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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

Happy New Year to all in Area 54. I have learned and experienced many things my first year as your delegate, I truly look forward to another year of being your trusted servant. Over the years I have been asked many times to speak on Step Ten. I believe that I must continue to practice this step so that I truly understand it. These are some of the things I have learned and read about this step.



Step Ten

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it", then there is the line on page 90 of the 12 & 12. "It is a spiritual axiom that every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with us." We're hurt, in pain, suffering and emotional. This is the "wrong". It is not wrong as in "a mistake", but wrong as in "defective" and lacking serenity.

Notice that the Tenth Step says that when we were wrong we promptly ADMIT it. It doesn't say that when we were wrong we promptly JUSTIFY it. The first three Steps are designed to bring us to the point where we become WILLING to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a Higher Power, Steps Four through Nine are HOW we turn our will and our lives over by removing what blocks us from actually doing so, and the last three Steps are how we KEEP our will and our lives turned over to God indefinitely. "If I am distressed by anything external, it is not the thing itself, but my estimate of it; and this I have the power to revoke at any moment."

I was not skillful in separating justified from unjustified anger. As I saw it, my anger was always justified.

When it comes to justifying my anger - : I have to ask myself- Am I angry or disturbed because things and or an individual didn't do what I expected or wanted them to do? When I am hurt, distressed, or feel slighted, I need to ask myself, what old belief IN ME am I replaying or clinging to—even unaware that I'm doing that. When I'm disturbed there is something in me contributing to that. At worst I am causing it, at best I am collaborating. And the power to change that is in me. Not easy but I can. And I can change my beliefs—also not easy at all. **But it can be done!** What I need is the willingness to see things just as they are. Acceptance of how things turned out.

Here are a few other spiritual axioms:

It is a spiritual axiom that recovery is simple, is it easy? No; a price has to be paid. That price is destruction of my own self-centeredness.

It is a spiritual axiom that without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all.

It is a spiritual axiom that acceptance is the answer to all my problems today.

It is a spiritual axiom that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. (for me that is General Service Work)

My goal is to live by these axioms to the best of my ability one day at a time.

"Living Life by Axioms"

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Axiom 1 It is not the obstacle that counts but how you overcome it.

Axiom 2 Pursue your goals with all your heart, might, mind, and strength. You are doomed to failure if you pursue them in a vacillating manner.

Axiom 3 From a tiny spark can come a great conflagration.

Axiom 4 Our greatest strengths can become our greatest weaknesses.

Axiom 5 Failure is one of the greatest teachers we have, if we have the faith to learn from it.

Axiom 6 It is not how you start the race or where you are during the race—it is how you cross the finish line that is going to matter.

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GRATITUDE IN ACTION

In this issue of the *Northeast Ohio Recorder*, we focus on the spiritual actions necessary for our recovery through unity and service. Our delegate, Jamie B. shares her journey with Step Ten and spiritual axioms. Shyrl B., your alternate delegate, reviews a new book from the Grapevine about Women in AA.

Action is the key word in all of this. Page 14 of our Basic Text (*Alcoholics Anonymous*) reminds us,

...for if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead.

Gratitude in A.A. is a noun AND a verb. The oldtimers taught me “Don’t just tell me about your gratitude, show me...” and “Your actions speak so loudly, I can’t hear what you’re saying.”

All groups have a right to a say in how A.A. operates. You express that right with the election and participation of a General Service Representative (GSR). But without that voice and vote, your A.A. group surrenders this right to participate in A.A. as a whole; “*Every A.A. member has a right to be involved with how A.A. is run through the well-informed group conscience.*” Do you want other groups deciding for you what happens in A.A.? **Our area conscience is best informed when YOU participate** in the structure of Northeast Ohio A.A. Before we know it, spring will be slowly pushing winter’s icy blast back from our doors and it will be time for the 43rd Northeast Ohio Area Mini-Conference.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE NORTHEAST OHIO MINI-CONFERENCE?

Here are just a few good reasons why everyone, whether you are involved in General Service work or not, is encouraged to attend the Northeast Ohio Mini-Conference.

