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"Let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found - a new life of freedom under God."

A.A. Co-Founder, Bill W., February 1961, From: "The Shape of Things to Come"; I Am Responsible: The Hand of A.A., © A. A. Grapevine, Reprinted with permission

A Word From Our Delegate

65th General Service Conference

I left for the General Service Conference in New York on Saturday April 18, 2015 at 9:30 AM from Hopkins Airport. However my journey to the General Service Conference began in 2002 when I became the Alternate GSR for my Home Group Mustard Seed. I was curious about service. The late Al J., Panel 43 Area 54 Delegate, was a member of Mustard Seed and encouraged participation in General Service within the Mustard Seed Group. Little did I know or imagine that I would be flying to New York as the Panel 65 Area 54 Delegate some thirteen years later. When you participate in General Service you do indeed become a Delegate in training. I served as GSR, DCM, Chair of the North Coast Multi District, Area Treasurer, Alternate Delegate and by the Grace of God I was elected as your Panel 65 Area 54 Delegate.

The flight from Cleveland to New York takes about one and a half hours. The Super Shuttle from La Guardia Airport to the Hotel took two and a half hours. It was like a long bus tour without comments. I found out that the cab ride from the airport was only forty-five minutes. If you don't know, you don't know.

Upon arrival at the Crowne Plaza Hotel I was nervous and apprehensive about being at the Conference. Going to my first meeting on Saturday I saw familiar faces, Delegates and GSO Staff whom I had met during our four Ohio Area (53, 54, 55 and 56) Mini Conferences and other Delegates whom I had met at the East Central Regional Past and Present Delegates Conferences. This had a calming effect on me. However I was still on edge about delivering my two minute Area Highlights.

On Sunday I picked up my General Service Conference Manual and the notebooks for the two Committees I would be serving on: Policy and Admissions and the secondary Committee, Archives. The work now started. Our time was scheduled Sunday thru Friday from 9 am until 9 pm, later if necessary each day. My Area Highlights were scheduled for Monday and thankfully I delivered them within the two minute time frame. I now felt at ease I had conquered the Two Minute Highlights Barrier.

We commenced to meet in our various Committees and we heard various Board reports and presentations by the Delegates and Trustees. In between there was the visit to Our General Service Office via the New York City subway. It was an interesting ride and I lost my Metro Pass for the return trip. Thankfully our escort allowed me to use his extra pass. When you arrive at the General Service Office, the personnel greet you by saying "Welcome to Your General Service Office". It was a great experience and then it was back to Committee reports and discussions. I voted the conscience of the Area as received at our 40th Mini Conference. On Friday, we heard the farewells from the Panel 64 Delegates and on Saturday morning it was farewell talks by the Rotating Trustees. I took a cab to the Airport, short and sweet.

Back in Cleveland I began to prepare my Conference Report for the Unity Day celebration. At our May 17th Unity Day we first heard from Karen, Steve and Wellington speaking on the international flavor of A.A. This reminded me that A.A. is a worldwide program. There are 63 foreign General Services Offices. Alcoholics Anonymous is around the world, what a blessing to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. I gave my Conference Report to close out the Unity Day celebration. I was relieved as I was nervous about the presentation. The 65th General Service Conference results have been posted on our Web Site. Advisory Actions, Recommendations that Failed and Floor Actions are listed in our Business Section for your viewing. I will also be available to give my Conference Report upon request. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Calvin L., Delegate - Area 54/ Panel 65

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SERVICE GRATEFULLY RENDERED

“Service without inconvenience lacks spiritual merit.”

Sitting in an open meeting on a Friday night last winter I heard the speaker make the above pronouncement. Wow, that felt like a 2x4 smack between the eyes! This joker must be one of those radical, dyed-in-the-wool, true-believer, take-no-prisoners A.A. bleeding deacon.

But upon further reflection, I got the message she was trying to impart through this statement. We alcoholics in our cups were selfish and self-centered to the extreme. Go out of our way to help another, let alone a stranger? Not likely, bud. Not convenient — what’s in it for me? It would take up valuable drinking time. That’s for do-gooders like those AAs.

