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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12 - 14, 2007
East Central Regional Convention
Manitowoc, WI

October 21, 2007
Ohio State Convention & ECR
Conv Planning Meeting 1:00 PM
Area Assembly 2:00PM

November 9 - 11, 2007
East Central Regional Forum
Arlington Heights, IL

November 18, 2007 1:30 PM
Gratitude Sunday
St. Patrick's Church
357 N. Main St., Hubbard, Ohio

2008

January 20 2:00 PM
Area Assembly

January 27 2:00 PM
Mini-Conference Planning Meeting
Westlake Holiday Inn
1100 Crocker, Westlake, Ohio

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) (330) 273-7216



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From the Delegate . . .

Since the General Service Conference in April, I have logged almost 5,000 miles giving my Conference Report and speaking at other A.A. functions. In May, the area assembly hosted about 75 people who wanted to be the first to hear the news from New York. In June, I spoke to the Akron and Ashtabula multi-districts which represent 12% and 4% of the groups in our area. In July, I addressed the Cleveland and Westshore multi-districts, which make up 16% and 5% of our groups, respectively. That's roughly a third of our area that cares enough about our Fellowship to ask what happened at the Conference this year. I've spoken in a large clubhouse and in the living room of one of our DCMs. Several of the other area officers have patiently listened to my report more than two or three times at these functions.



I will reiterate my promise of a few months ago. If you ask, I will come to your home group, your district or your club to address as many or as few members as show up. But you have to do the minimal legwork of picking up the phone and calling me or emailing. It's too not much to ask, is it, for the fellowship that saved our lives?

At one of those district visits, I heard a GSR mention that "it's slow in the area during the summer months – not much is going on." *Au contraire*, we are just as busy now as any other time of year. Perhaps you saw the flyers for the Ohio State Convention which was held in Cincinnati in July. Area officers participated in the planning and execution of that convention along with the other three delegate areas in Ohio. During the summer, the delegate gives Conference Reports. The area committee is already planning the fall assemblies. We are working on agenda items that groups want discussed at the 2008 General Service Conference. The Open House picnic was very well attended in Niles, hosted by Districts 6 & 7. The DCM and GSR Workshops held over the summer months were well attended and enjoyed by all.

In August, we held our first planning meeting for the 2008 East Central Regional Convention, which we are hosting the weekend of July 25, 2008 in Westlake, Ohio. This is a big convention of members from all over the great lakes region. It is sure to have some fantastic speakers, panels and workshops. Start planning now to attend.

Coming up in November, Districts 7, 8 & 48 will also be hosting our Gratitude Sunday gathering. The area committee also has plans to attend the East Central Regional Convention in Manitowoc, Wisconsin and the East Central Regional Forum, a free event hosted by GSO in Chicago, Illinois.

There's so much more going on in AA than I can describe in this short article. Won't you come to the assembly and find out?

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

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

Alternate Delegate Report

As we head into the end of 2007, I am filled with gratitude. God has put so many beautiful people in my life this year and the dividend he gave me was that I learned a lot. This year was the first of my apprenticeship in order that I might become your Panel 59 Delegate and I have a very good teacher. My friend Jeff has walked me through this journey that began last December and January looking at this year's Budget. I was on the Budget and Finance Committee over in PA Area 60 back in 2000, but this year I really had an opportunity to "sink my teeth" into our fiscal budget and really understand how it works.

In February, I had an opportunity to go to my first Delegates Past and Present Conference. I met with many AA's who, like me, are passionate about AA and feel the same way I do. The feeling I got from those past Delegates is we are all in this for "Those Yet to Come". I also realized when that weekend was over that service is still where it's at when it comes to my personal recovery.

This year was the sixth year I have been serving in Area 54 and I do have to admit this year was the best. The reason I say this is because our attendance has really increased and we have more members "on board" who really care about service and realize the "perks" that it offers. The members who I have been talking to this year really care that their groups get the information they send their reps to Brunswick for.

What really impressed me was that at the Ohio State Convention this year, aside from the host Area (56), we had more attendees from Area 54 than the other two Areas (53&55) combined! That told me

something. We still have a long way to go as far as "lighting" those Dark districts. Helping groups understand the Twelve Traditions and AA dollars are used to carry the message is vital to our future.

A few years ago, we had a Panel 53 Delegate come up to our Mini-Conference and tell us we are at the "Bottom of the Barrel" as far as contributions being sent to our General Service Conference. And guess what folks, we still are! But, I have come to realize that while our General Service participation is small, these Panel 57 members will be there when asked. This includes chairing a meeting, visiting a group, assisting by 'Bridging the Gap' to a potential member for our Treatment or Corrections Chair, or driving to Cincinnati for a State Conference. Just a few of the ways we carry the message through shared experience and information exchanges. I have not heard anyone yet say "that's too far." At least they won't say it in front of me anyway because my patented comeback is "ITS ONLY AN INCH ON THE MAP"!

