



# 58th OHIO STATE CONVENTION

## East Central Regional Conference

July 25, 26, 27, 2014



### Service: Alcoholics in Action

*... from the coffee pot to world service.*

#### WEEKEND EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Panel Discussions
- Sobriety Countdown
- Alkathon
- Banquet
- Committee Displays
- Hospitality Rooms

#### Holiday Inn French Quarter

10630 Fremont Pike Perrysburg OH 43551

(419) 874-3111 [www.hifq.com](http://www.hifq.com)

Room Rate: \$89.00/night plus tax

**July 3 is the Cut-Off Date for the Convention Rate!**

Call: 1-888-874-2592

*When you call, be sure to tell them you are with the 58th Ohio State Convention. This is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of hotel entrances.*

#### SPEAKERS LIST:

- Friday: Jim M., New York, NY  
 Saturday AM: Karen D., Delta, OH  
 Al-Anon: Barbara W., Columbus, OH  
 Saturday PM: Beth G., Brecksville, OH  
 Sunday: Greg R., Toledo, OH

#### For More Information, Contact:

- AA: Nancy M., Delegate/Chair (419) 410-7085  
 AA: John C., Co-Chair (419) 340-9646  
 Al-Anon/Alateen: Steve F., (419) 575-1717  
 Registration: Sherry S., (419) 972-4216  
 Central Office: (419) 380-9862 Mon-Fri 9-5pm

*You can also visit us on the web at [www.area55aa.org](http://www.area55aa.org)*

Please Note: Registration is Required for All Activities and Badges Must Be Worn for All Events!

## 58th OHIO STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

AA     Al-Anon     Alateen

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as you would like it on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

##### REGISTRATION

Registration after July 5            \$22.50 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early Registration                    \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alateen Registration                 \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

##### MEALS

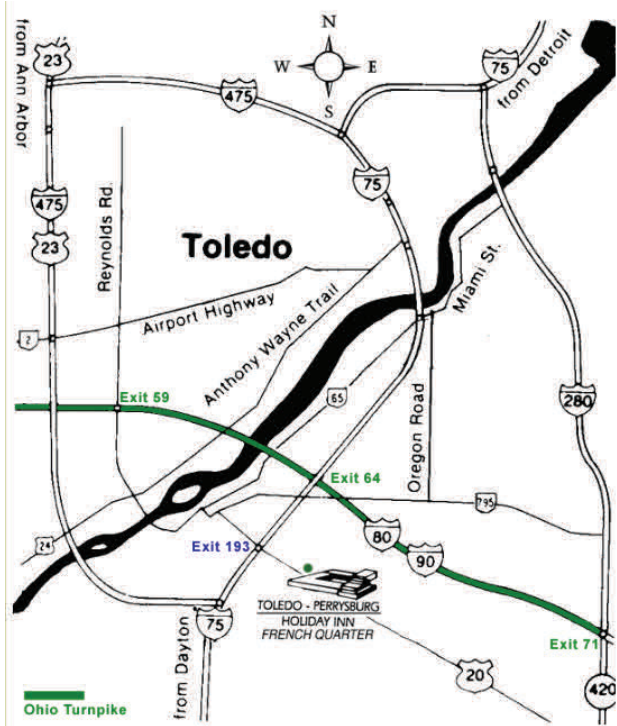
Saturday Breakfast                    \$11.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch                         \$14.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Banquet                      \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Breakfast                      \$11.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Meal Package                    \$61.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Saturday Banquet Meal Choices:

Beef             Chicken             Vegetarian

Please send this registration with your payment to:  
58th Ohio State Convention, 3328 Glanzman Road, Toledo, OH 43614



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## Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. But in A.A., a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the A.A. experience in a broad way.

There are many A.A conferences held throughout Ohio. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are A.A. meetings, and since, “There are no dues or fees for A.A. 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 or convention centers, there is a charge for the use of the facility. Along with the facility’s charge, the hotel or 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 A.A. members we pay our own way.

## Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotation 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 groups in Ohio Areas, highlighting and celebrating the General Service Activities of Alcoholics Anonymous in these areas and through sharing experience on A.A.’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.