We say that we have to be selfish in AA, too. Selfish in a different way, though. Our lives depend upon destruction of ego—it must be smashed, or we will die a terrible alcoholic death. Therefore, we must seek out opportunities to be of service to others in order to ensure our own recovery. ‘Selfish’ in a rather roundabout way. Our basic text reminds us,

“For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual condition, through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead. If he did not work, he would surely drink again, and if he drank he would surely die. Then faith would be dead indeed. With us it is just like that.” -p.14

So, here is the secret and the recipe for continued sobriety, for spiritual growth, and survival despite difficulties in our life: work with another alcoholic. Provided it is coupled with self-sacrifice, working with others will gain us spiritual growth, as we slowly but inexorably, destroy ego.

Going back to our original idea, service without inconvenience lacks spiritual merit. Lots of people provide service to us every day. It’s part of their job or they are nice people or good neighbors. Service to another in the normal course of everyday life is not uncommon. Taking a Twelfth Step call at midnight in February with three feet of snow on our doorstep and then going to our job six hours later on three hours sleep, that’s not commonplace.

We alcoholics want a pat on the back for fulfilling our normal obligations responsibly, let alone for anything we do out of the ordinary. But the joy of giving comes from

service freely and gratefully rendered without thought of recognition.

Early on, thirty years ago for me now, the old-timers reminded us young punks to “do something nice for someone else every day then don’t tell anyone.” Do you remember how ego destroying those little actions were? We were just *dying inside* to tell somebody, anybody what a great AA we were. Our old selfish selves were indeed dying.

Does that mean I should only perform service when it is inconvenient? Must we go to extreme lengths to discover opportunities to perform service? Not necessarily. Every day the chance to be helpful is laid at my feet amongst our kit of spiritual tools. I only have to open my eyes and ears and shut my mouth for a change. The simplest of tasks can allow our HP to slay that King-Baby within us. A newcomer needs a lift home after a meeting, in the opposite direction we were headed. Will I gratefully accept this invitation from HP in the guise of a new guy?

Throughout this issue, we have articles about service gratefully rendered, at minimal personal expense of pocket money but at much greater expense of time and effort and patience and tolerance. My prayer has changed from the old ‘God help me, God help me’, to ‘God use me, God use me’. Today I need not be sober and useless...perhaps not merely decorative but also functional.

~Your editor, Jeff

We welcome your service-related contributions, comments, and questions. Send topic ideas or loving appraisals to:
newsletter@area54.org



Area Officer Reports

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

At this time in my life I am experiencing some very emotional feelings.

What is emotional sobriety? In short, it's being able to regulate your emotions and your mood. Emotional sobriety is being able to deal with strong feelings without resorting to addictive, compulsive, or destructive behaviors. Without emotional sobriety, it's difficult - if not impossible - to maintain physical sobriety. Emotional sobriety isn't as simple or as "easy" to accomplish as it is to abstain from alcohol. Physical sobriety is concrete and tangible, while emotional sobriety is abstract.

I believe that nothing, absolutely nothing happens by coincidence, there is always a reason, I may not understand it at the time, however if I apply the saying, "And more will be revealed" I can be a little more patient.

I have connected a few more of the dots!! Because I am participating in service and I am required to write a report for the "Recorder" I am discovering additional ways to live life more successfully. I have read and researched many articles on the internet about recovery; reviewed much of the literature on various subjects of recovery; and learned so much more of what and how the AA program and becoming a participant in it has changed my thinking and some of my behaviors. I now, truly accept that life is not filled with all happiness and joyful things, tragedy, sickness and death are all part of life. Writing these articles is one way that continues to help me stay focused and understand how Alcoholics Anonymous and participating in service helps me to accept life on its terms and not mine. For me to accomplish this I must apply what I am learning to what is occurring in my life today.

These actions all become a part of my maintaining emotional sobriety. Listed below are a few others that have helped me "One Day at a Time":

JUST FOR TODAY: THE CHOICE IS MINE

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, not tackling all of my problems at once. I can do something at this moment that would discourage me if I had to continue it for a lifetime.

Just for today I will try to be happy, realizing my happiness does not depend on what others do or say or what happens around me. Happiness is a result of being at peace with myself.

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is and not force everything to adjust to my own desires. I will accept my family, my friends, my business, my circumstances as they come.