Exercise your voice and vote in AA-as-a-whole. Don’t let others make decisions for your group! Express your opinion on the items of business that will be discussed and voted on by your elected delegate at the General Service Conference in New York City at the end of April. The mini-conference provides a forum for understanding the issues concerning the future of A.A. that will be decided, on your behalf, whether you choose to participate in General Service or not.

Learn about service beyond the church basement steps.

Every service job in A.A. is important. Ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.’s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our

Third Legacy of Service. An A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer, whether sponsorship of a new member or sponsorship of A.A. in a new country just getting started.

Why can’t we just ‘keep it simple’? These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Concerning any given service, we ask one question: “Is this service really needed?” If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A. The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole, namely: the General Service Office, A.A. World Services, Inc., The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and our board of trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and ... our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities.

Meet your Regional Trustee and a staff member from your General Service Office in New York City and your delegate will be there, too. She’d like to meet you and hear your views on the pressing issues and agenda items of the day. She will carry your ideas and the conscience of the whole area to the General Service Conference.

Meet other A.A.’s who are interested in service beyond the group level. Having trouble at your home group? Other General Service Representatives (GSR) and District Committee Members (DCM) have already faced those same difficulty and have great ideas to share with you.

See how your generous contributions are being used to help carry the message. New literature has been released in recent months, new public service announcements and DVDs, too. These will be shown or will be available for sale.

Where else can you go for \$20 and get three days of sobriety, service and fellowship? Come find out what you’ve been missing.

~Your editor,
Jeff

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



AREA OFFICER REPORTS

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Axiom 7 Borrowed from Brigham Young: "If you wish to get rich, save what you get. A fool can earn money; but it takes a wise man to save and dispose of it to his own advantage" (JD 11:301).

Axiom 8 You cannot learn the Lord's will without exercising your agency and becoming accountable for your decisions.

Axiom 9 A new interpretation of the old French proverb: The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Axiom 10 The temple of God is the greatest university.

Jamie B. .

Panel 67 Delegate, Area 54 – Northeast Ohio

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Voices of Women in AA: Stories I needed to read

As 2017 is soon ending, I reflect on what topic to write about for the first article of the New Year Recorder. In the late summer of 2017, I purchased and downloaded the Voices of Women in AA, a compilation of stories and articles about women's experiences in AA from the Grapevine. To be honest, it sat on my Kindle, "collecting dust" and it became like many other recovery books I have purchased. However, after having a conversation with some of my support sisters about "life issues" and an area committee liaison, I decided to open the book and just "pick a chapter." WOW!!! Why did I wait so long?

Chapter Six was my choice; "Forming True Partnerships". These AA women shared their experiences on repairing, renewing and rethinking their romantic relationships. The common theme that these six women talked about was the missteps they made in their romantic life even in sobriety. Some were married, happily divorced, and others after reflection, growth and loving on themselves are contentedly enjoying life being single. The following was the intro to the stories in the chapter: "In the Big Book, the alcoholic is compared to "a tornado" running through the lives of others, breaking hearts and ruining "sweet" relationships. As many alcoholics have discovered, this can continue into sobriety. Learning how to live in "peace and partnerships" with others is, as it says in our literature, a "moving and fascinating adventure." The sober women in this chapter recount their experience with relationships in sobriety."

I realize after reading chapter six, that their experiences are common with women in recovery. For me when I arrived in AA in the nineties, my second sponsor always told me "let us love you, until you learn how to love yourself." I had no clue what that meant. I searched for so long, thinking sharing my life meant giving "surface BS" and "proclamations". I always thought that "love" only related to the romantic kind. It appears that the women in chapter six have learned the lesson I had to experience, that it takes developing a relationship with yourself and your "Higher Power" or "greater power" first before ANYTHING ELSE will fall into place. I really enjoy reading this book and look forward to reading more of it.

Book Title: *Voices of Women in AA: Stories of experience, strength and hope* from A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Sheryl B.

