

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

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From Our Delegate...

Baby Steps to the Conference



Every morning, as part of my daily program, I write a short gratitude list. And every morning for the past few weeks, one of the items there, more often than not, was “baby steps to the Conference.” This has been a busy time of travel and preparation for the General Service Conference, on top of all my usual activities. Baby steps made it manageable. Sort of.

Today, the day before I leave, I need to mow the lawn and do laundry. I also need to stop and take time to remember where I’m going tomorrow and why it matters. In many ways, the Conference is very distant from

most AA members. Too distant. I need to serve as the voice of Area 56 and also do my best to understand what is best for AA as a whole. A past Delegate recently told me that two million people are counting on me. It nearly broke my brain.

So instead, I choose to concentrate on baby steps-taking one day at a time. Finish the laundry and pack. Go to a meeting. Get to the airport on time. Pray for guidance and strength. Focus on the positive. And think of the people here in southwest Ohio who wish me well. I am grateful for the support I’ve received from people here and grateful as

well for the growing interest in general service which I see around me.

I think I know what to expect in New York and am, as a result, probably completely deluded. I am sure, however, that I will get what I need to the extent that I ask for help and wisdom. I’ll see you when I get back!

**Laura G.,
Panel 66 Delegate
Area 56 SW Ohio**

True Gifts-Sense of Purpose and Service to Others

Greetings to all in Area 56. It is always an honor to speak to my AA friends, regardless of method or forum. This is a particular privilege to come to you in the second issue of the

Area 56 newsletter “Walking with Purpose”. The task at hand is share my thoughts on, as the newsletter name states, “Walking with Purpose”. I always thought that “trudging the road to happy destiny” would be a lifelong, laborious, exhaustive journey. It wasn’t until a lot of good people in AA showed me that my sober journey could be one filled with meaning and the joy of service to others.

When I drank I would spend hours, usually alone, trying to come to an understanding of myself, my life and the meaning of it all. That effort was empty and never yielded an answer. It was only through grace, the Twelve Steps and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous that life began to have purpose. Purpose not discovered on my own; purpose shown to me by those who had been given the gift of service to others through their own involvement in general service. I was shown that gratitude was an action word and giving back to the fellowship was saying thank you in the most spiritual way.

I have been shown that there is a niche for everyone in AA. We just have to find it. It has been something given to me by those who have gone before. That path has meant doing tasks that I couldn’t understand but doing them because I was shown the importance of giving back. Making coffee, setting up for a meeting, welcoming newcomers are all forms of service, but I found myself wondering “is that all there is?” That question was answered in part when someone said, “Why don’t you be our GSR?” That simple request began to change my life, not only in AA, but “in all my affairs”

I came to understand that the circle around the triangle meant “the whole world of AA”, not only to our fellowship but to me personally; that there was a whole world of service within the fellowship that I had never been introduced to. Service in our structure meant giving back at a different level, and was, through acts seemingly unrelated, helping to carry our message to those still suffering.

The purpose I had long sought has been given to me; serving our beloved fellowship and those around me as a trusted servant. Not because it is a necessity, but because it is my purpose; given to me by my Higher Power and Alcoholics Anonymous. If I am grateful for what I have been given, then it is incumbent upon me to fulfill that purpose by “walking” forward and serving when my Higher Power, through all of you, puts an opportunity in front of me. Thank you for blessing me with all those opportunities.

**In love and service,
Roger C.
SW Ohio Area 56 Panel 66
Alt. Delegate/Chair**

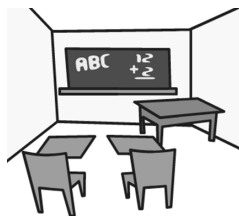


2016 Calendar of Events...

- May 1** Area Committee Meeting (noon) Miamisburg
- May 7** Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting (11:00) Columbus
- May 15** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- May 21** Unity Day and Area 56 Assembly Miamisburg*
(10:00 – 4:00 w/ 9:00 GSR School and Literature Forum)
- June 19** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- July 17** Area Committee Meeting (noon)/Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- Aug. 12-14** East Central Regional Conference St. Charles, IL
- Aug. 19-21** 60th Ohio State Convention Westlake, OH
- Aug. 21** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- Aug. 28** Area Committee Meeting (noon) Miamisburg
- Sept. 18** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- Sept. 24** Area 56 Inventory and Assembly Miamisburg*
(10:00 – 4:00 w/ 9:00 GSR School and Literature Forum)
- Oct. 16** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- Nov. 5** Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting (11:00) Columbus
- Nov. 20** Area Committee Meeting (noon)/Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg
- Dec. 18** Standing Committee Meetings (2:00) Miamisburg

