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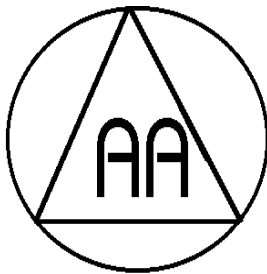
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18
GSR 2rd Legacy
Meeting and
Elections
November 15
Gratitude
Sunday
(Flyer Enclosed)

**Directions to
Third Legacy
meetings and
workshops:**
12 Step Recovery
Club
1480 Pearl Road
Brunswick, OH
(1/4 mile S of St. Rt.
303 on SR 42, beside
the Bowling Alley)



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from the Delegate

Hello Northeast Ohio!

Our public service announcements have been given to the eleven Northeast Ohio TV stations that accept such things. Watch for them. They all end with "Alcoholics Anonymous-we've been there!"

Fourteen NE Ohio groups were chosen for our triennial membership survey. Of these, two no longer existed and two others didn't manage to get the questionnaires completed within the time limit. Even so, these ten groups from here-and a like number from the other 91 areas-are enough to create a statistically accurate picture of AA.

The pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" is out as item # P-54. You may find this to be a very useful addition to your own collection and to your group's literature rack, as I already have personally.

I'm writing this while making final plans for our 3rd annual Archives Workshop in Akron (Sept. 25-27). We hope that some requests will arise from the workshop which will be submitted to the Conference Coordinator for action by next year's new Conference Archive's Committee (a secondary committee assignment for nine delegates for that year only). It was decided that next year's Workshop will be in Chicago, IL.

When one is elected delegate, they're assigned a "buddy" from the previous year's panel. My buddy, Bill Archer from SW Quebec (Montreal) has just joined the GSO Staff. This brings them back up to full capacity and will allow Valerie O'Neill to work on the 2000 Int'l Convention full time. Valerie is our guest for our April 9-11, 1999 Mini-Conference.

Bill's talk at the 1997 Conference ("Taking Financial Responsibility

Beyond Our Home Group", pg. 23 of the 1997 Conference Final Report) reiterates Class B Trustees Webb Johnson's immortal words at the 1989 Conference, "...Alcoholics Anonymous was a fact in Russia, and you can't

UN-ring a bell." While this is true, their recent financial crisis must affect this fragile Fellowship. I asked GSO if they needed and wanted our help, and if so, how might we provide it. They told me about the piles of literature that they're providing them and suggested that I might ask them myself. So I will.

This is my last delegate's column. My successor will be elected at the October 18th assembly and they will write the January column. I'd like to thank you all for giving me this most amazing opportunity. I'll never forget these past two years. The Conference itself is a gathering of 130+ assertive, energetic, opinionated people. Some conflicts are inevitable and I was not immune to this. My second Conference was a much more loving event. It was a great way to end.

What helped the most was the great team of officers that you gave me to work with. We're very different people and yet we came together in unity for the good of the area. We could easily have skipped some of the lengthy tasks we've taken on to improve the representation and participation of our area's groups. Few would have noticed, but we would have. None of the group balked at these additional efforts. I love them all!

I can't wait to see what my higher power and our next delegate have in store for me next year. Farewell! I thank you for my life!

Your servant,

Bob McKimm

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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 Edition early. Her address and phone are on the last page

Treatment Facilities

Bridging the Gap is growing throughout the United States. Currently this area is very active with this temporary contact program. Unfortunately typical to this service work is the fact that it becomes hot and cold in certain districts.

While we have an updated contact list, we need to continue the current effort plus possibly grow. We have supported the Bridge the Gap Conference from it's beginning. We have at least 4 years of tapes of the whole Conference in our Library 91, 94,95,97 & 98. Let's not let these service years of experience go to waste. When we start and stop these programs its like starting all over. My experience is that we've improved our relationship with local treatment and correctional facilities. We welcome that newcommer, that alcoholic that still suffers.

Bill H.

Gratitude Sunday

Fellowship with N.E. Ohio and join in the Celebration of our Gratitude Sunday on November 15 at St. Phillip Neri Church Rectory Hall, 8215 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland Ohio.

The speaker is Helen Kowalski, NE Ohio Newsletter Editor and DCM Dist. 15. Helen is from Canton Ohio. There will be food, fun and fellowship. Please bring a pot luck contribution. The event is sponsored by Multidistricts 29-31-33-34-35-36 & 45. For more information contact : Pamela H. 216-341-5535, Lewis E. 216-489-0202, John B. 216-932-8845, Pamela P. 216-391-4477, Carolyn N. 216-486-9913. MAP and Directions on Flyer inclosed with this newsletter. ***Come One and ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***



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

cpc

Co-operation with Professional Community:

I am available to speak to your group or District on the importance of the CPC Committee.

We have mailed to about one half of Doctors and Clergy in Area 54. Write or call me at 330-336-2308 if you are able to help!

We also answer inquiries which come are forwarded from GSO via E-Mail from the internet, mostly from Professionals in NE Ohio needing information on AA.

"Briar" Adams
CPC Chairman, Area 54

PI

Public Information "NEWS"

Here is exciting news from your PI Chair for Northeast Ohio General Service, Area 54!!!!

We received all the new, PSA'S and got them to 11 TV Stations who use them. I want to thank Mike very much for the all the help he provided and the committee wants to thank him as well.

We did the Press Releases for the Archive Workshop held in Akron so that the general public would be aware of its happening. A nice article appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal as a result.

