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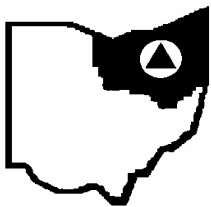
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 21, 2007 2:00 PM
Area Assembly
- January 28, 2007 2:00 PM
Mini-Conference Planning Meeting,
Westlake Holiday Inn Westlake OH
- February 9-11, 2007
Conference of Delegates, Past and
Present, Huron OH
- February 18 2:00 PM
Area Assembly
- February 25, 2007 2:00 PM
Mini-Conference Planning Meeting,
Westlake Holiday Inn Westlake OH
- March 18 2:00 PM
Area Assembly
- March 30, 31, April 1, 2007
Area 54 NE Ohio Mini-Conference
Westlake Holiday Inn Westlake OH
- Area Assemblies & Workshops are
held at the 12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH (on
US Route 42 about 1/4 mile south of
State Route 303)
Club phone: (330) 273-7216



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from the Delegate:

Thank you!

I wish there were greater words I could use to express my appreciation for the privilege and opportunity to serve Area 54 as the Panel 57 Delegate Northeast Ohio General Service, the cradle of AA. I have much to learn and will have much to share as I begin this adventure. My sharing hopefully will keep you better informed so that we can all grow in recovery, unity and service. We stand on the shoulders of giants – those old-timers who 'kept the doors open' for us. I am humbled by your trust.

In the next two years, the Area wants to increase participation, especially from our outlying areas. The mini-conference at the end of March and the Area assemblies are a good opportunity to have your voice heard and your vote count. The assembly is centrally located in Area 54 to allow equal participation by all without serious inconvenience to any. We were certainly willing to drive

further for a drink in a blizzard, weren't we? Possible issues to come up next year are a change in the composition of the General Service Board and some major improvements to the GSO website, <http://aa.org>.

I want to meet and speak with each and every one of you who has questions or needs information on our General Service structure. I will, of course, be preparing a quarterly report for the NEOH newsletter 'The Recorder', periodic submissions to the Area's eight Central Office/Intergroup newsletters and regular Assembly reports. I plan to visit a meeting or group in each of the 64 districts which constitute Area 54. To accomplish this I need your help, your participation, and support. Please write, call, e-mail or stop me at a meeting and express your concerns, offer your feedback, ideas, or state your complaints.

As I attend these meetings I will ask for 2-3 minutes to explain who I am, what Area 54 is, and what services we provide to Area 54. These short descriptions are to inform and offer encouragement to each of you to become involved. Together we can make a difference.

In Love and Service,
Jeff Y., Panel 57 Delegate

Welcome to Our New Area Officers

From the Alternate Delegate:

Welcome to Panel 57! We had an exciting Third Legacy Election last Fall and now we can all begin the process of learning our new Service Positions! One of the advantages that we have doing General Service Work is that we are given so many tools to work with. The General Service Office provides us with basic texts and manuals so we understand what our position entails. The new Committee Chairs will be provided everything they need to handle their Service position and they will also have an Area Officer to act as a liaison to help them with the support they need.

What gets me so excited about this time of the year is that the Mini-Conferences will soon be approaching and the advantage we have here in Ohio is that we can attend four of them! The Agenda items that will be taken into Committees and the items that will go to the floor at the General Service Conference when Jeff goes to New York in April will soon be arriving in my mailbox. For a GSR, DCM, or Committee Chair the road to Service Work and the dividends it pays begins on January 28, 2007 at the Westlake Holiday Inn. Our first Mini-Conference Planning Meeting will be held there at 2:00 PM.

I was always told by my Sponsors to always try to "live" the Three Legacies of AA, and try NOT to "hide in Recovery" like so many AA members do today. The Grace of God gave me my sobriety and keeps me sober today and I always try to remember what Dr. Bobs wife Anne used to say to the newcomers who darkened their doors over on Ardmore Avenue in Akron - "faith without works is dead". Sound familiar?

Love and Service,
Danny F., Alt. Delegate

From the Area Chair

Hi Friends! Since becoming involved in Service as a G.S.R. by way of resentment, I didn't realize that God had already done for me what I was unable to do for myself. Because I really didn't know what I needed, or wanted to be involve in. Ever since that year I was elected to represent my home group as a G.S.R it has been an on going love affair.

Becoming D.C.M Of District #33 and later Chair of the Cleveland North Coast Multi-District was an honor. I also was honored to represent the Area as the C.P.C Chair in 2003-2004 and have been enjoying every step that God has put before me. And when our Past Delegate Alice Heath asked me to become the Treatment chair for 2005-2006 I was again honored and blessed. I had so much love for Alice Heath and she is truly missed. I learned so much from Alice.

I cannot express how I really feel in my heart, nor the joy that I receive from being of service, not only to Area #54, but also to the many people that I do come in contact with while being of service to the Area. It is really a great joy for me, now that I have been elected as Area Chair for 2007-2008. My heart is full with such joy. I would like to thank the Area Assembly for believing in me. I will serve our area assembly to the best of my ability. I am also the current treasurer of Cleveland North Coast Multi-District, which ends this December. Thank you God for all my many blessings.