AREA CHAIR

I would have to say 2017 was a great year. My opportunities for learning have exploded by being the Area Chairperson. From the assemblies to the conferences to the state convention, it all has been an awesome learning experience and I love to learn and will pray I always remain teachable. At the state convention I was on a panel speaking on sponsorship. The topic was The Concrete – What is Good Sponsorship. I shared on how the pamphlet Questions and Answers on Sponsorship is an awesome pamphlet to share with a newcomer so that they can make an informed decision before choosing a sponsor. I also shared on how I think this pamphlet can be used in treatment and correctional facilities if it is not already and handed out to them prior to leaving. It is stated that one of the greatest gifts we get in sponsoring is that our own sobriety is greatly strengthened when we give it away and by witnessing the growth or trials our sponsees may have to go through we may also learn something. But for the grace of god there go I.

Everyone has a different approach in choosing a sponsor some members look for someone with a similar background, interests and some choose sponsors unlike themselves. The sponsor I choose 12 years ago after a few issues is someone who had a very similar life as I did. It's important to demonstrate to the newcomer that there is at least one person who understands the situation they're in and cares about helping them go through it and adjust to a new way of life without alcohol. There are no specific rules to our program but using it in everyday life is important to our success, and that's where sponsorship can help us. The only important thing that the sponsor and sponsee have in common is alcoholism and recovery. Suggest that your sponsee keep an open mind about AA. Introduce sponsees to other members, a good way to do this is have them be a greeter at the door of their home group or at another meeting. Explain to them the importance of a support group, to make sure to have people with varying amounts of sobriety in their support group and to use it when things come up and you're not available. Tell them to get a home group ASAP and introduce literature to them. Go through the Big Book, work the Steps, explain the Traditions, the Concepts, and why we have them, and as soon as they're ready and have shown an interest introduce them to service work. I will end with this; if you don't know something say 'I don't know', there is nothing wrong with not having all the answers never give false hope or wrong answers, reach out to someone else to find the answer and get it to the sponsee asap.

Tina C.

TREASURER

Why Is Sending Money to the General Service Board 12 Step Work?

The Ohio State Convention had a different meaning for me this year as a panel member. I felt a weight of responsibility to be prepared to inform. As I navigated BOX 459, the AAWS website, and the annual conference

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report, I realized that all the material I was reviewing served the same purpose as the first 164 pages of the Big Book. For general service, these resources serve as basic direction and a design for the wellbeing of AA. According to Bill W. "Every single service is designed to make more and better 12th step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or service headquarters"

From the beginning of A.A. to now, self-support has been an ongoing battle to ensure that the hand of A.A. is there for the newcomer and that the 7th tradition remains the compass to prevent diversion from our primary purpose which is to carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. 70% of GSB's funding comes from donations. So as the growth of A.A. as whole seems stagnant and every year becomes more challenging to become truly self-supporting, perhaps a greater effort can be made from general service members to help A.A. understand more of what the General Service Office does. GSO has 15 service departments, some impacting 12th step work on the frontline and others that are not as visible but vital to the foundation of GSO and its day to day functions and the livelihood of A.A.

On the frontline, GSO responds to letters from inmates, distributes conference approved literature to correctional facilities. GSO provides periodic mailings to H & I, Corrections and Bridging the Gap chairs. GSO also provides contacts for A.A. members traveling overseas and facilitates continuing translations of the Big Book so that suffering alcoholics all over world may receive the message of hope. GSO serves as a contact for international pilots, aviation industry professionals and physicians in A.A. GSO makes it possible for us to remain on the frontlines with an abundance of literature and resources to help us reach and impact the newcomer. If the 12 Steps is a design for good living, sending money to our General Service Board is a design for the securing the future of A.A.

Dawn J.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Wow, service is quite an adventure. Service work saves my life, and it is an honor and privilege to serve. I am forever grateful to my sponsor for insisting that I get involved in service work. God had me volunteer for the position of Recording Secretary and this new part of my life has begun. During these years of service I am able to grasp a wider view of AA, and how our cooperation with each other is so important. Learning about all aspects of service ensures that I have growth and learn new skills like patience and tolerance. So I look forward to continued service work, and will continue to listen to a God of my understanding for guidance.

Beverly F.

