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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

July 18
DCM Workshop
* August 6, 7, 8
Regional Convention
Lansing, MI
August 15
GSR Workshop
September 19
Third Legacy Meeting
September 24, 25, 26
East Central Forum
Ann Arbor, Michigan
October 15, 16, 17
State Convention
Kings Island, Ohio
October 17
Third Legacy Meeting

All 3rd Legacy Meetings
and Workshops are held at:
The 12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Road
Brunswick, OH
(on State Route 42 about 1/4 mile
south of State Route 303, next to
the Bowling Alley)



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from the Delegate

Hello Northeast Ohio:

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at this years 49th General Service Conference. It was both an honor and a pleasure. I had the opportunity to be in both the Majority as well as the Minority and in being so discovered that the business of Alcoholics Anonymous is alive well and in good hands. In a lot of ways it was just like being in a Homegroup Business Meeting where every member had a copy of the Traditions as well as the Concepts. Look for the new Service Manual, out soon.

The Area operated the Grapevine Display at Founders Day this year for the third year. We actually sold 20 paid subscriptions and had 48 bill me later which we submitted. I want to extend my sincere thanks to our Grapevine Chair, Mo, for the fantastic job she has done to present "Our Meeting in Print" to the membership. As a compliment she had requests for her signs from Grapevine Chairs from other States. My thanks also to those of you who gave of your time to work the table and gave up attending some of the functions of the weekend. You know who you are and you are why this all works so well.

We have two Workshops coming up this summer. The DCM

Workshop will be July 18th and will look at organizing and looking at ways to get inactive Groups involved in the business of A.A. once again. The GSR Workshop will be August 15th and I highly encourage all GSR's to attend. DCM's get out and round em up!!!! If you have a question about what Service is this is the format to get your answers.

The Regional Convention is August 6, 7 & 8th in Lansing MI. Flyers are in this mailing.

The Regional Forum is September 24, 25 & 26 in Ann Arbor, MI. Your GSO will be there to meet with you so, if possible, please plan to attend. Registrations were mailed last month to all of you. I have more coming if you need one.

The State Convention in October has been moved to Kings Island as the other Hotel is still under construction. New Flyers are enclosed with this issue. Register early please and remember you are hosting this event next year!!!!

In Love and Service,

Rob Sebastian
Delegate, Panel 49



Alternate Delegate Report

Hello Northeast Ohio

It is amazing to realize that half of this year, 1999, is gone already. Time sure does fly when you are having fun. And that I am, yes; the responsibility of being your trusted servant is a serious one. However, one must have fun in order to do a really good job and not get stressed out. Rule 62: "Don't take yourself too seriously" is my motto. This has been a good six months and I look forward with anticipation to serving you in the next months to come on into the new millenium. WOW, 2000 is just around the corner.

- As your Alternate Delegate, I attended and was the A.A. speaker at the Ohio State Al-Anon Convention on June 19, 1999 on the Oberlin College campus. I had a great time due to the gracious hospitality that was afforded me. Their attendance was good and I was delighted to see all the double-winners there. There were a lot of familiar faces from Northeast Ohio.
- I also attended and participated in the Corrections Workshop on May 22, 1999, at the Harley Hotel in Independence OH, the turnout was great and the

learning was plenty. In the meantime, I have begun corresponding with a female inmate of the Arizona State Prison. Working with Corrections has proved to very rewarding in a spiritual manner.

- You will glad to know that the Panel is in the process of preparing for our 2000 events (Mini-Conference and State Convention). Hotel arrangements are being finalized and I am sure that there will be fun and learning to be had by all.
- Information regarding the 2000 International Convention in Minneapolis, MN will be available soon.
- Looking forward to seeing you all at DCM workshop, July 18th and I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I am!

Your Trusted Servant,
Tina Hobson, Alt. Delegate

Plan Ahead - International Convention. 2000

We are currently developing plans for busing to the International Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul. There will be several pickup points in NE Ohio and Toledo. Talley Management, AA World Services' Convention Coordinator, will arrange the housing. If you want details as the plans develop, I will have a sign-up sheet at our next few area assembly meetings. Also, you can write me. My address on the last page of this newsletter.

Bob McKimm, Past Delegate, Panel 47

District News

District 35

District 35 has elected Lewis Ellis as DCM and Joyce Harris as the Alternate DCM. Through a combined effort of time and willingness, we will continue to carry the message of service work to all the groups in the district and to get more GSR's active. We are actively working to get all of the group information updated.

Multi-District 29-31-33-34-35-36 & 45

The 4th Annual Multi-District Picnic will be on Saturday, Aug 21, 1999 from 9am to 5pm.