In Love and Service,
Danny F., Alternate Delegate

Recording Secretary Report

Hello to all in Area 54:

I am honestly learning more and more about Alcoholics Anonymous its structure, and the reasoning behind it. I attended the Ohio State Conference for Alcoholics Anonymous in July with my panel colleagues. Part of the agenda was each of the areas would speak on three of the concepts. I was asked to speak on Concepts 4, 5 and 6. I felt very privileged. In order to prepare for this, I had to read more about the Concepts, which helped me to understand a little more about what

they actually meant. This was not only true for the Concepts I was speaking on, but also each of the other nine. Areas 53 presented Concepts 1-3, we had Concepts 4-6, Area 55 had Concepts 7-9, Area 56 had Concepts 10-12. I felt so privileged to be a part of; this is one of the promises of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am truly a part of something that makes me feel a part of, and feel loved. It is just one of the many blessings of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is such an opportunity to be part of this panel. I am so grateful for the experiences I am having. None of this would be possible if I had not become involved. I love Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yours in Service Always,
Jamie B., Recording Secretary

The 51st Ohio State Convention of A.A. was hosted by Area 55, SW Ohio General Service from July 20 to July 22, 2007. I attended the Convention with Jeff Y. our delegate, Dan F., Alternate Delegate and the Area officers Ola P., Clarence G., and Jamie B. Many Area 54 committee chairpersons also attended. The convention was a success with over **400** in attendance. The theme of the Convention was *Service is the Key to Happiness*. All the speakers had many years of service under their belts. Our Recording Secretary, Jamie B. did a fine job on the 12 Concepts panel. Our Delegate chaired the speaker meeting on Sunday. While attending this convention, I was taking notes on what changes I thought might help us when we host the 52nd Ohio Convention in 2008. I enjoyed the Convention very much but I enjoyed the traveling time with the members of the Committee even more.

In love and service,
Russ W., Mailing Secretary

Area Committee & District Reports

From Archivist Jay M.

The following is adapted from a piece found in the Akron Archives written for church archives. I have adopted it for AA, but want to give credit to the unknown author.

Many people feel that history is unimportant. After all, they claim, history deals with the past while we must live in the present and prepare for the future. Those of us who are interested in history often find ourselves trying to explain why it is important to remember and to interpret the past.

Some say that one of the chief values of history is entertainment. It is fascinating to learn about the old timers. We derive enjoyment from listening, seeing and reading about what has happened in the past. Many folks in your home group will find it fascinating to learn more about the men, women and events in group, Area or our worldwide history.

Others claim that the major value of history is inspiration. As we learn more about those who created the Fellowship of which we are so grateful, we may be inspired to give thanks for their lives, and we may pledge to follow their example. On the other hand, recognizing that history is made by people who are not always at their best, their stories may evoke our understanding of their shortcomings and inspire us to say that we shall learn from their mistakes. This, after all, is how our Twelve Traditions were formulated.

Finally, we know that the major value of history is that it helps us to understand who we are, from where we have come, and how we can continue to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is the key to our own identity.

Archives keep, as Bill W. said, "Myth from becoming reality." How does the Archives Committee

carry the message? What is preserved in the Archives is the message!

While we are not bound by history, we can better understand who we are and, perhaps, help determine the future direction of Alcoholics Anonymous in a changing world by reflecting on the past. History is important. You, your home group, or any service entity you serve on can contribute to AA as you record and remember your service for AA.

On behalf of North Coast Multi Districts 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 45 and the Heights Hub districts 32, 40, 41, 42 and 55, we would like to thank all the groups for their donation and help in putting together a great annual picnic. There was so much love and compassion so many people show up just to be a PART OF. From preparing the food, setting up, and all the work involved in hosting a gathering. Much appreciation is expressed to the following groups that contributed: A Place to Be, Kinsman Saturday Morning, Highland Hills Serenity, Temple Group, Calvary Group, New Way of Life, Four Absolutists, St Thomas Aquinas, Solidarity 2, New Approach to Life, North Coast East, One Day at a Time, Serenity Sunday, Toes Serenity, King Kennedy Group, Kaiser East, Spring Brook, Living in Sobriety, St. Clair Living Sober, St Phillip Sunday, Mustard Seed, and Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. THANK YOU.

