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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * October 15, 16, 17
State Convention
Dayton, Ohio
October 17 2pm
Third Legacy Meeting
- * November 21 2pm
Gratitude Sunday
Lakewood Elk's Lodge
14018 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

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)

Keep an eye out for the January
mailing. —◆— Included will
be the
N.E. Ohio Year 2000 Schedule



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from the Delegate

Hello Northeast Ohio:

The summer is coming to an end and it is now time for us to all get back to the grass roots work of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We did a couple of DCM Workshops and a GSR Workshop this summer. All were fairly well attended and we did some serious work with the Concepts as well as the Traditions. We sincerely hope these Workshops helped to expand the knowledge of the participants.

We have added several new DCM's who show an interest in really trying to get out to the groups in some of the non participating Districts. Group participation is of the utmost importance to this Service Arm of Alcoholics Anonymous. Overly large Districts will be split in the next year and some of these inactive Districts will be converged upon by crews set upon revitalization in the upcoming months.

Anyone interested in being involved in one of these crews, please contact me. Part of our goal is to make the next version of the Directory a valuable resource in Northeast Ohio.

Since communication is so very valuable here in AA we feel that

any group not having a GSR or contact is not in the loop and needs to be made aware of this fact. Participation in the Service Leg of the Triangle of Recovery is an ongoing educational process. There are so many issues facing AA as we roll into the next century and most of the Groups are not aware and or feel no need to be involved in issues outside their particular Group. Not enough members to participate is a common answer.

Expenses are up and contributions are down. Homegroup Rosters are smaller and attendance are less. We are hearing the same age old problems that have been with us for years.

Our task is to explain that the Triangle has three equal legs, Unity, Recovery and Service. One without the others is not enough to base ones sobriety upon. I am here for the duration because I owe my life to the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Without the guidance and direction I have obtained here I would be less than nothing.

In Love and Service,
Rob Sebastian Delegate, Panel 49



Alternate Delegate Report

Hello Northeast Ohio

WHAT SERVING THIS AREA AND ATTENDING CONFERENCES HAVE DONE FOR ME

Serving this Area has added to my life a dimension of continued and meaningful sobriety based on sticking with the winners in this program, those who do more than merely talk AA, but are actually walking the AA way of life. I think in big business they call them the movers and shakers.

Attending conferences have afforded me the opportunity to make lifelong friends that I may have never met had it not been for my involvement in General Service.

They have given me the opportunity to gain valuable information and knowledge regarding our Third Legacy of Service. Nowhere else could I have learned and continue to learn about how our service structure works. I had never heard in regular meetings or conferences that the individual AA member was the backbone of the program and that the trusted servants at the General Service Office are just that, trusted servants until I started coming to Third Legacy meetings.

We work for the newcomers, the loner, and the shut-in and always have their best interest at heart. We are dedicated to keeping the

doors open for the new woman or man who walks, stumbles, crawls, or is nudged by the judge into AA.

Words really cannot express what General Service conferences have done for me. My expression of gratitude for all of you here must come in the form of action. By action I mean showing up at meetings and introducing Service to the newcomer. Action means, offering transportation to 3rd Legacy meetings.

Providing Service manuals to the new GSR. Volunteering my time as chairperson of committees. Pitching in where needed and spending hour after hour after hour at panel and planning meetings.

Serving this Area has allowed me to become less selfish and more giving, I see first hand how unity and singleness of purpose works. And the more I see, the more I want to be a part of this marvelous thing called Service.

Your Trusted Servant,

Tina Hobson, Alt. Delegate

Area Officer Reports

Hello NE Ohio

To all DCM's and Alt. DCM's, please make sure to visit your District groups GSR's as soon as possible. I have run the one page per group report from our mailing database. If you have not received it, please contact me.

Please return all group sheet to me by January 16, 2000 so that they may be included in the next Eastern Directory published by GSO.

So let's all work as a team and make this project a successful one!

Yours in Love and Service,
Carol Tolson
Mailing Secretary



Hello NE

Ohio

The

July DCM
workshop

entitled "DCM, Yesterday and Today" was very helpful to all who attended, judging from the feedback of attendees.

I presented the discussions topics: understanding the Conference Structure and what makes AA leadership.

Our Delegate, Rob Sebastian, presented the topics starting a District from scratch and chairing the District Meeting.

Briar Adams presented the topics Re-Districting and Multi-Districts and stimulating interest in General Service.