We have formed a service panel committee that is doing very well in having service panels come and share with all home groups that wish to have them. We have implemented a phone list of all our service reps so that we can always be in contact with each home group outside of the regular district meetings. This also allows for those without transportation to have a chance to get a ride to and from all of our service functions.

Your Trusted Servant,
Lewis Ellis, DCM District 35
Multi-District Chairman

In Memory

Linda Adams passed away on June 14, 1999. Linda gave of her time and heart in assisting her husband Briar, DCM District 11, in the painstaking preparations for the Area 54 Open House for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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

NE Ohio Area 54 Committee Reports

Correctional

We have been meeting regularly prior to all functions in Brunswick. Our focus has been on workshops and correspondence.

We had our first workshop of this term in May in Cleveland. It was organized by Bill S. and Patty from Cleveland with the support of the Cleveland Correctional Facilities Committee. It was well attended and a great success. Bob McK. showed the latest video from the General Service Office.

We are planning another workshop in the fall in the Akron area. We need help with correspondence. If any one would like to correspond with an inmate seeking recovery, please let me know. Men write to men and women write to women. Informational pamphlets on this topic are available. In Service,
Rob Watling, Chairperson

Treatment

The sound of people working on the Bridge is 'yee haa, yip yip yip'. This Bridge provides a passage over the alcoholic prisoner into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, therefor, Bridging the Gap.

The Committee is taking a play into various treatment facilities entitled, *I did it my way*. This has opened new doors of interest from staff, patients and our fellow alcoholic helpers. And that is why they are helpers, not volunteers.

Yours in Service
Joey Ruffin, Chairman
Treatment Facilities

Archives

Rachel D. completed our Mini-Conference display in time for that event. We'll use it for many years to come.

We plan to start doing oral histories of our past delegates and will then branch off to other old-timers, especially those with General Service experience.

Our living archives was on display at Founders' Day in the Arkron Intergroup Office. Did you see it?

I've made a proposal to the Chicago Archives Workshop organizers to give a presentation called "e-Archives". The collection, preservation and display of electronic media records; e.g., e-mail, digital photographs, group records databases, etc. Anyone who can help on this is invited to get in touch with me sometime prior to this Sept. 16-19, 1999 event.

We have some surplus items available. The Akron Archives keeps up to two sets of the Grapevine magazines and have given us their surplus of Grapevines. We are also keeping up to two sets, but we have more than two of many issues. Any local archival repository is welcome to these. If no one claims them, these and some few other surplus items will be taken to the workshop and offered *free to a good 'archival repository' home*. Space and funding limitations, plus good archival practice, limit the quantity of duplication we should maintain in our archive.

Bob McKimm, Chairman

Special Needs

Prior to the mini-conference, I had decided to share a room with a woman whom I had just met. That was a life-saver! I really wanted to go, but knew I couldn't pay for a room myself. We were reminded about the drawing for a room and registration for the weekend. I rolled over in my wheelchair and entered my name, not expecting to win. I never win! But, this time was different. I won! All my needs were taken care of for the weekend and I could go with a mind free of fears. My Higher Power was certainly with me!

I had met people at the my first mini-conference last year but all seemed blurred. This year, I got to know them better. I sat around and listened as they talked in between meetings. Everyone was as helpful and kind.

I moderated my first meeting. I'd never done that before! It sounded like something I could do and it was. I even enjoyed doing it!

I was asked to participate in the skit. It was fun and gave me the opportunity to get to know more people, too. Will you be my sponsor? Ha! (I guess you had to have been there.)

Most important was learning about the AA conference that our delegate attends. Letting him know how the rest of us stand on issues he would have to vote on was terrific. We were given the opportunity to play delegate and learn!

Sobriety is so much fun! I get to keep on learning how it works. As a result, I keep on growing up. I can't wait for next year's mini-conference!
Jill Siegel, Chairperson

Multi-District 29, 31, 33,34,35,36,45
4th Annual Picnic
August 23, 1999 9am to 5pm
Forest Hills Park, E. Cleveland, OH
Speaker: Elvira A. Cleve.Dist. Office.
Bring covered dishes and desserts.
Contact Lewis Ellis at 216-486-0202.

13th National A.A. Men's Conference
April 7,8 and 9, 2000
Fremont Holiday Inn, 3422 Port Clinton Rd., Fremont, OH 43420
Book rooms at 419-334-2682 by 3/1/2000 and be sure to mention the AA Men's Conference for reduced room rates of \$49 + tax. Pre-registration by 4/1/2000 is \$21, \$23 after. The banquet \$35. Make checks payable to: 13th National AA Men's Conference, P.O. Box 370001 Maple Heights, OH 44137
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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

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