Statement of Purpose

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"My sponsor says I'm living in the wreckage of my future."

* GSR School & Literature Forum begin at 9:00 am !!!!

I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere,

Reaches out for help, I want

The hand of AA always to be there.

And for that I am responsible.

**Area 56 Assembly Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 27, 2016**

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Transcribed From Digital Recorder

by Roger C., A56 P66 Alt. Del./Area Chair - April 24, 2016

Housekeeping Reminders

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Readings - Roger C. - Mission Statement, Hank S. - Preamble, Mark S. - Twelve Traditions, Sandy H., - Twelve Concepts, Jack H. - Why We Need a Conference.

Past Delegate Introductions - Hank S. - Panel 54, Alicia R. - Panel 60, Garwood F. - Panel 64, Mark E. - Panel 62

Introduction of Area 56 Panel 66 Officers and Standing Committee Chairs

Overview of Assembly Agenda - Roger C., A56 P66 Alt. Del./Chair

Overview of 2016 Mini Conference Program - Roger C., A56 P66 Alt. Del./Chair

Review of 2016 General Service Conference Agenda Items - Laura G., A56 P66 Delegate

Breakout Session (5 Groups) - "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, Concepts"

How this Helps us Connect
with Each Other

Lunch Break

Assembly Resumes - Business Meeting

A.A. Related Announcements -

- Founder's Day Registration Online Begins March 1;
- Charlie's ¾ House Friday Fish Fry during Lent;
- Northside Fellowship Club meetings need Chairpersons;
- 405 Oak Street new meeting, Tuesday @ 6:30 (All Shades of Belief);
- New meeting in Landen, 112 Big Book Study

A.A. Anniversaries - Diana K., 22 years; Mark P., 22 years.

District Reports -

District 12 & 13 - Ron H. (DCM 12 & Finance Committee Chair)

- Outreach into Butler County Jail.
- Plan to supply Spanish Big Books and other literature to reach Hispanic inmates.
- Need for Spanish speaking A.A. member to help carry the message to Hispanic inmates.
- Unveiling of new display.

District 23 - Andrea H. (DCM 23 & Communications Committee Chair)

- Next meeting - Sunday, March 6 @ 1:15 P.M., 127 E. Fulton St., Celina OH 45822.
- Will be hosting ice cream social @ Mini Conference.
- Have some "issues" in District 23 to be addressed at a later date.
- Possible workshop later in year.
- District is alive and well.

District 28 - Bob Mc. (DCM 28 & PI/CPC Committee Chair)

- Six new GSRs.
- New meeting location and time; Saturday, 2:00 P.M., Deerfield United Methodist Church.
- Elected Alt. DCM - Jason T.
- Elected Secretary - Barbetta Mc.
- All positions filled except for Group Services.

District 21 - Garwood F. (DCM 21 & Immediate Past Delegate)

- New meeting time and place; Sidney Presbyterian Church, 7:00 P.M., first Tuesday monthly.
- Group participation currently 30%.
- Possible formation of PI Committee.
- Anticipate updating/revising District Handbook.

Intergroup Reports -

Dayton - Chuck B. (Dayton Intergroup Liaison)

- New President, Vice President and volunteer for Secretary.
- Archives Chair Tom M. currently looking for info on Group histories. (written, photos, etc.)
- Unity Newsletter needs contributions by 15th of each month.
- Intergroup Dinner - May 17th; Intergroup Breakfast Oct 15th; 2017 Dinner - May 6th;
- 2017 Breakfast - November 12th.
- Need input on sending Big Books to "for profit" treatment facilities.
- New Meeting Directories are available at Central Office.
- Billboard to be rented near Miami Valley Hospital to reach those still suffering.
- Current Treasury - \$17,242.00.