Love and service,
Clarence G., Area 54 Chairperson

From the Recording Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for granting me the privilege to serve as the incoming N.E. Ohio Area 54 Recording Secretary. I truly look forward to working with the new officers and chairpersons. My goal is to serve N.E. Ohio Area 54 and Alcoholics Anonymous to the best of my ability, with the help of my higher power and all of you; I have faith that this will be a promising journey on the continuing road to serenity and peace in life.

Yours in Service Always,
Jamie B., Recording Secretary

From the Mailing Secretary

Warmest greetings and a happy New Year to all. It is my hope that you enjoyed a very blessed, happy and safe Holiday season.

My name is Ola and I am your newly elected Mailing Secretary for Area 54. My sincerest thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to be of service.

My wonderful journey in Alcoholics Anonymous began September 3, 1992. My home group is the Lee Seville AA Group and has been since my introduction to AA. I continue to be very active in my home group, including serving as secretary, GSR, acting as a chairperson, and currently as alternate treasurer.

My eternal gratitude to my co-sponsor, Michelle H., also a member of my home group, who encouraged me to take my first step from the top of the service triangle by accepting the position of GSR. And, for her continued support and encouragement. I am also eternally grateful and I thank God for placing my service sponsor Mary B. in my path. Mary believes and has taught me to believe, "that all things happen in Divine Order." It is because of her positive guidance, encouragement, support, and leadership that I continue my decent down the triangle.

On page eight of the Big Book, Bill W. talks about being catapulted into a fourth dimension of existence. For me, being involved in the service structure of our fellowship, I have been catapulted into the fifth dimension of existence.

As a newly elected officer I continue to pray that God will always use me to be of maximum service to Him and to my fellows.

In Love & Service,
Ola P., Mailing Secretary

Area Committee Chair & District Reports

Bon Voyage

This is my second stint as Treasurer for the Area. I was elected in October 2002 and rotated out when my term expired at the end of 2004. When Bill J., who succeeded me as Treasurer, passed away suddenly last year, Alice asked me to finish out his term. I have enjoyed staying sober and serving the Area.

I retired from my teaching job in May. I hope to travel around the country and visit other Areas to see how they operate and to make new friends. I would not rule out another stint in General Service sometime in the future once I get the traveling urge satisfied.

I would like to send out a big "THANK YOU" to all the groups that have supported the Area through their individual and group contributions over the past 4 years. If your home group is not supporting the General Service structure please consider doing so in the future. Ask yourself, Am I responsible?

Joe H., Past Treasurer

Editor's Note:

We would like to add our sincere thanks to Joe for stepping up when called upon. This is the best expression of gratitude that a person can make.

We also wish you the best in your retirement and travels. Keep coming back.

From the Corrections Chair

On page 102 in the book Alcoholics Anonymous it tells us to not hesitate to visit the most sordid spot on earth if we have the chance to be helpful to others. This is just one of the reasons I try to carry the message into correctional facilities. I have been doing this work for over seventeen years and have never gotten tired of it or burned out. When I was down and out someone took the time to bring me the message of hope. It's my responsibility to do the same. There continues to be a huge need for the program of AA in correctional facilities. I am looking forward to working with the fellowship in Area 54 to help meet that need. Together we can make the difference in the lives of others.

In service,
Jerry W., Corrections Chair

Cleveland North Coast Multi-District 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 45

The results of the November 4, 2006 election for the multi-district officers are:

Chairperson	Calvin L.
Alt. Chair	Quinsetta M.
Secretary	Gregory J.
Alt. Secretary	Keith B.
Treasurer	Candaice G.
Alt. Treasurer	Tonia B.
Archivist	Lewis E.

From the Archivist

One of the things that I have learned over the years in AA is that whenever a door is closed my Higher Power will open another. At the Area elections, I stood for three positions and the results were, to say the least, underwhelming. I put on a happy face to hide my disappointment, and after the close of the meeting, my service sponsor, Bob M., came up to me and asked if I would consider becoming the archivist for Area 54.

After sending Jeff my qualifications, the Panel did, in fact, ask me to serve in this position. I humbly accepted with a bit of trepidation, because Bob is a tough act to follow. I have been active with the Akron Archives for over eight years and have been trained in all aspects of archival procedures. I feel ready to serve in the position and look forward to continuing the fine work that Bob has done, as well serving with our Committee chair, Richard.

One of my goals is to have the entire collection data based so our trusted servants can better utilize the archives. I welcome any input and seek to serve the Area in the best way I can. Remember that our archives collection and scope not only includes Area 54 itself, but the Districts and Multidistricts also.

I believe my Higher Power has placed me exactly where he wants me for He knows better what I want and need than I do.

In Service,
Jay M., Archivist

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



RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

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

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