
Election Meeting

November 17th 2 PM
Gratitude Sunday
Community Center
5920 US Route 322
Williamsfield, Ohio

2003
January 19th 2 PM
Area Assembly
Budget Meeting

Unless otherwise noted,
Area Assembly Meetings &
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 Area 54,

Hello family and yes I mean family in the truest sense of the word. Have you ever felt happy and sad at the same time. Well, that is exactly how I am feeling right now. Happy that it is time for the Spirit of Rotation to do its thing, yet sad that I will not be able to serve you as your Delegate after December 31, 2002. This term of service has been awesome. The words escape me that can explain exactly what being your trusted servant means. The new friends, the fellowship, the General Service Conferences, the assemblies, the good and the not so good have all been so spiritual. I have learned to practice principles before personalities, even when it seemed it would kill me ☺.

Dan, Lewis, Alice, Emmett, and the late Bob E.. have stood by my side in the most difficult times. Alice thank you for the many calls during my illness especially those days that I didn't think I would see another God-given day. You gave me the encouragement to trudge on. Dan, you have been a dear, we started out a little shaky but you soon realized that as a new Delegate I was so excited to do the right things at the right time, I got on everyone's nerves. Emmett and Lewis, thank you for being you, may you both continue to grow in service and know that I will always be here for you. I have learned a lot from all of you. Last but not least, my dear Bob E., I miss your humor, your jokes, and your love of Alcoholics

Anonymous. I miss the dinners that we shared after the 3rd Legacy meetings discussing the problems of the world. I thank you for holding on until I got to be by your side as we prayed the Serenity Prayer and you made your descent to that Big Meeting in the Sky. Bob "Who" E. I will love you forever and I want you to know that I am looking out for Sue for you too, she'll be spending the night here with me soon. And that is a miracle considering that Dan, Alice and I broke into your house not so long ago ☺, we knew you would have loved that.

To my Committee chairs, I would like to say that you did a bang up job of offering your displays at the Mini-Conference, addressing anonymity and tradition breaks, performing workshops, and just being the true leaders that you are. A.A. could not have been in better hands.

To our G.S.R.s and DCMs, you brought light to an otherwise dark Area, thank you.

To our Past Delegates, Regional, Grapevine and GSO trusted servants, thank you for the wonderful experiences that you have shared with me these last two years.

I especially and most of all want to thank the 1367 registered groups and the 7 Intergroups of Area 54 for continuing to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic in and outside of the rooms, prisons, treatment centers and other institutions. May our paths continue to cross as we trudge the road of happy destiny.

Tina A. H.,
Delegate Panel 51,
Area 54 Northeast OH.

Multi-District Report 29,31,32,33,35,36 & 45

I would like to officially thank everyone for supporting the Open House picnic held at Garfield Park. We had a great turnout. I would like to thank everyone for their participation in making the event a success.

Tina H. and I completed a Cleveland Multi-District Mission and Guidelines packet. The packet contains a mission statement, a description of the voting process, a listing of the offices, their qualifications and duties, and how motions are carried out. The packet has been distributed to all multi district members and will be voted on at the November meeting.

Districts 29 and 33 will be hosting a workshop with the theme Understanding the Service Positions and Our Responsibilities Therein. The date and location are to be announced.

Several meetings in the multi district have not been adhering to the 12 Traditions. I continue to address these issues with my AA Service Manual and other appropriate literature in hand, but feels my efforts are falling on deaf ears.

Greg J.,
DCM 45, Multi District Chair
Announcement

Newly reformed District 28 will



Archives

Bob is being sent to the National Workshop in San Bernardino, CA. Kevin is also going. Both are panelists: Kevin on Posthumous Anonymity," Bob on "Archives Guidelines." We worked on some preparations for these talks.

We have reviewed the new AAWS pamphlet "The A.A. Archives" (F-47) and found it informative, well organized, and pretty. We have no suggestions for improvement. Bob communicate our delight to Arnold R., a Trustees' Archives Committee member and our guest for the next Mini-Conference.

Our focus for the remainder of this year will be oral histories. We will continue histories of past delegates, plus a special project, and branch out into wider areas involving more old-timers.

We completed the project board of NE Ohio General Service for the State Convention, displayed it there, and gave it to the state historian for future conventions.

The committee also helped the Akron Intergroup Office prepare for the upcoming tour of the office by the attendees of the Intergroup/Central Office Workshop held in Pittsburgh this year.

This has given us the opportunity to demonstrate the cooperation between Service entities.

Bob McK.
Archives Chair

hold it's next meeting on October 13, 2002 at 2pm at the the Southgate Fellowship Club, 20571 Southgate Park Blvd, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All groups in the Southgate Club and Maple Heights / Garfield Heights area are urged to attend.



Area 54 Assembly passed a resolution making Committee Chairs eligible for election as Area officers, as long as they meet the attendance and sobriety requirements that DCM's have also.