Cincinnati - Jane M. (Cincinnati Intergroup Liaison)

- Treasurer's Report - \$5K donation to group and \$127K donation to GSO returned due to origin of contribution. Suggestions on what to do with surplus funds are being accepted from groups and being reviewed.
- New website is up and Central Office now has high speed internet.
- New Where & When's including Northern KY to be out later in month.
- Need Central Office volunteers Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- Turning Point and River City needs men to do A.A. meetings. Beckett Springs also needs meetings brought in.
- CIG Archivist position is open.
- Forensic auditing report has been received. Committee will decide how best to move forward.

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- PI/CPC visited Dayton firefighters.
 - Meetings on Wheels is available to shut ins.
- CIG Spring Fling - 4/23/16
YPAA Reports -

Cincinnati YPAA - Ben B.

- Cincinnati has two (2) groups; SOYPAA (Bid Committee) and CINCYPAA.
- CINCYPAA meets the last Monday monthly, 5:30 P.M. @ 405 Oak St.
- SOYPAA Dance, March 14th @ Oak St., 8:30 P.M.

Dayton YPAA - No Report.

Standing Committee Reports -

Archives - Ismenie N.

- See Page 7 of Walking with Purpose - "Why Does an Anonymous Program Need Archives?"
- Need info to compile list and history of home groups in Area 56.

Communications - Andrea H.

- Explained newsletter title and content; Statement of Purpose, Area minutes, upcoming Area events.

Finance - Ron H.

- No Report.

Group Services - Jorjann C. & Polly S. H.

- Today's GSR School - 10 attendees.
- Next GSR School - Unity Day, May 21st.

Corrections - Brian H.

- Not in attendance - no report.

Grapevine - Sandy H.

- Showcased display.
- Explained what Grapevine is and its availability online.
- Currently looking for Grapevine Rep's at group level.
- Grapevine is always looking for members to send in stories.
- Urged those present to sign up for Grapevine Quote of the Day.

PI/CPC - Bob Mc.

- Urged members to provide A.A. phone numbers for use in phone books.
- Met with Cincinnati Intergroup PI/CPC regarding NAACP convention outreach at July.
- Have contacted Cincinnati Reds organization regarding broadcast of AA psa's.
- PI/CPC Committee meets monthly at Tri County Center.

Literature - Ruby A.

- Today's forum - "Many Paths to Spirituality".
- Next forum - Unity Day - May 21st.
- Showcased display. Willing to set up at functions.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs - Steve B.

- Currently inventorying materials.

- Stressed importance of reaching out to Treatment centers.

Area 56 Officer Reports -

Recording Secretary - Mark P.

- Needs reports and announcements in writing.
- No further report.

Treasurer - David L.

- Reviewed January, 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- Additional copies available upon request.

Registrar/Corresponding Secretary - Jenny C.

- Attendance today - 54.
- Total groups - 968.
- Active groups - 469.
- Inactive groups - 382.
- Other - 117.
- Need GSRs or Group Contacts for those groups not currently active.
- Turn in nametags. Confirm personal & group info!!

Alt. Delegate/Area Chair - Roger C.

- Announced Mini Conference. No further report.

Delegate - Laura G.

- Assigned to GSC Literature Committee.
- Communicating and sharing information with other Delegates.
- Have received Board minutes from GSB, AAWS and AA GV, Inc. for January/February meeting. 2016 GSC Agenda items decided upon at that meeting.
- Reviewed Board minutes.
- Reviewed financials, including GSO projected losses including \$500,000 in 2017 and approx.. \$1,000,000 in 2018.
- Stressed importance of Feasibility Study from GSO for member and Group ideas on cutting expenses and increasing income.
- Reviewed GSB policy on personal contribution limits (\$3,000) and bequest limits (\$5,000).
- Any monies received beyond the guidelines will be returned to avoid the appearance of undue influence.
- Reported on Archives, Nominating, Updates on GSO Services, Trustees Committee.
- Update on California lawsuit; Judgment of Dismissal handed down, January, 2016.
- Pending Conferences & Conventions; Ohio State Convention, August 19-21, 2016; Illinois State & ECR Conference, August 12-14, 2016; Indiana State and ECR Conference, July 21-23, 2017, ECR Forum, November 17-19, 2017.
- ECR CDPP Hospitality Room at 2015 International Convention was huge success. Over 900 names on sign in sheet.