All Districts that wish to sponsor a workshop in their District should be aware that the current officers and Panel would be glad to assist in the planning. We are also willing to present topics and participate in the discussions.

In Love and Service,

Bob Ellenberger
Recording Secretary

*When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help
I want the hand of AA to be there*

NE Ohio Area 54 Committee Reports

District News

Finance

My name is Briar Adams and I am your alcoholic Finance Chairperson for Area 54, and have been since Jan. 1, 1999. Due to my wife's illness and death, I have been quiet for the past nine months, but I am coming out will all guns firing. I am passing this letter along to all the Intergroup & Central Offices in Area 54. They should feel free to print it in their various newsletters as they see fit. I'll try and write something every issue. If they have any questions that call me at (330) 336-2308, and I will do my best to help.

So just what is my job? Well in Area 54 the Finance is not privy to sitting in on any budget making procedures. The officers make the budget. If group contributions fall short it is my job is to find the money to fund the shortfall. Is that putting the cart in front of the horse (with no money in it) or what? Yeah, but it seems to work.

I want to make one thing clear right now - it is not my job to raise money for GSO. In a perfect world your GSR would keep the group informed about finances for it's District, the Area and GSO. But, judging from our attendance at Area Third Legacy Meetings, I doubt that many are getting the message. (Ditto Intergroup Reps.)

I admit this is not exciting reading material, but I believe we in AA have a truly unique method of financing AA activities which we give at the basket, primarily, and mostly out of LOVE of the fellowship. Now there are other ways to raise money in AA, through events, dances and cans (ugh!). But by not taking outside contributions we are never beholden to any lobbyist. And if you don't believe that lobbyists have an effect on people's votes, just take a look around you in the public as well as private sector.

Our goal in AA should be to spend as much money on others (donating to Intergroup/Central Offices, GSO, Area and Districts) as we spend on ourselves for rent and operating expenses. Donuts?,

Big anniversaries? One group wanted to take a trip to Sea World on the group treasury! When I put my \$3 in the basket I want to be sure that it goes for AA use. You do put \$3 in the basket don't you? \$2 went out the window in the summer of '95.

Well this is enough to get you started thinking anyway. Incidentally, I forgot to beg you for money. Get your treasurer to untie the purse strings and send your cards and money folks. More groups have been ruined by having to much money than not enough!

In Love and Service,

Brian "Briar" Adams
Finance Chairman

People Come and go. Meetings grow and meetings go. Attitudes here, attitudes there.

Be responsible and carry the message of experience, strength and hope. You are a vital element in the continuance of AA throughout the world.

Many of us carry a message, not a mess. So reach out and be there when anyone reaches out for that hand of AA. Don't just be a member, don't just be around. DO something constructive for you and another suffering alcoholic.

As always in Service,
Judy Sexton, District 20, Elyria, Ohio

Archives

Jay Moore and I went to the Archives Workshop in Chicago. Three people from the Akron Archives also went. NE Ohio was well represented. I presented a program on "Computers in Archives" learned much and made several contacts, as did Jay.

Sandra and I have taken oral histories from Joan Anderson and Terry Leach. More are planned.

I plan to rearrange our office to make the shelving more convenient and to protect it against roof or other water leak risk. Organization of the archives material in the office is nearing completion. Then we need to update our index.

As some of you may have read in the Cleveland Secretaries mailings, we are cooperating with the Cleveland District Office to set up an archives display there. They purchased a display case and a scrapbook. If you have items that relate to Cleveland's history and wish to, we need donations. We know that letting go of these items is difficult, but many of us do this regularly. In some cases a good colored Xerox of the items would serve our purpose just as well.

Bob McKimm, Chairman

Area 54 Gratitude Sunday

November 21, 1999 2pm - 5pm
At the Lakewood Elk's Lodge 1350
14018 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

All AA Members and Families
Hosts: Districts 24, 51, 52, and 53

Directions:
East/West: Take I-90 to the Bunts Rd./West 140th Exit. Take Bunts North to Detroit Ave (approx. 1/2 mile). The Lodge is on the Northwest corner of Detroit Ave. and Bunts Road right next to the 7-11.
Southwest: Take I-71 to W. 150th exit. Take W. 150th to Detroit Ave (approx. miles). Take a right on Detroit Ave. The Lodge is on the Northwest corner of Detroit Ave. and Bunts Road right next to 7-11.

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Donations may be made to:

"Quad District" c/o Suzanne F.
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Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

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

Your Trusted Servants Committee 49

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