What A Concept

Q. Where is Sister Ignatia's body buried?
A. Calvary Cemetery, 10000 Miles Avenue Cleveland OH

Q. What major event occurred June 28-30, 1950?

A. The 1st International Convention was held in Cleveland Ohio with about 3,000 persons present at the confirmation of the 12 Traditions.

Sorry, but the dates I originally stated were incorrect.

Hello Northeast Ohio

Wow 2002 what a year we have had. First of course our regular Third Legacy meetings often spirited always educational. The Mini Conference in April was well attended and an excellent learning experience. A luau Saturday night as well and great fun all around. There was also the 46th Ohio State Convention And the 23rd East Central Regional Conference. Let's not forget all the wonderful workshops starting in May with the Committee workshop Our Shared Experience since this fell on Cinco De Mayo we had Mexican foods. In July we had two workshops the first of those were the District Committee Workshop Understanding The Duties Of A D.C.M. and the Correctional Workshop The Key To Freedom Is Living Free In Alcoholics Anonymous. In August the General Service Representative Workshop What Is A G.S.R. We also had our Area 54 Open House held in June with the Cleveland Multi-District Picnic lots of good food fellowship and to wrap it all up a dynamite speaker. Some of us have had the opportunity to travel to Districts that had been Dark and our really making an effort to once again be a part of the whole. What is a Dark District you might ask? Well the quickest answer is any District or Group that does not have representatives and doesn't participate. Therefore it has no voice to hear or be heard. Let us all work to revive all districts just like our Steps Traditions and Concepts they are what it takes everyone of these to keep us strong and whole.

On a personal note:

As you all know we lost our Beloved Alternate Delegate Bob (Who) E. passed early this year.

Thank you to our Delegate Tina H. Panel 51 she had to find ways to cover Bobs many duties so that the Area was able to continue to receive all that it needed and deserved. Tina accomplished this by assuming the Lions share and then asking her Area Officers to assist where needed in the spirit of cooperation.

Our standing committees have done an outstanding job this year this is a very important part of our continued strength.

A thank you to the other Area 54 Officers Dan M. Recording Secretary working to keep our minutes and everything else to date. Lewis E. Chairman imagine trying to keep all of us on the same page and in order. Emmett S. Mailing Secretary there are so many groups

and changes that are made plus getting the mailing out.

Thanks to all the Past Delegates that continue to work for the good of the Area. Showing up at the Assembly, facilitating workshops, being on committees and being Powers of Example. We are truly blessed to belong to such a strong Area.

Thank You all it is with a Grateful heart that I would like to tell you how much I appreciate the honor of being able to be of service to Area 54. Thank You for all your patience and help. There is a bond forged out of Love and Service. In some ways it doesn't seem like almost two years now that I have been allowed the privilege to serve you. The opportunity to meet and get to know many new friends and like minded people. To be a part of something so critically important as we go about the business of serving Alcoholics Anonymous. The learning and understanding so often imperceptible, The steady growth that service work allows in not just the duties of an Area Officer but also in my personal life in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I would love to continue being of service to Area 54.

For this I am Grateful and to me Gratitude is an action word.

Alice H.
Treasurer
Northeast Ohio, Area 54

Growth Through Service

Service starts at the group level - setting up the meeting, making coffee, greeting people and cleaning up. It extends outside the rooms to carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. There have been times in my sobriety that I wondered why so few people pitch in when it comes to these necessary activities. If I dwelled in that thought I would probably have ended up being one of the people sitting on the sidelines expecting others to take care of these tasks. I am grateful that my sponsors

insisted that we get active immediately. The rewards from service far exceeded any expectation I ever had.

For me, alcoholism was a disease of isolation and alienation. AA is a "we" program that can break down the walls to this isolation through self examination and taking action to overcome this destructive way of life. It is through service that I started to feel a part of something for the first time in my life, a part of the group. I had earned my seat, so to speak.

When I read the book *AA Comes of Age* I learned how and why AA Traditions developed and had my first introduction to AA's Third Legacy - Service. It is through the Service structure of AA that each AA member's voice is heard, that the message of recovery is carried in ways that a single person or group might not have the time or resources to do so, and that we insure that AA will be here tomorrow. As a result, I set out to find out what Service was all about. The result has been a learning experience that has enhanced my life immeasurably.

Through group representation as a GSR, district committees that bring local groups together, and Area committees that bring regional groups together, the structure of AA has many service positions to address generalized or specific needs of our existing and future members. Service isn't for everyone, but historically the most grateful members are active in service to AA, to groups and to others.

If you have been wondering "what's next?" - pick up the book *AA Comes of Age*, the pamphlet *The AA Group*, the *AA Service Manual* or visit AA's website <http://www.aa.org> and click on Fellowship Service's. I hope the service bug bites you like it did me.

Dan M., Area Recording Secretary

RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

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

Your Trusted Servants Committee 51

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