

**41st ANNUAL
AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE
MINI-CONFERENCE**



April 1-2-3, 2016

**“Our Spiritual Way of Life:
Steps, Traditions and Concepts”**

All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend this conference!

SPEAKERS

Banquet

(Open AA Meeting)

Speaker: Clay R.,...
Public Information Desk
General Service Office

Trustee's Report

William N. General Service
Trustee/AAWS Director

Registration

Friday: 2 – 7 PM
Saturday: 8 – Noon

Hospitality Suite

Opens Friday at 4 PM

Conference Begins

Friday: 7:00 PM

**Come Have Your
Group's Voice Heard in
New York**

SCHEDULE

- **Friday –**
- History of Mini-Conference
- Introductions
- General Sharing Session

- **Saturday –**
- Early-Bird A.A. meeting
- Conference Committee Sessions
- Presentations of Committee Reports
- Voting on Agenda Items
- Banquet, Skit & Speaker Meeting

- **Sunday –**
- Early Bird A.A. Meeting
- Past Delegates Panel
- Ask-It Basket
- Panel Discussions

LOCATION

DoubleTree by Hilton

6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, Ohio 44131
Tel: 216.447.1300

\$95 per night

(Plus State & Local Tax)
Includes Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

**Reserve your room by
March 15, 2016**

Ref: Northeast Ohio Mini-Conference

Free parking for hotel guests and local participants

Handicap Accessible

For More Information Contact

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2016

NAME _____ As you would like it on your name badge _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Registration _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Saturday (Buffet) Banquet _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____ Request for Special Needs _____

(Banquet prepaid only) Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to NE Ohio Mini-Conference
Mail to Area 54 Mini-Conference, PO Box 32534 Euclid, OH 44132

Email inquiries to: MiniConference@area54.org

POSTMARK NO LATER THAN, MARCH 15, 2016 or register at the Conference Revised 11/04/2015

Directions

From Erie and Points North East: Take I-90 West to I-271 South, Follow the signs to I-480 West. Continue on I-480 West to Exit 20/I-77 South. Take the Rockside Rd/Independence/Seven Hills exit. Turn left onto Rockside Rd. Take the first right onto Quarry Lane. The hotel will be on your right.

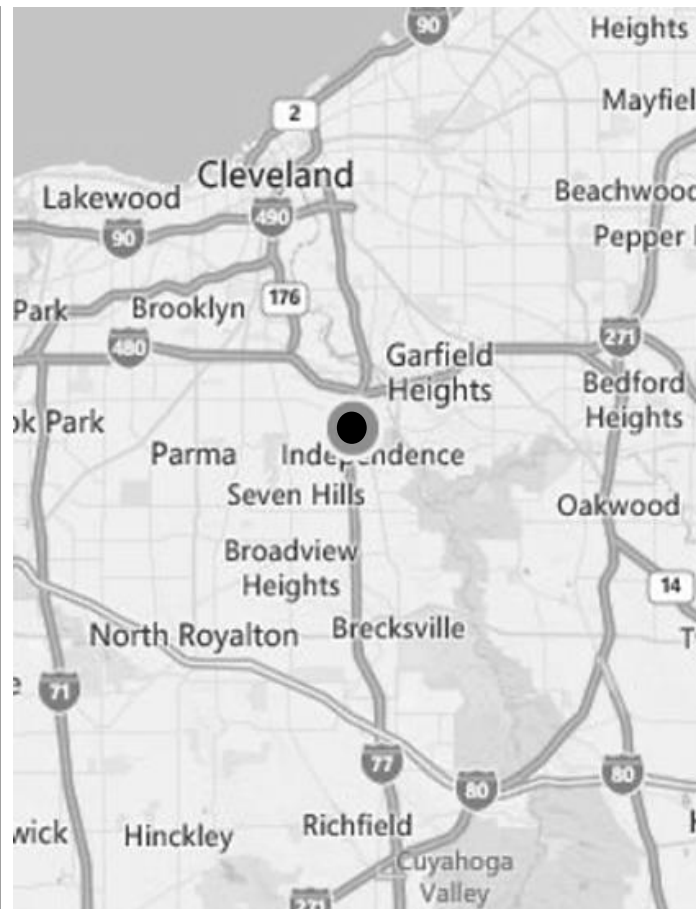
From Downtown Cleveland: Take I-77 South. Follow the signs for Rockside Rd./Independence/Seven Hills. Turn left onto Rockside Rd. Take the first right onto Quarry Lane. The hotel will be on your right.

From Youngstown or Pittsburgh PA and Points East: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) West. Continue to exit 173, toward Cleveland/Akron. Merge onto I-77 N. Take exit 155 for Rockside Rd/Independence/Seven Hills. Turn right onto Rockside Road. Take the first right onto Quarry Lane, the hotel will be on the right.

From Toledo and Points West: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) East and follow to Exit 151 to merge onto I-480 East toward Cleveland. Take exit 20B/I-77 South toward Akron. Follow the signs for Rockside Rd/Independence/Seven Hills. Turn left onto Rockside Rd. Take the first right onto Quarry Lane, the hotel will be on the right.

From Cincinnati, Columbus, and Points South: Take I-71 North toward Cleveland. Take exit 220/I-271 North toward Erie Pa. Take exit 10/I-77 North toward Cleveland. Take exit 155 for Rockside Rd/Independence/Seven Hills. Turn right onto Rockside Rd, take the first right onto Quarry Lane. The hotel will be on the right.

From Dayton Take I-70 East to Columbus. Take I-270 to I-71 North toward Cleveland. Take I-71 North to Exit 238 / I-480 West. Continue on I-480 West to 155 for Rockside Rd/Independence/Seven Hills. Turn right onto Rockside Rd, take the first right onto Quarry Lane. The hotel will be on the right.



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What is the purpose of the Area 54 Mini-Conference?

This Mini-Conference was developed to give our Delegate the informed conscience of the groups in Area 54— Northeast Ohio - on some of the agenda items that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time constraints, it is not possible to address all of the agenda of the General Service Conference. The selected agenda is mailed to the registered General Service Representatives (GSRs) of the groups in advance. The group can discuss the issues and send their group's conscience to the Mini-Conference via their GSR. At the Mini-Conference the issues are discussed with GSRs from many groups throughout Area 54. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the AA Service Manual, a consensus is reached. This consensus is taken to the General Service Conference by our delegate, who still maintains the right of decision described in the Twelve Concepts.

The Mini-Conference will also feature displays and information provided by the Area 54 Standing Committees and a variety of ways for a GSR to share with others committed to their service to others. GSRs can meet a General Service Board trustee, a staff member from the General Service Office and the Area Committee. There are also sharing sessions for GSRs and an Ask-it-basket hosted by past delegates, the trustee and GSO staff member.

Why do I have to pay?

While there are no dues or fees for membership in AA, it is the practice of Area 54 General Service that each individual event be self-supporting. This conference requires months of planning, preparation and money to present. Our expenses include printing of the background material and purchase of literature relevant to the agenda that will be discussed, printing of flyers and schedules, mailing costs and registration supplies. We do not pay our speakers, but we do provide for their expenses to attend the conference. At times we have snack or beverage expenses. The hospitality rooms are self-supporting of themselves. The Saturday Night Speaker is an open A.A. Meeting and is the only function that will not require attendees to be registered.

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Name badges must be worn at all times!