Carol Tolson
PI Chairperson.

From Your Alternate Delegate:

My sincere thanks to all who helped to make this past two years a really great time of Recovery for me. As the Chairperson for the Area Assemblies it has been a real pleasure to work with the GSR's, DCM's Committee Chairs and my fellow Panel Members. It has been a learning and growth experience for me. I look forward to whatever God may have in store for me in the future.

In Love and Service
Rob Sebastian

Editors Note:

With the term of this panel of officers nearly finished, this is the last newsletter with me as your Editor. I would like to thank our Delegate for giving me the opportunity to serve and grow with this job. I would also like to thank each and every one of you that contributed to making this a successful experience for you and me. You are all great reporters. I encourage you to support the new newsletter editor by promptly submitting your stories to help this remain a NE Ohio tool for better communication. Love In Service

Helen Kowalski, Editor

DCM News

District 45

It has been a learning experience and a joyful one, both sharing with an alcoholic and informing and carrying the message to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Gerald Robinson

District 33

My home group is New Hope Mondays. I am the DCM for District 33. There are lots of groups opening the doors but there is not enough support at the meetings that are already open. I love my District 33 and *I love Myself Today*

Patty Rucker

District 19A, 19B and 20

District 19A & 20 would like to welcome George Schmidt as DCM for District 19B. George has been an active member of our fellowship for many years and is the Lorain County AA Central Office Manager. George is service oriented, which has gone hand and hand in his job as central office manager and we are happy to welcome George into the service structure of Area 54. George can be reached at 440-288-6288 (home) or 440-246-1800 which is the Lorain County Central office.

We would also like to remind everyone that we have our combined Districts 19 and 20 GSR District meetings on the second Saturday of the month at the Arid Fellowship Center, 417 Broad St. in Elyria. All are welcome to attend.

In Service, Mike Tomlin DCM 19A

District 6

We have been trying to reach you!!! Your home group needs your services and District #6 needs your support!!! District #6 GSR doors are open—

Our next scheduled meeting is the 2nd Sunday of the month 2pm, 2 N.Park, Pine St. Warren Oh.

Your voice and actions count!

For more information contact :

Linda D. GSR

Tues.Night Candlelight Serenity
Steve B. DCM District 6 330-358-2131

District 11

We had our 12th Annual Picnic with Districts 11, 56, 57 in August. We work closely with jail groups in our district, making sure they have literature. We have asked some groups to caravan to various AA functions, e.g.: Gratitude Sunday, Area Open Houses, Intergroup Picnics and Dances etc.

Akron Area Multi-District Area's 1,2,3,4, & 50

The Akron Area Multi-District wants to welcome the 2 new DCM'S for the following Districts. They are in District 1: Randy K. and District 3: Leonard D.

The Akron Area Multi-District also hosted the Hospitality Rooms for the Third, Annual Akron AA Archives Workshop. The Akron Multi-District welcomes any District to come to our meetings which are held on the third Sat. of each month at the Paradise Club on Front St. in Cuy.Falls, Oh. at 4:00 pm.

Carol Tolson DCM 50,
Akron Multi-District Treasurer

Plan Ahead The International Convention —2000

A client of mine charts buses and arranges tours. It seemed to me appropriate to put one together for our next International Convention to be held June 29-July 2, 2000. While this is over 20 months away, this is not too early to start making the arrangements. The motorcoaches would have several pickup points in NE Ohio and will add some people in Toledo.

I'm coordinating this as a service to those members who need or want inexpensive transportation and housing for this event. Talley Management (AAWS's convention coordinator) will arrange the housing. They already expressed gratitude that some of us will be bringing our own mass transportation. Arranging enough buses for the expected crowd is expensive and difficult for them.

If you wish to be informed as details develop I'll have signup sheets at our next few area assemblies. Or just write me at the

address on the back of this newsletter.

Bob McKimm, Delegate

Archives Workshop Big Success

On September 25-27, 130 registrants from 23 different states gathered in Fairlawn (a west Akron suburb) to participate in the 3rd annual Archives Workshop. Last year, at the end of the 2nd annual workshop, the Akron Intergroup expressed the concern that putting this together required an overwhelming effort on their part, so we (NE Ohio General Service) volunteered our help for this year's event. It was a handsome display of unity between us.

Both of Dr. Bob's children (Bob S. and Sue Smith Windows), Ginny Galbraith (Ernie G's spouse), author Mary Darrah, and the Hon. John Seiberling (Henrietta's son) were in attendance as well as Judit Santon (our GSO archivist) and Jack Ostrem (our regional trustee). The Saturday night talk by the "Children of the Healers" and subsequent question and answer period was open to the public. An open house hosted by Founder's Foundation at Dr. Bob's House followed.

A reporter for the Akron Beacon Journal interviewed a few of us. His tasteful article appeared on pg. C8 of their Sunday, Sept. 27th edition.

GRAPEVINE FOCUS GROUPS

As a sort of corporate 10th step, the AA Grapevine will create three small "focus groups" to explore their impressions of the good and bad elements of the magazine. These groups will be a randomly-selected subset of the subscribers in three areas of the country. One will be on the west coast, one on the east coast and (as you may have guessed) one on the north coast--NE Ohio. They will gather together on an as-yet-undetermined evening to explore these issues. The Cleveland District Office has generously offered their meeting room for this purpose.

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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