Just for today I will take care of my physical health; I will exercise my mind; I will read something spiritual.

Just for today I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least one thing I don't want to do, and I will perform some small act of love for my neighbor.

Just for today I will try to go out of my way to be kind to someone I meet. I will be considerate, talk low, and look as good as I can. I will not engage in unnecessary criticism or finding fault, nor try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests—hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet time of meditation wherein I shall think of my Higher Power, of myself, and of my neighbor. I shall relax and seek truth.

Just for today I shall be unafraid. Particularly, I shall be unafraid to be happy, to enjoy what is good, what is beautiful, and what is lovely in life.

Just for today I will not compare myself with others. I will accept myself and live to the best of my ability.

Just for today I choose to believe that I can live this one day.

Just like physical sobriety and recovery, everyone's emotional sobriety and journey to it, is unique.

Yours in Love, Service & Gratitude,

Jamie B., Alternate Delegate

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AREA CHAIRPERSON

As May comes to a close, we have had a successful Unity Day with great presentations by the Unity Day Committee with an International Theme headed up by Mary Ann K.. Her panel, Karen S., Wellington R, and Steve B, were outstanding with their presentations. Thanks to all the good food. The second half of Unity Day was an entertaining and informative Report on the 65th General Service Conference by Calvin L., our delegate. We heard his frustration with the 2½ hrs. shuttle ride to the hotel. This was longer than the plane ride from Cleveland to LaGuardia Airport (1½ hrs.). We got the sobering news that AA is declining in contributions per group and per member with the expenses trending up 2 – 3% each year. He showed us a graphic of \$1 in 1945 is equivalent to \$13 today. Tells me that my \$2 in the basket just doesn't do it—but it certainly helps!

As you receive this, newsletter I hope you will have planned or have attended the Area Open House/Picnic. It is held this year at Christmas Run Park in Wooster. Please check out the website to get more information on our events and schedule.

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Area Officer Reports

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Just a quick reminder to all Committee Chairs, our July Assembly is July 19th at 2 pm. The Agenda includes Standing Committees, DCMs, Intergroup Liaisons and as well as all Area Function (Events) Reports. This makes for a busy meeting but I am sure we will be able to keep on track.

Be sure to plan on the DCM College Workshop on August 16th. Any member of AA can represent their group and represent their district. These workshops always helped me with the alphabet soup: GSR, DCM, IGR, GVR, DCMC.

As I reread the Area Guidelines for the Area Chair, I realized that I need to be available to all the committee chairs to assist you in your efforts to do your jobs. Please feel free to contact me with any issues. I may not have the answer but I have lots of past committee chairs and delegates to help with the answers.

Love and Service,

Susan R., Area Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY

Real life things happen. We are told that our recovery and higher power will help us through anything. Early in recovery I didn't understand that. I thought (and sometimes still do) think I have to do everything myself. But now 11 yrs. later and many years of service work/recovery under my belt I understand it (even though I still try to do everything myself). All aspects of my service work and recovery help me deal and process the real life situations I'm dealt with no matter what those situations may be. Yes, I still tend to freak out and get a little crazy, but over the years I have learned to trust in my recovery and what it has taught me and to tell on myself when I get discombobulated, panicked, or scared. All of these feelings can prevent me from thinking and processing and doing the next right thing.

These are the tools we are taught every day in recovery from day one. It is important to use these tools to help us to cope when things get crazy in our personal life. But lately for me my service to the AREA has helped me to learn more about myself and has helped to grow more than I have ever expected. My recovery has changed over the years because of all the friends I have made, and all the learning I have done from watching the examples others. It has been demonstrated to me from my sponsor, grand sponsor and service sponsor on down to the new comer. All of them have taught me how to handle real life situations and to trust what I have been taught by them and many others both here and gone, that when real life happens, pull your tool box out and search it for your answers. Pray the simplest prayers and quit relying on self-will.

Tina C., Recording Secretary

The Mini-Conference, hosted by Area 56 was held at the Dayton Marriott. Area 56 is celebrating 80 years of Recovery, Unity and Service, which is the Foundation of Our Future. On Friday, March 20th, I accompanied Calvin L. and Jamie B. to Dayton. We enjoyed dinner in the Hospitality Room. The Conference opened at 7:30 pm, with a Summary of the Agenda Items with Garwood F., Area 56 Delegate; a Report from the General Service Office by Julio E.; and a report from the General Service East Central Trustee, Bill F. The evening closed with a lead by Bill F., Marietta.

