

60TH OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Working With Others Through Sponsorship

Area 54 Northeast Ohio is Hosting Your Ohio State Convention with a program jam-packed with Recovery, Unity and Service

August 19, 20 and 21, 2016

**At the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Oh 44145**

Special Convention Rate - \$92.00 + tax per night
Breakfast Buffet coupon included

Must Reserve Room by **July 21, 2016**

Phone (440) 871-6000– Mention Ohio State Convention

Guest Speakers: Rod B. 1st Native American Trustee & a Past Delegate, Utah
Sandra W. GSO Staff, Eve A., Susan S., Barb E.,
Al-Anon Program and Updates by GSO Staff and Trustee
Panel Presentations and much more

Registration opens Friday at 2 pm & Hospitality opens at 4pm; Conference opens at 7pm

Please circle all that apply:

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Make checks payable to
NE Ohio General Service or Area 54 and mail to:
Ohio State Convention
P.O. Box 32534
Euclid, OH 44132

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QTY	Item	Amount	Total
	Registration	\$25.00	
	Sat Lunch Buffet (includes Various Wraps, Cold Slaw, Potato & Macaroni Salads & Dessert)	\$22.00	
	Sat Dinner Banquet –Reservations Only	\$35.00	
	Total		

Name	Phone
Name As You Want It On Badge	Do You Have an Accessibility or Special Need? If yes, please describe
Address	
Email Address	

Banquet reservations must be made by **August 12, 2016**



Directions

From the South: Take I-71 North to I-480 West and follow I-480 West to Sterns Road. Exit North (Right) onto Sterns Road and continue North on Sterns and it will become Crocker Road then cross over I-90 and the DoubleTree hotel will be on the left.

Alternately, when traveling I-77 North exit at I-490 West. Exit to I-90 West. Take I-90 West to the Crocker/Bassett Road Exit # 156 and turn right off the exit ramp heading North and the DoubleTree Hotel is on the left .

From the East: Take I-90 West to the Crocker/Bassett Road Exit # 156 and turn right off the exit ramp heading North and the DoubleTree Hotel is on the left .

From the West: Take the Ohio Turnpike to Exit 8A and exit onto I-90 East. Take I-90 East to the Crocker/Bassett Road Exit # 156 and turn right off the exit ramp heading North and our Hotel is on the left.

Amenities at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Our DoubleTree by Hilton hotel offers stylish guest rooms and comforting amenities. Enjoy our signature chocolate chip cookie, and know that this welcoming gift is only a taste of the warm, personal service you will experience at DoubleTree by Hilton. Relax in contemporary accommodations at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland-Westlake. All the essentials and more are covered in our modern, stylish guest rooms with an array of amenities to make you feel at home. Fitness and Pool Available. View our amenities guide and choose a room that's right for you.

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotating schedule by one of the four Ohio Service Areas. The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to the districts and groups in Ohio and Southeast Michigan. This is accomplished by fostering cooperation among the four Ohio Areas, highlighting and celebrating General Service Activities of Alcoholic Anonymous in the Areas and through sharing experience on AA's Legacies of unity service and recovery. The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio and Southeast Michigan, helping us to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. But in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held throughout Ohio. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since "There are no dues or fees for AA membership..." there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels/convention centers, there is a charge for the use of the facility. Along with the Facility's charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers (they are never paid a fee for speaking), printing of flyers, schedules, badges, plus postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money to present. The Ohio State Convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees, No baskets are passed. The ideal event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members we pay our own way.