In Love and Service,
Clarence G., Area 54 Chair

District 7, 8 & 48

As DCM in District 7, I have been working hard to get members to realize there is more to A.A than the home group. While we have gone a long way, participation still lags. When I became DCM, there

was very little activity going on. Now we are very active in the prisons and attempting to get more involved with schools. We also trying get coordinated with the inter group. We also added a new DCM, Jenny O. We wish her well and are confident she will do a good job. We still need to find someone a DCM for District 48.

I had the honor to be at the Ohio State Convention. I heard a young woman speak who stated she didn't like when people told her she was lucky to come into the program at such young age. Personally, I see young people as the lifeblood of A.A. More experienced members should push young people and newcomers into service positions.

We do have a lot going on inside the jails and prisons in CCA we have Bob D. who is doing a great job taking the meeting to the inmates. Joe M. and Vern M. will be participating in the safety course that will allow them to carry the message into prison. This participation has made my job easier. They are also talking about having a day of recovery where they would have many types of speakers and I hope to have speakers from the service side of A.A
In Love and Service,
Joel T., DCM District 7

IN MEMORIUM

Julius W., DCM District 17, passed away July 10, 2007 after a year-long battle with cancer. Julius was born September 1, 1928 in Germany. He settled in Huron County in 1973. Julius was retired from Local #42, Norwalk Pipe Fitters Union. He enjoyed travel and computers. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Elfriede W. of Norwalk, 3 sons and one daughter, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Out thoughts and prayers are with Julius's family.

NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE AREA 54 PANEL 57 - GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT JANUARY 1 THRU JUNE 30, 2007

<u>Dist</u>	<u>I.D.</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>1st QTR</u>	<u>2nd QTR</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Dist</u>	<u>I.D.</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>1st QTR</u>	<u>2nd QTR</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	Other	Akron Intergroup	\$ 8,133.67		\$ 8,133.67	19A	131889	North Ridgeville Mens	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
		Individual Contributions	\$ 465.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 505.00	20C	111304	Oberlin Group	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
		Safely Home to Serenity(???)	\$ -	\$ 15.73	\$ 15.73	20C	633467	S.I.O.G.A.	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
		Women United As One(cleveland)	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	20C	637983	Sunday Mens Open Disc.	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
01	110888	Akron General	\$ 64.50	\$ -	\$ 64.50	21	125126	Bainbridge Friday Night	\$ -	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
01	671188	Akron Beginners	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00	21	131903	Bainbridge Mens Group	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
02	123282	Canal Fulton Big Book Study	\$ 56.88	\$ -	\$ 56.88	21	170756	Barely Awake Discussion	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
02	166566	Nesmith Lake	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	21	110946	Chagrin Falls Group	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
02	126228	One Day At A Time	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	21	131900	Chesterland Sat Night	\$ 85.00		\$ 85.00
02	145520	Serenity B.B.	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	21	608734	Hiram Straight Talk	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
02	151402	The Turning Point Group	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	21	131894	Middlefield True Friends	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
02	160668	Norton 24 Hour Group	\$ 67.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 136.50	21	603994	Newbury Sunset	????	\$ 30.00	
02	656945	Morning Meditation	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	21	671171	Twelve to One	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
03	637986	Temple Square Group	\$ 3.45	\$ 22.50	\$ 25.95	21	649637	Women To Women Back to Basics	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
03	110900	Waters Park	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	22	111313	Club 21	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
03	111284	Mogadore Thursday Morning	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	22	648548	One Paragraph At A Time	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
04A	658436	Akron Mens B.B.	\$ -	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	23	163269	East Side Serenity	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
04B	637984	Cover to Cover B.B. Study	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	23	675678	Friends of Sobriety	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
05A	127162	Kent Monday Nite Young Peoples	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	23	111216	Jefferson AA Group	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
05A	647085	Streetsboro A.M. 12x12x4	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	23	126367	Orwell Sunday	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
05A	629743	Candle Light Serenity	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	23	603281	Saturday Morning Grapevine	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00
06	659183	Last Call Group	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	23	166571	Wednesday Morning AA	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
06	129420	Saturday Morning Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	24	145649	North Olmsted B.B. Study	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
06	162209	Sunday Morning Serenity	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	25	131736	Lakewood Mens	\$ -	\$ 97.50	\$ 97.50
06	167512	Sunday Night Big Book Study	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	25	655064	Lakewood Thurs Morning Disc	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
06	174074	Tuesday We Care	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	26	162322	Strongsville Saturday Mens Disc	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
06	129702	Vienna Thursday Night	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	27	631782	Big Book 8:15 Richfield	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00
06	110817	Womens Care & Shar Cls Dis	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	27	131810	Padua Variety Discussion	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
06	672173	Dazed & Confused (ygstwn)	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 120.00	27	672962	2000 and Beyond	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
07	603475	Hubbard AA Discussion	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	29	635260	A Place to Be	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
07	111208	Hubbard Wednesday Nite	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	29	110883	Kaiser East AA	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
07	137369	North Jackson Sun Nite Flshp	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	29	176393	Living In Sobriety	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00
07	656631	Saturday B.B. Discussion	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	30	671185	A Change in Us B.B.	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
07	137369	Sunday Night Fellowship	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	30	175860	Euclid Sunday Non-Smoking	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
07	137061	Tuesday Luceon Group	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	31	131803	Four Absolutes	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
07	660679	Tuesday Night Boardman	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	31	629368	New Freedom	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00
07	111453	West Side Monday Nite	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	32	168987	Celebrate Sobriety	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
07	662935	Living In The Solution	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	32	121146	Easy Does It Group	\$ -	\$ 26.50	\$ 26.50
08	160422	Saturday Morning Discussion	\$ 54.50	\$ 36.50	\$ 91.00	32	671182	Heights Young People	\$ 165.00	\$ 68.40	\$ 233.40
08	161884	Grapevine Group	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	33	133318	King Kennedy	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
09	150302	Womens Caring and Sharing	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	35	122428	Apthorp AA Group	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
09	668472	Booze Down Thursday	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	35	110794	Friends Of Glenville	\$ -	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50
10	172277	Dacton Mens Closed Disc	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	35	141857	St. Phillips (cleveland)	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