Delegate - Laura G. (continued)

- ECR will host the 2020 International Convention in Detroit MI.
- ECR CDPP 2015 Hospitality Room Income, \$5,335.45; Expenses, \$5,196.56.
- Fiscal loss to AAWS for 2015 International Convention, \$216,000. Transportation, additional personnel and rental of additional convention center space were contributing factors in the loss.
- Self support policy of World Services from GSB, February

3, 2014; funds from literature sales should only be used to continue vital GSO services and maintain a prudent reserve.

- Response to questions;
- Contact GSO for hours of operation after renovation.
- No current report in GSB minutes regarding pension short-fall.
- Board appointed Social Media contact must be AA member.

Chairpersons Note (Roger C.) -

- Treasurer's Reports for December, 2015 and January, 2016 after wider distribution, will be voted on at May's Assembly.
- New Area sound system, thanks to an in kind contribution, will be used for the first time at the Mini Conference.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Summary of Breakout Session Reporting - "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, Concepts"

How This Helps Us

Connect With Each Other

- Meetings at half way houses & Charlie's 3/4 House.
- Steps = Me and God; Traditions = Me and Others.
- Growth requires continued action.
- 36 Principles helps us feel love for AA worldwide.
- Other forms of service than one on one.
- True humility in service without pat on the back.
- 13 of 36 principles relate to AA's primary purpose.
- Traditions - how we deal with each other.

- Importance of sponsorship.
- Spirit of connection.
- No rotation, no group conscience, no connection.
- GSR's need support.
- Education.
- 3 sets of principles are what we have in common.
- 12th Step requires us to connect with others.
- Steps teach me to live with me; Traditions teach me to live with you; Concepts teach me to live with the world.
- Program is a design for living.
- Comparison to three legged stool.
- God's grace and letting go of fear.
- Use of Responsibility Statement as unity tool.

Summary of Breakout Session Reporting (continued)

- Faith without works is dead. Always carry the message.
- Stick to Traditions by giving them to others.
- Read a Concept every day for thirty days.

Lead - Mark E., (Past Delegate, Area 56, Panel 62)

Closing Reminders -

- Next Area 56 Committee Meeting - May 1st, noon @ St. Johns.
- Next Area Assembly & Unity Day - May 21st, 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. @ St. Johns.

Close with Responsibility Statement

Notes Following Area 56 Mini-Conference

Agenda Items:

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

A. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."

Committee: 7 For 2 Against

Conference: 32 For 17 Against
 not substantial unanimity, minority opinion offered, no vote to reconsider, motion FAILS

PASSES

Committee: 7 For 2 Against

Conference: Many For 1 Against
 no minority opinion offered, motion

Stories by Atheists and Agnostics

Committee: 9 For 0 Against

Conference: Many For 6 Against
 no minority opinion offered, motion

PASSES

B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..."

Committee: 8 For 0 Against

Conference: Many For Few Against
 no minority opinion offered, motion PASSES

Steps 4 & 5

Committee: 1 For 8 Against
 no action taken

Beginners II

Committee: 7 For 0 Against

Conference: Unanimous For
 motion PASSES

V. Grapevine

B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.

Young and Sober II

VI. Literature

A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.

Committee: 3 For 5 Against
 no action taken

H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."

Committee: 6 For 1 Against

Conference: Unanimous For
 motion PASSES

VIII. Public Information

D. Review 2015 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.

1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza" at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.

Committee: 6 For 1 Against

Conference: Many For 4 Against
 no minority opinion offered,
 motion PASSES

2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. "I Thought."

Committee: 6 For 1 Against

Conference: Many For 1 Against
 no minority opinion offered,
 motion PASSES

E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates."