On Saturday, Conference activities began at 9 A.M., and we broke into committee sessions which included Public Information, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, and Report and Charter (which was my committee assignment).

After lunch, committee reports were provided during the Conference Assembly period and voting followed each report. And as an Area 54 representative to the Mini-Conference, I wish to let you know how the Report and Charter Committee considered and voted on various issues before us:

ISSUE: Request the AA Service Manual to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information. **PASSED**

ISSUE: Consider request to add text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section "Stimulating interest in General Service" on page S23." **NO ACTION TAKEN**

ISSUE: Consider draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" to be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Boards) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section. **PASSED**

ISSUE: Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on S41-S42. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

ISSUE: International Conferences and Regional Forums B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

The evening concluded with a banquet, and an evening meeting with the lead speaker, Julio E. from The Bronx, New York, of General Service. He shared his life story, his life as an alcoholic, and what it is like working in General Service. The Sunday morning session opened at 9 A.M. with Mark E., the Area 56 Immediate Past Delegate. The session concluded with the Ask-It Basket, and Garwood F. Area 56 Delegate, closed the meeting.

Ron O., Mailing Secretary

Expanded Content (16 pages!) and a Color-Enhanced version of this newsletter is now online at <http://area54.org/NEOHRecorder.html>

East Central Regional Forum

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – November 13-15, 2015

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the East Central Regional Forum to be held the weekend of November 13-15, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, located at 16401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee WI 53221. Telephone Number: 414.764.5300. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015. The Orientation for First-time Attendees is at 6:45 p.m. and the opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Forum closes promptly at noon on Sunday, November 15, 2015. There is no registration fee for the Forum. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

Forum Registration: You may register for the Regional Forum by filing out the Forum Registration Form and mailing it to G.S.O. or you can register online at: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online Forum registrations must be received at G.S.O. before **November 9, 2015** in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register but your advance registration greatly helps our planning.

Hotel Reservations at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel can be made by one of the following methods: By phone: 877.227.6963 no later than **October 14, 2015**. Please use Group Code: **ECR** to get the special room rate. By internet please go to http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums follow the link by clicking on "Online Hotel Reservation"

In order to get the special room rate, be sure to register for your hotel accommodation no later than October 14, 2015. If you have any questions about this Regional Forum, feel free to email: regionalforums@aa.org
We are looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours,



Clay R.,
Regional Forums Coordinator



Terry Bedient
General Service Board Chairperson

Let's Go Green!

Area 54 General Service is inviting you to Go Green! Get your Area flyers, information, and an EXPANDED web-only version of the *Northeast Ohio Recorder*. All the information that comes to your USPS mailbox now can come to your inbox.

The *NE OH Recorder* you're reading now is 8 pages long—that's the page limit to keep postage weight within our budget and so that it can be folded to fit in an envelop. But we have so much more Area 54 news for you! The web version of the last issue of *NEOHR* was 14 pages packed with experience, strength, and hope.

Let Jim S., your Area 54 Mailing Secretary, know that you would like to save a tree or three (and save the area some \$Green\$) with a message at mailingsecretary@area54.org

Please note: if you do nothing, you will still get your Area mail by USPS and by email (if we have your email address) as you always have.

A.A. AROUND THE GLOBE

This was part of the presentation given at Unity Day, May 17, preceding the Delegate's Conference Report:

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.**

Early in its existence Alcoholics Anonymous spread from place to place through the efforts of individual A.A. members who moved to a new town or traveled on business. Even Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob came about because Bill went to Akron on business. Today that tradition continues. What follows is a brief history and sampling of the way A.A. members have helped spread the message around the world.

In 1944, Bill W. toured the United States to visit A.A. groups. Then, in 1950, he traveled to Europe. In a letter he wrote to Dr. Bob after almost seven weeks there, he says, "A.A. has come to Europe to stay."

Bill visited Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, England, and Ireland. At the time there were 3,527 groups in approximately 34 countries. Today there are more than 114,000 groups in approximately 170 countries.

