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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19  
DCM Workshop  
August 7-9  
State Convention-  
Toledo  
August 16  
GSR Workshop  
September 20  
GSR 3rd Legacy  
Meeting  
October 18  
Elections  
November 15  
Gratitude Sunday

### Directions to Third Legacy meetings and workshops:

12 Step Recovery  
Club  
1480 Pearl Road  
Brunswick OH  
(1/4 mile S of State  
Route 303 on State  
Route 42, Beside the  
Bowling Alley}

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## from the

### Hello Northeast Ohio!

The precipitous drop in Ohio A.A. Grapevine subscriptions ended with our Mini-Conference where Grapevine staff was invited. I've determined and submitted a list of NE Ohio zip codes to them so that we can know the growth of Northeast Ohio subscriptions vs. the counts for all of Ohio.

Please encourage your group to subscribe and you'll want your own copy too. Subscription forms are always available through the new web site (<http://www.aagrapevine.org>). Check it out -it's fantastic! The Grapevine is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

By this fall, you should again see A.A. mentioned on your television. We're gearing up to get some of the four Public Service Announcements that we approved at the last Conference on the air. The four are known colloquially as "young people", "men", "women", and "information (blackened screen)." Look for them.

Fourteen groups in NE Ohio have been selected to participate in the group survey. While this is only a bit more than 1% of our groups, the random sampling technique used provides a very accurate picture of our Fellowship nationally. Our 14 groups, combined with like numbers from the other 91 AA areas should again yield a "statistically precise" picture of AA in the US and Canada. I'm assuring that we have willing representatives to submit the questions to each of the selected groups.

While many of our districts are quite active, some others have fallen upon hard times. I'm taking steps to get these revitalized. We need to fill a large number of DCM vacancies.

A couple years ago when I spoke at a westside group, a fellow came up to me and asked if I recognized him. I said he looked familiar but I couldn't place him. He responded that a year ago he'd been in the workhouse (Cleveland House of Correction) and I'd shown them the AA video, "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" and it got him thinking. When he got out he got active and was then 6 months sober. This and our other videos are available through me (plus the area's VCR/monitor). Our collection of videos is listed here [on page 3]. We should soon be getting the two new videos soon as well as the news PSAs on VHS videocassette.

The Conference approved inviting up to 21 non-alcoholics to attend the 2000 International Convention. Six of us at the Conference signed a petition that our own Dr. Liebelt (medical director of Ignatia Hall, St. Thomas hospital) be among them. He's also been invited to speak at our September 25-27th Archives Workshop.

And, speaking of this workshop, our Archives Chair, Archie Johnson, and I have been helping to organize this event which is thrown by the Akron Archives. This year your area is a partner in this. In addition to our part in the planning, we're organizing hospitality and helping with registration. We could use your support and attendance. It's September 25-27 at the new Four Points Sheraton in Akron. Hope to see you there!

Your servant, Bob

## Post Your Notes

Calling all you DCM's, Committee Chairs and others with news and information to spread, even rumors if they are good ones, get it posted here for all to learn about. But, you have to plan ahead. Get your postings to the Editor early. Her address and phone are on the last page of this newsletter.

## ARCHIVES

### ARCHIVES CONFERENCE

The Akron Intergroup Archive Committee and Northeast Ohio General Service Area 54 are cosponsoring the Annual Archive Conference this year in Akron OH.

SO, we need volunteers to handle registration and Hospitality. It will be at the Four Points Hotel in Fairlawn (by Summit Mall in West Akron) The dates are September 25, 26 and 27th 1998.

This could be the last one here in Ohio for a while, so lets get into this and show them what hospitality is all about here in Northeast Ohio.

Anyone interested can contact Archie, our Archives Chair; Our Delegate Bob McK or Rob S. All our phones are on the back page of the newsletter.

Rob Sebastian

## DON'T THROW ME AWAY, I BELONG TO A.A.

Our Archives committees have stickers that say this. They're for attaching to any materials that you would wish donated to A.A. after you've gone to the "great meeting in the sky". Our archives committee always welcomes donations of historic materials.

Also, does your home group have a history? You may wish to record it before it's lost. Such records are of surprising value.



## CPC

We are about 25% done with the mailing to all Doctors and Clergy in N.E. Ohio. We still need help! We had seven volunteers at the May meeting. However we need more.