Committee: Discussed – no action taken

IX. Report and Charter

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:

3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.

Committee: 11 For 0 Against (unanimous)

Conference: Unanimous For

motion PASSES

5. Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Committee: 11 For 0 Against (unanimous)

Conference: Unanimous For
 motion PASSES

6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Committee: No recommendation – no action taken

B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Committee: 11 For 0 Against (unanimous)

Conference: Many For 1 Against
 no minority opinion offered,
 motion PASSES

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)

1. Consider that the category title "ONLINE MEETINGS" be changed to "ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS" in A.A. Directories.

Committee: No recommendation – no action taken

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

A. Consider removing "Special Needs" from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs -Accessibilities' name and throughout the committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure.

Committee: Additional Consideration – Ask the Committee to come back with suggestions to replace the term "Special Needs"

Area 56 Finance Committee Report...

As the new Finance Committee Chair I chaired the first committee meeting which was held April 17, 2016. Four members attended this meeting. We reviewed three items: 1) Feasibility Study, 2) Area Budget, 3) Reviewed newsletter budget.

After discussing two items concerning the area budget the committee voted to send them to the Area Committee for their approval.

If the Area Committee approves the changes they will then be put on the agenda of the next Assembly for their approval.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on May 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm in Miamisburg.

Submitted by Ron H., Finance Committee Chair

Area 56 Group Services Committee Report...

Area 56 Mini-Conference recaps & gearing up for Unity Day 2016

First of all, thanks to All the Area 56 Mini Conference 2016 committee members and Area 56 Committee chairpersons and Panel Officers who ensured the success of our Conference.

Even though the number in attendance nearly broke the 100 person mark, I believe "We" of the Area 56 Fellowship were able to empower our Delegate, Laura G., to share from our informed group conscience at the 66th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in New York, April 17-23, 2016.

Thanks and appreciation to all of the A.A. members who joined us from Area 56, especially the First timers to the Mini-Conference!

I would be remiss if I did not also extended my gratitude and thanks to Kristi K H, Area 53, Calvin L. Area 54, John C. Area 55 from the other 3 Areas in Ohio, for joining us for the Mini-Conference, March 18-20, 2016 held in Dayton, Ohio.

And I am grateful for their service and sharing, to our East Central Region Trustee, Bill F., and Michelle Grinberg (Class A Trustee-nonalcoholic) and Sharon F. (Past Delegate, Area 53) our Saturday night speaker.

The 2016 Mini-Conference was my second one and my first full experience of participating at the Conference as an active Service Representative and Committee Co-chair and break-out session co-chair. Some of my favorite moments of the Conference was being a "Greeter", because it's always a great day to be Sober.

Maybe not the fun "cool kid stuff" but vitally important was learn-

ing the whole Conference committee rules and procedures. "Trudging" during the Agenda items' Breakout sessions, submitting the Reports which were shared with the Full Assembly during the Floor session was the essential work and yet exciting. To work with the other committee chairpersons was challenging but seeing the whole process in action was rewarding.

Being able to help out even for a short stint with our fabulous Hospitality committee Tonya C. and Judson W., was good fun!

The committees' display boards were on full parade, always good resources for future events. Awesome to see our A.A. fellowships' creativeness, to see how we can 'carry the message' the old fashion way, in 2 dimensional form.

I got a renewed sense of the "Spirit of the Fellowship", while passing out flyers, etc., And serving on the Group Services committee I had the added bonus of passing and sharing information regarding GSR School.

Next GSR school will be at Unity Day, May 21, 2016 at 9:00.

Mini-Conference 2016 is behind us and Unity Day 2016 fast approaching!

I am grateful to be serving on your Area 56 Group Services committee.

See you in Miamisburg, Ohio May 21 for AREA 56 UNITY DAY!

In humble service,

Jorjann C, Loveland Gratitude Grp-Alt GSR, Co-Chair Area Group Services Committee

Area 56 Treatment Centers/Special Needs Committee Report...