MAILING SECRETARY

As a continuation from an article I wrote earlier this year. I wanted to give an update on the outcome of our homegroup inventory. I wish I could tell you that it was a roaring success and we all learned about

our character defects, faced them and are taking steps to better ourselves as a group. What the truth is, the person's idea it was to take the inventory has vanished in light of facing such realities. A rift has appeared in the group and no one seems to know why or even acknowledge it. I've since tried passing out literature on the Group, "where it all begins". Trying to organize people to show up to a home group meeting is like herding cats. I've since given up on the idea.

I recall a time when my homegroup would squander their money on parties and even once donated all of it to a rehab to buy Big Books. Honorable as the intentions were, I objected as a good GSR should. After almost being burnt at the stake and buried in separate holes, they still did what they wanted anyways without my approval. I quickly got over my resentment and learned that I'm not the center of my homegroup and neither is anyone else. Next November when money was going out for the year someone said, maybe we shouldn't be giving money to other organizations, "Hey what were you saying last year"? I can only hope that maybe the idea of an inventory may slowly sink in as well....

Dustin S.

REGISTRAR

This year has been very interesting for me. I am the new Registrar for Northeast Ohio. I have learned all the districts and the 7 intergroups that we have. I have called a lot of the groups and updated their records. I look forward to next year.

Marilyn H.

CORRECTIONS

Although it appears at times as though service in general and General Service in particular are not priority items, our text states that we are to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and our fellow man. What can I do to be of service? I am glad you asked that question.

There is much to do in the area of Corrections. Carrying the message to alcoholics behind the walls is a great way to be of service. You can be the contact person who is responsible for the meeting. You can share your experience, strength and hope at a meeting. You can correspond with an alcoholic who is behind the walls. Sharing the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who are incarcerated is both rewarding and beneficial.

If you think that you might be interested in this type of service, please contact me. There are Corrections Committees in every county who need volunteers.

Calvin L.

FINANCE

As the newly appointed Finance Chairperson of Area 54, it has been most rewarding to pass out the donation envelopes at meetings. Then I get to explain the purpose and process for donations. It is surprising to me how many people did not know about the birthday and anniversary envelope,

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and were eager to donate. I look forward to passing out more envelopes and explaining more about donations. Thank you for the privilege to serve.

Mac R.

FLOOR MANAGER

As your area floor manager, this experience has definitely been a pleasure and for that I thank you. I have not had much to report this year because duct tape purchase is not exactly pressing or necessary to submit to you (haha). However, today what I do have is a request. Our area mini-conference will be upon us at the end of March. And while it is several months away and not necessarily urgent, if someone would assist me during this weekend it would be a great help to the floor manager, fellow alcoholics present at the conference, and you will learn something new. I know today for sure, service work has helped aid me in my sobriety and allow me to be here another day. Thank you.

Brian J. C.

TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Hello, everyone. My name is Mike S, your area Treatment Committee chair. I have been busy by the grace of God I am so grateful to be part of a committee, especially the Treatment Committee. On Nov 6, 2017, I was invited to meet with Miss Billie J. Gilliam, the clinical director for the Hitchcock Center for Women. The meeting was great. We shared our views on recovery. She expressed a concern that her clients that had problems other than alcohol, were being kicked out of an AA meeting. I explained that wasn't true. I explained our primary purpose, also that in an AA meeting it is announced "If you are anything other than alcoholic, just state your name" Also to keep your comments as they relate to alcoholism. They want to talk about whatever they want and they are shut down. So I explained what the Bridging the Gap program was and how effective it is to get people successfully from the doors of treatment to the doors of a home group in AA. A lot of work is stilled needed and what that I am asking ladies to step up and step into the Bridging the Gap program as a temporary contact person. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mike S., or Vincent W. We will explain it and get you involved in this great service work. Thank you.

Mike S. | Vincent W.

I was recently blessed with the opportunity to be elected to fulfill the remainder of the most recent State Archivist's term upon him being elected to be our ECR trustee. Upon accepting this position I needed to do some research and I was also told I had the opportunity to attend the International Archivist Convention. I had little to no information regarding this duty besides the information in the State Guidelines and what was shared by the outgoing archivists and past archivists from the state and area. I reviewed the Guidelines to see what all I would need to do and felt comfortable that was soon to change in a sense.