10	135247	Doylestown Group	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 105.00	35	605205	Sisters In Recovery	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
10	145058	Easy Does It (creston)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	35	118356	Springbrook Group	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
10	111187	Fredericksburg AA	\$ -	\$100.00	\$ 100.00	39	138637	Geneva Freedom Thurs Sobriety	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
10	638242	Friday Nite Focus	\$ 18.23	\$ 14.68	\$ 32.91	39	165746	Grand River Closed Mens	????	\$ -	
10	131887	Orrville Friday Night	\$ 23.20	\$ -	\$ 23.20	39	131737	Madison Living Sober (fri)	\$185.00	\$ -	\$ 185.00
10	111309	Orrville Serenity Group	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ 112.00	39	120940	Rock Creek Wednesday Nite	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
10	150700	Rittman B.B. Study	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	39	161475	There Is A Solution	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
10	654307	Saturday Night Serenity	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	39	170878	12 Steps Mtg At Glenbeigh	????	\$ -	
10	150702	Sunday Night Pathway	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	41	111017	Friday Afternoon Womens	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
10	648046	Turn A New Leaf	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	41	111028	Lee Wednesday	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
10	660364	Women In Sobriety	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	41	110867	St. Albans	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00
10	654307	Wooster Saturday Serenity	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	41	131814	Tues Non-Smok Disc Womens	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
10	151066	Lodi B.B. Discussion	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 55.00	41	664486	Wednesday Discussion	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
11	610956	Seville 12 Steps Up	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	42	149409	Beachwood Thursday Noon	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
11	171481	Wadsworth Fresh Start	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 42.00	42	161462	Friday Wake UP	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
11	111415	Wadsworth Group	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	42	131719	Tuesday Beachwood Noon	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
11	603466	Briar Patch	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	43	161457	Easy Doesn't Do It	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
12	169217	But for the Grace of God	\$ 138.78	????		45	626166	Everyday Language	\$ 36.00		\$ 36.00
12	118359	Classroom Discussion	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	46	174305	Happy Hour Discussion Grp	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
12	111246	Louisville Group	????	\$ -		47	125139	Cove Sunday	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
12	122906	Mens Hilltop South	\$ -	\$ 33.60	\$ 33.60	49	111008	Chrysler Twinsburg	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
12	135102	Alliance Monday Nite Disc	\$ -	\$110.79	\$ 110.79	50	628925	Cigar Smokers B.B.	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
13	618765	Atwater Serenity Group	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	50	612412	Three Legacies	\$125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00
13	175076	Big Book Closed Disc	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	51	138647	Falls Thursday Discussion	????	\$ -	
13	137350	Columbiana Tues Closed Disc	\$ 87.00	\$ -	\$ 87.00	51		Sunday Acceptance	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
13	111283	Minerva Group	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	51	140057	Wednesday Morning Big Book	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
14	111155	Tuscarawas County	\$ -	\$200.00	\$ 200.00	52	164453	Bay Sunrise Discussion	????	\$ -	
14	129657	Waynesburg Group	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	52	166572	Dawn Patrol	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00
14	129846	Fresh Start	\$ 20.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 63.00	52		Forgiveness B.B.	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
15	626384	Friday Night B.B. (Mercy Hall)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00	52	177630	How It Works B.B.	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
15	642865	Massillon As Bill Sees It	\$ 12.50	\$ -	\$ 12.50	52	130699	Kean Group	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
15	170513	St. Joe's Thursday Night B.B.	????	\$ -		52	132899	Womens New Beginnings(wslk)	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
15	723190	Brewster Mens Hilltop	\$ 39.77	\$ 31.03	\$ 70.80	53	111431	Bay West Discussion	????	\$ -	
16	131913	Navarre Non-Smoking	\$ -	\$100.00	\$ 100.00	53	655117	Gay and Sober Mens Disc	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
16	123038	Perry Heights Group	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	53	130351	Then and Now	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
16	145373	Stonewall AA	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	53	111064	Westshore Wednesday Night	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
16	111338	Vacationland Group (sat)	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00	55	165743	11th Step Meditation	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
18	111212	Venice Friday Nite Group	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	56	166563	Medina Womens Closed Disc	\$ 52.50	\$ -	\$ 52.50
18	651639	Friday Night Amherst	????	\$ 25.00		56	637684	Medina High Noon	\$ 36.68	\$ -	\$ 36.68
19A	110909	Friday Night Avon Lake	????	\$ -		56	136561	Medina Mens Thurs Disc	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00
						60	170755	North Hill Mens (akron)	\$ 32.40	\$ 74.00	\$ 106.40