At first, the spread of A.A. was left almost to chance. An early Internationalist, Captain Jack, carried the message of hope from port to port where his life as a merchant seaman took him. Others carried the message as they traveled on business or on vacation. In 1946, an A.A. member from Philadelphia visited Dublin and took the opportunity to carry the message of recovery there. His efforts paid off and Ireland's first A.A. meeting took place in Dublin in November of that year. A.A. was likewise carried to Brazil, El Salvador, and Iceland by traveling A.A.s from the U.S.; to Japan, by a U.S. soldier serving with the occupation forces; and to Romania, by an American couple.

As A.A. grew, countries with an established A.A. service structure began to help fledgling countries. In one example, Germany sponsored A.A. in Poland in the 1980s. Poland was then in a position to help spread A.A. to other Eastern European countries. Other instances of this activity include Japan helping carry the message to Korea, and Mexico acting as a sponsor to Cuba. Meanwhile, South Africa, with the help of Britain and the United States, has played the role of sponsor in Sub-Saharan Africa. The practice of country-to-country sponsorship continues today as A.A. grows around the world.

In the late 1960s, the World Service Meeting (WSM) was conceived as a forum where A.A. members from around the world could share with each other how A.A. operates in their respective countries. The WSM convenes every two years, alternating between New York and a site in a host country. At the first meeting in 1969, 27 delegates from 16 countries participated. In 2012, 61 delegates representing more than 35 countries participated. As the World Service Meeting matured, the concept of a zonal meeting was introduced. The zonal meetings are like mini-

World Service Meetings, opportunities for countries from the same geographical area to meet. And A.A. representatives who have participated in the World Service Meetings can then share that experience with those who have not.

The Meeting of the Americas, the first zonal meeting, took place in 1979 with participants from 10 countries. This was followed in 1981 by the European Service Meeting with 14 participants. By 1997, this zonal meeting had grown to 21 countries. An Asia-Oceania Service meeting began in 1995 and in 1997 had seven participating countries. The first Eastern European Service Meeting took place in April 2002 in Warsaw, Poland, with 14 countries represented. This meeting has subsequently merged with the European Service Meeting. The first Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting took place in June of 2003 in Johannesburg, South Africa, with 17 delegates from nine countries. While not a full-fledged zonal meeting, in 2007, service structures from countries in French-speaking Africa gathered in Paris to begin the process of sharing together, forming what is known as R.A.C.O. (Réunion de Service de la Zone Afrique Centrale et Occidentale). More recently, A.A. in countries from the Middle East cooperate in what is known as the Middle East Region Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (MERCAA).

The explosion of new A.A. activity internationally since the 1980s has created an enormous need for basic A.A. material. In response, G.S.O. U.S./Canada allocates funds to assist in translating and printing A.A. literature in countries where A.A. is developing. This helps ensure a consistent interpretation of the A.A. message of recovery, and supports the management of copyrighted A.A. material through licensing arrangements. This, in turn, helps preserve the integrity of the A.A. message. Countries that wish to can contribute to an International Literature Fund that supports this work. The proposal for the Fund came out of the 11th World Service Meeting in 1990 and is managed by A.A.W.S. Over \$1.4 million has been contributed to the fund, directly helping provide A.A. literature in more than 90 languages.

The trustees' International Committee of the General Service Board (U.S./Canada) is responsible for suggesting policies and actions that result in carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics overseas, particularly in countries without an established service structure. G.S.O.'s International desk shares information and experience on the General Service Board structure, activities and G.S.O. services with A.A. groups in countries that request help in establishing literature distribution centers, boards or general service offices; and cooperates and exchanges information with A.A. groups and members in countries that do not have a General Service Office or comparable structure.

Over the years, the trustees, general managers and staff members have been invited to participate in events all over the world, offering the experience of trial and error, sharing what has worked and what has not. We do not govern; we share experience.

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A.A. AROUND THE GLOBE

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rience, strength and hope to help others carry the A.A. message of recovery to those who still suffer. In recent years, trustees and staff members visited many countries, including Columbia, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Peoples Republic of China, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. The chair of the General Service Board traveled with one of our trustees-at-large to India, where they were interviewed by representatives of that country's press, radio, and television. They also visited treatment centers, schools for social work and social sciences, and met with A.A. members from all over India.