2017 NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

I arrived in Winnipeg Manitoba (Canada) on Thursday morning around 11am their time. On my connecting flight I also had other attendees on it from Utah, New York and Akron. It was really funny listening to them talk about service work and no one really understanding what they were discussing and I did. I introduced myself and we all laughed and talked the rest of the flight.

The conference was packed full of information. One of the first things I heard is that we are all Archivists. Example is during a time of crisis or disaster items grabbed are, people pets, and papers and women are the ones who normally the ones who grab the papers. Another place we are collectors are our wallets. I learned that It's very important to get Oral Histories from our older AA members to document their personal stories and the story of their home group to show the group's history as well.

I learned of the difference between a Historian, an Archivist, and a Collector. Most of us are collectors because we collect stuff. A Historian is someone who writes of our history and an Archivist is one who is in charge of collecting and cataloging our documents.

I learned of the importance of the proper containers to be used to store our documents in. They suggest to use acid free boxes, acid free file folders and all documents need to be protected from outside forces. Those are everything from sunlight to water, heat, touch (oils from fingers) and physical forces always lay documents flat don't let them bend or get folded.

Everything we archive requires different equipment and supplies. Pictures are totally different then papers. Photos need total darkness and papers it is suggested to reduce the ultraviolet as much as possible and regular

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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 NEOH 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 this issue of NEOHR is 19 pages packed with experience, strength, and hope.

Let Dustin 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.

Expanded Content (19 pages!) and a Color-Enhanced version of this newsletter is now online at <http://area54.org/NEOHRecorder.html>

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light is as much as possible. Even video audio recordings CD's and DVD's all have guidelines on how to store them within the collection. It was also shared that room temperature is also important.

It was suggested to store item in secure room and to never store items directly on the floor use shelving system and have everything elevated up off the floor away from water pipes and lines to help prevent water damage in case of a water line break. The other important items are the computer equipment used including the programs used all the way to the external hard drives and they suggest two of them with the same items on them and to store them in separate locations one location mentioned was a bank safety deposit box because it has the perfect conditions. They suggest holding an archives conference in your area or district to help recruit others who may be interested in becoming an Archivist. I would love to do one of these in our area but I would require the assistance of our past Archivists in our area to help put this on due to being brand new myself and still needing to learn myself.

This is but just a tidbit of the information I got from the conference. It was a great learning opportunity and I look forward to continuing this journey for however long I will have it.

Tina C.,

Ohio State Archivist

I attended the 21st National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW) in Winnipeg, Manitoba this fall. While Canadians have attended NAAAWs from the beginning, this was the first time it was held in Canada. The host was Jo-Anne L. who lives in Winnipeg. Jo-Anne is a past Trustee-at-Large, Canada who served half of her four-year term together with Dorothy W, Trustee-at-Large, US and from our region (Indianapolis, IN).

Geographically, Manitoba is over five times as large as the state of Ohio but has a total population one-third less than Greater Cleveland. It's centrally located east-to-west but less than 100 miles from the US border. Direct flights to Winnipeg are few so airfare is generally expensive and Canadian rules about past DUIs in their laws make entry to their country difficult or prohibitive for some of us. Because of this the NAAAW organizing committee had legitimate concerns about attendance. Indeed, US attendance was somewhat smaller than normal but was more than made up for by their local attendance and that of Canada as-a-whole. All 14 Canadian areas sent their archivist and often others. Registration was 226, a normal turnout for this.

I arrived Wednesday which was a day early (on my own nickel, of course) and this allowed me to buy a tour of Winnipeg arranged through the Workshop. Highlight of this was their Legislative Building heavily based on Greek Mythology. Before the trip I had stopped by Akron and loaded my car with the NAAAW display and collected histories. I stopped at Cleveland to get a display of their early literature and of our Central Bulletin which is celebrating its 75th anniversary—the oldest periodical in AA. These went Thursday into its archives room. The local highlight in that room was a telephone booth which handled many of their early 12th Step calls. Thursday concluded with Gail L, previously from Akron, relating the history of the NAAAW.