Our next CPC meeting will be September 20 (prior to Area GSR meeting) at 12:30pm at the 12-Step Recovery Club in Brunswick. Come join our committee and see how YOU can carry the message BEYOND THE GROUP LEVEL.

I will also try to be at the GSR + DCM workshops this July and August with supplies for the mailings so you can also see me at Brunswick if you want to help.

"Briar" Adams CPC  
Chairman, Area 54

## ATTENTION

### GSR Workshop

August 16

12 Step Recovery Club  
Brunswick, Ohio 2:00pm  
Bring a friend and learn  
what General Service is  
really all about.

*Speakers*

*Group Discussion*

*Idea Sharing*

*Traditions*

*Concepts*

*Our Third Legacy*

There will be a meeting at 12:30 PM for those GSR's in inactive districts to elect some new DCM's. You will get a letter.

### DCM Workshop

Sunday, July 19th

12th Step Recovery Club  
Brunswick, Oh 2:00 PM  
*Learn how to rebuild your  
district from the ground up.*

*Speakers*

*Group Discussions*

*Idea Sharing*

*What is General Service and why  
is it so important.*

All DCM's are encouraged to attend and bring your alternate or another prospective future DCM. Anyone interested in General Service is welcome to attend either of the above workshops.

**When Anyone one,  
Anywhere Reaches Out  
for Help-I want the Hand  
of AA to Be There-For  
that-I am Responsible**

## District 11 Picnic

District 11 will be holding their annual picnic on August 29th at Wildwood Park in Lodi OH. It is a great place with lots to do, swimming, fishing, volleyballs well as softball. There will be other games and prizes. Hot dogs and drinks provided so you just bring a covered dish. A Country Band plays about 8PM but there is much much more happening. It costs about \$2.50 to get into the park. Hope you all can make this fun time this summer.

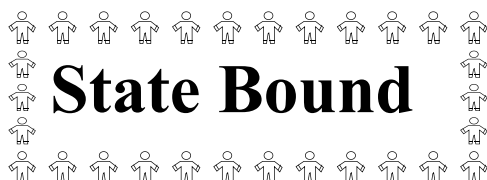
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## Northeast Ohio Videocassettes

| #           | Title                                                                           | Length (minutes) |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| VS-4        | Alcoholics Anonymous: Inside View                                               | 28               |
| VS-8        | Young People in AA                                                              | 28               |
| VS-11       | It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell                                                 | 16               |
| VS-13       | A.A.-Rap With Us                                                                | 16               |
| VS-15       | Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous                                                      | 15               |
| VS-20       | Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions                                            | 65               |
| VS-21       | Bill's Own Story                                                                | 60               |
| VS-? **     | Carrying the Message Behind These Walls                                         | *                |
| VS- ? **    | Your AA General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure | *                |
| M-48        | Three Filmstrips                                                                |                  |
| Maryland AA | History of the Grapevine by Victor E..                                          | 15               |
| Local       | Dawn of Hope                                                                    | 30               |
| Local       | Historical Sites                                                                | ~10              |
| —           | Public Service Announcements (old)                                              |                  |
| 20          |                                                                                 |                  |
| — **        | Public Service Announcements (NEW)                                              | *                |

\*\* coming soon

These videos as well as the VCR/Monitor are available for any District through the Delegate. Contact Bob if you have a need for any of them. His number is on the last page of this newsletter.



## State Bound

How excited we become , when our local school teams, in any sport, heads to the finals in State Competition!

Whether we are parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, we really go all out for supporting our team. We make posters and banners to take to the event, as well as , for the cars and yards. Some signs of support are along the highways in which the caravan of traffic passes, on the way to the meet. Many of us, then celebrate the homecoming win or lose. Wouldn't it be tremendously great if AA members would get as excited about being "Bound" to the Ohio State General Service Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous?

It's probably a safe bet to say, some of the anxiety just left the reader as they read the word 'service'.

The Ohio State Convention is hosted rotationally by the four Areas of Ohio as a means to support and strengthen our Service Structure here in Ohio. Come and join us in Toledo on August 7-9. There is a flyer enclosed in this mailing.

If you find mistakes, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everybody and some people are always looking for mistakes !!!



## 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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