**Above totals reflect contributions received Nov-2006 thru Jun 2007 only

Total Ytd \$ 18,409.51

A New Look for our Literature

Our literature is an important tool used to carry the A.A. message. Our literature reaches out to the newcomer, expands knowledge and understanding of existing members, and targets professionals and other individuals that will likely come in contact with alcoholics long before they cross the threshold to an A.A. meeting. Our pamphlets have proven to be a valuable asset that delivers a concise, consistent, and affordable message.

Pamphlets for members and newcomers are typically divided into three themes that correspond to our Legacies: Recovery, Unity and Service. Identification of which Legacy the pamphlet applies has been a goal of our publications department. The most recent identification system, which was not easy to remember, included: recovery pamphlets were a solid color with the title as a flag on cover, unity pamphlets had color steps on a white background with a same-color square in the upper left corner, and service pamphlets had white steps on color background with a square in the center of the steps.

The publications department has begun the process of redesigning pamphlet covers for quicker identification by including large abbreviations R, S, or U on the cover. The changeover will occur as stock is depleted so that no pamphlets are wasted and is expected to be complete by 2008.

Pamphlets targeting professionals will continue to be a solid color with the title at the top. Service material will be continue to be printed on 8-1/2 x 11" yellow paper.



East Central Regional Forum November 9-11, 2007 Arlington Heights, IL

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the late Chair Emeritus of the General Service Board of Trustees, Dr. Jack Norris. They are weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with trusted servants throughout the A.A. service structure.

Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, thus no formal actions result. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our beloved Fellowship.

There is no registration fee.

Register online at <http://aa.org>

Area Registrar Report

Fellowship New Vision is the name of GSO's new enterprise software system that will allow GSO staff and delegate area registrars to maintain the database of registered group contact information. The system is still in development. When complete, the cycle time for group updates will be greatly reduced and more accurate.

Because this project is in development, I have prepared new update forms that correspond to new database fields, such as e-mail addresses. The form has been reorganized for readability and to match data entry screens. The Group Change form is on the Area Web site now, and

other forms will follow soon. I transmitted this to GSO, who thanked me for this effort. GSO's general use form update is due in 2008. On other fronts:

I contacted Klaus K., PI Chair, about Public Service Announcements (PSAs). One of my sponsees, Mike B., has contacted all TV and radio stations in our Area about airing them. Nearly all stations wanted the PSAs! Klaus has now distributed the CDs and tapes with some already airing. These PSAs are typically shown at 2:00-3:00 AM, a good time to reach the *still-suffering alcoholic*.

After the *AA Grapevine* accepted an article of mine for

the June edition, *Grapevine* editor Robin Bromley, asked me to coordinate the creation of an article on Founders' Day, held at Akron University each June. I collaborated with Gail L., Akron Intergroup Archivist, and co-wrote the article with Jay M., Area 54 Archivist and talented author. The article was published in the September *AA Grapevine*.

After being elected as the East Central Region Program Historian in February at the Conference of Delegates Past and Present, I have begun the task of digitizing their collection of past programs by scanning them and burning CD copies. In Love and Service,
Bob McK., Area Registrar

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