Friday had introduction to archives and local history plus the story of LaVigne the French-Canadian equivalent of the AA Grapevine. Don F, chair of NAAAW, talked of his trip to the home of Dr. Carl Jung whose work with Rowland H figured into AA's beginnings. Friday concluded with an address by Michelle Mirza, GSO Archivist, on their collection and activities.

Saturday began with bids for future Workshops. Next year's event will be in Chicago. Then I presented a 45-minute session on "Software for Archivists" followed later that morning with Theron B, previously from Akron, presenting "Digital Archives." Archives does IT! Afternoon had an oral history demonstration and another Gail presentation on the history of the Big Book. While this is an archives event some history is included. So, considering the background of the host and Canadian challenges, the World Service Meeting with delegates from AA around the World and the Remote Communities projects played into this. The Saturday banquet was followed by the history of the World Service Meeting.

Sunday morning had a Q&A session with archivists. It concluded with feedback and passing the gavel to Chicago. This is by no means a complete summary of session at this this comprehensive workshop.

I met with Gail and some others and we concluded that a list of inventory-producing questions for entities with AA archives could significantly help them. Our area forwarded this request to the Conference Coordinator for fleshing out by the Trustees Archives Committee with the likelihood that the Conference Committee would look at it.

I was passing Michelle Mirza talking to Tina C, our Area Chair and State Archivist/Historian when they stopped me and asked if the state had a Collection Scope document. I said no but, after thinking about it, printed a copy of the state guidelines which detail the job and could serve as the Scope. Michelle read it over and commented that there's nothing in the duties that require an historian. All these tasks are routinely part of an archivist's assignment. Learning this, the State Planning members changed the title to just "Archivist" In early November.

Gail started these Workshops in Akron in 1996. She encountered me (I was then the current area delegate) and invited me to the 1997 workshop also in Akron. She also exhorted me to help to get a Conference Archives Committee created to be part of the General Service Conference. We did. Gail was asked to do it again for a third year. When she balked at the work involved, Area 54 General Service agreed to help. I've attended about half the workshops held since and go now more to teach than to learn. Many of us feel responsible for the NAAAW and the Conference Archives Committee especially since we play a part in their formative years. Many years ago, before I was bit by the archives bug, an article appearing in the Akron Intergroup News titled "Is the Tail Wagging the Dog?" asked if we were spending too much time and effort on AA archives. I gave this considerable thought and concluded that the answer is "NO." For an intergroup other than Akron or any area not the birthplace area, that would be true. But we are and thus this is one committee on which I strongly feel that we should spend an inordinate interest.

Bob McK.,

Cleveland District Office Archivist

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE AREA AND BEYOND

NOTE THE DATE

January 21, 2018 Area Assembly	GV Lit sales 2:00 pm
January 28 and February 25 Mini Conference planning meetings Holiday Inn Strongsville	2:00 pm
February 18 GSR School Workshop	2:00 pm
March 18 Area Assembly	2:00 pm
March 23-25 43rd NEOH Mini-Conference Holiday Inn Strongsville	GV Lit sales
April 15 Area Assembly	2:00 pm
May 20 Unity Day—Delegate's Conf. Report	Lit sales 2:00 pm
June 8-10 Founders' Day at University of Akron	GV sales Saturday only
June 24 Area Open House Picnic	TBA
July 15 Area Assembly	GV Lit sales 2:00 pm
August 20 GSR/DCM Workshop	2:00 pm
September 16 Area Assembly	2:00 pm
October 21 Area Assembly (area elections)	GV Lit sales 2:00 pm
November 12 Gratitude Sunday	GV Lit sales TBA

OUTSIDE OUR AREA

February 9-11 — Indianapolis, IN
44th Conference of Delegates Past and Present

March 2-4 – Perrysburg OH
Area 55 Mini-Conference

March 9-11 – Salt Fork State Park
Area 53 Mini-Conference

March 16-18 – Dayton, OH
Area 56 Mini-Conference

April -21-28 – New York, NY
68th General Service Conference



May 5 – Columbus, OH 11:00 am
Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting

July 27-29, Perrysburg OH
62nd Ohio State Convention

August 24-26, Kalamazoo, MI
East Central Regional Conference

November 3 – Columbus, OH 11:00 am
Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting



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