Today, the A.A. way of life is practiced in approximately 170 countries. Most of this is still accomplished, as in the earliest days of A.A., through the miracle of one drunk helping another.

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Penn-Ohio Family Fun Day — August 8

<http://www.aaneoh.org/pdfs/2015PennOhio.pdf>

33rd Ohio Roundup, Cleveland OH — August 28-30

<http://ohioroundup.org/>

Ohio Women's Conference — August 28-30

<http://www.ohiowomensconferenceofaa.com>

19th Annual National AA Archives Workshop — Sept 24-27

<http://naaaw.org>

NOTE THE DATE

July 19

Area Assembly

GV Lit sales

2:00 pm

August 7-9—Cincinnati, OH <http://www.59thohiostateconvention.org>

59th Ohio State Convention Registration form on pg 15

August 16

DCM College

2:00 pm

September 20

Area Assembly

2:00 pm

September 24-27 — Independence, OH

National A.A. Archives Workshop

Registration form on pg 16

October 18

Area Assembly

GV Lit sales

2:00 pm

November 7 — Columbus, OH

Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting

11:00 am

November 13-15 — Milwaukee, WI

East Central Regional Forum, hosted by GSO and Area 75 (S. Wisconsin)

November 22

Gratitude Sunday

GV Lit sales

Akron

Ohio Women's Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous

4th Annual O.W.C.A.A.

August 28-30, 2015

Cherry Valley Lodge

2299 Cherry Valley Road
Newark, Ohio 43055
(740) 788-1200
www.cherryvalleylodge.com

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this conference is singleness of purpose, addressing the issues and celebrating the victories faced by women with the disease of alcoholism. This three (3) day event is designed for women in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to come together for the distinct purpose of sharing their experience, strength and hope on their journey of sobriety, by way of lead meetings, panel discussions and workshops in a single venue.

Room rate: \$99.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for single or double
\$109.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for triple
\$119.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX for quad

Please call (740) 788-1200 for reservations

When making room reservations, please inform hotel staff of any special needs you may have.

CONFERENCE RATES ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL JULY 15, 2015.

The entire conference is a closed* AA women's event for registrants only. Mail-in and on-line registration close on August 1, 2015. No refund policy. No checks or credit cards will be accepted on-site at the conference. Cash or money orders only. At the conference, name badges must be worn at all times. Please register by August 1, 2015 to ensure a pre-printed badge.

CONFERENCE OPENS — FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

Marta M., Louisville, KY

Friday Night Speaker

Robbin R., Chicago, IL

Saturday Night Speaker

Hilda H., Buffalo, NY

Sunday Morning Speaker

CONFERENCE CLOSURES — SUNDAY 12 NOON

Make checks payable to:

Ohio Women's Conference of AA

Mail completed registration form with checks/money orders to:

Ohio Women's Conference of AA

P. O. Box 361124

Columbus, Ohio 43236

Singleness of Purpose
One Heart, One Mind

REGISTRATION

Name (First) _____

Name (Last) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Sobriety Date _____

E-mail _____

Name on Badge _____

Would you like to be of service? (circle)

Panel Workshop Greeter

Early Registration \$35.00

On-Site Registration Fee \$40.00 (Cash Only)

Meals

Saturday Breakfast \$20.00

Saturday Night Banquet \$45.00

Sunday Breakfast \$20.00

Dinner Entrée Choices: (circle one)

Chicken Grilled Salmon Vegetarian

Souvenirs (circle choice and size)

T-shirt with Logo \$18

T-shirt with Logo 2X plus \$23

S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 5X

Qty. _____	X	\$18.00
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Qty. _____	X	\$23.00
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Qty. (_____) _____	Mugs X	\$7.00
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If you would like to help some to be able to attend this great conference, we welcome your donation to our Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Fund Contribution: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

On-line registration is available at www.ohiowomensconferenceofaa.com.

Unless otherwise noted, Area Assemblies & Workshops are held at The 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH, (on **42** about 1/4 mile south of Route **303**).

Phone: (330) 273-7216



RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our A.A. experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, expressed through 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, GSRs 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 hopes, and our work.

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