The Treatment Centers/Special Needs Committee met Sunday, April 17 from 2-4 pm at St. John's Church in Miamisburg. I was joined by new committee member, Steve M. He has much practical experience to share and his participation will aid our efforts.

We discussed at length where to begin and decided that the first step would be to assemble a list of all current treatment facilities within Area 56. Once that list is established we will cut the number down

to those who permit access to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Many do not, as the management of each facility decides policy independently.

The meeting was fruitful and we have a course of action planned with the intent to meet again come May 15th at St. Johns beginning about 2:00 pm.

Yours in sobriety, Steve B.

Area 56 Grapevine Committee Report...

Looking for a service opportunity? Become a Grapevine Representative! And no...you don't have to sell Grapevine subscriptions. All you have to do is announce the latest issue at your meeting and let people know how they can participate by sending in stories, artwork or jokes.

All you need to do is let your homegroup know that you are interested and register online at www.aagrapevine.org.

Help Grow the Grapevine!

Sandra F., Grapevine Committee Chair

Area 56 Literature Committee Report...

The Literature Committee is alive and well!

On February 27, during the Literature Forum, we read and discussed the pamphlet Many Paths to Spirituality. The next Literature Forum will be Unity Day, Saturday May 21 at 9:00 am. Join us as we explore AA literature together.

Our travelling Literature Display could be seen during the Mini-Conference March 18-20. If you want to include a literature display at your AA event, please email literature@aaarea56.org.

Ruby A., Literature Committee Chair

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District 28...

District 28 Area 56 Minutes for April 16, 2016

Present: DCM Bob Mc, Alt DCM; GSR 112 Big Book Study Landen Jason T, Secretary Barbeta M, Treasurer Luanne N, PI/CPC Jack H, Corrections Herb T, Intergroup Rep. Larry B., GRS 20 Mile Arun L, Alt . Del. Roger C, GSR Oaklawn BB III Jim M, Alt GSR Oaklawn BB III Jessica F, GSR Mari R 12 & 12 Step Study Lakeview Noon, GSR Carl B Monday Nooners, Alt GSR Jorjanne C, Loveland Tuesday Night.

New GSR's : GSR Oaklawn BB III Jim M,
Alt GSR Oaklawn BB III Jessica F,
GSR Mari R 12 & 12 Step Study Lakeview Noon,
GSR Carl B Monday Nooners,

4th Tradition: Jack H
4th Concept: Jason T

Treasures report: Juanne N: Bal 690.97 See Attached document

Accepted

Corrections Report : Herb T Attended the Warren Correc-

tional Re-Entry program and received great support from inmates that are transitioning to the outside. Need 12X12 for Adams Recovery Center Women's meeting and is checking with central office.

PI/CPC Jack H. Check out our new PSA on the Lebanon Channel, ch.6 on the local Cinti. Bell cable in Lebanon. This is now set to run. We are going to try to have this run on the rest of the Cinti. Bell public access channels in District 28. Starting new meeting at the Warren Probation office Monday's 11:00 AM to Noon. Jack H Will start the meeting but we need to send out a flyer to all groups about contacting Jack for support. Requested video "It sure beats sitting in jail" in .mov format for probation office waiting room.

Announced District 28 "Working with others" workshop at East Side Center in July. We will put together flyers announcing the workshop.

Bob Mc. DCM District 28

Districts 12 & 13...

Districts 12&13 are still looking to move our answering service to the Cincinnati Intergroup. To complete this move the districts need to have members sign up to answer phone calls when they come in for our districts. Sign up now and be part of this 12 step program.

We are still looking for members that can speak Spanish to help carry the message into the Butler County Jail.

Our Events Committee is working on annual 12&13 picnic. This year's picnic will be held on June 12. The picnic will start at 12:30 PM, hot dogs and hamburgers at 1:00, Lead at 2:00, games after Lead. Picnic will be held at Joyce Park, shelter 22, Hamilton/Fairfield, OH, off of River Rd. Bring your family and enjoy a day of fellowship.

Submitted by Ron H DCM 12

District 23...

District 23 is experiencing a regrowth with more than a dozen representatives at our last meeting, April 3. This is an exciting time to be the DCM because of so much interest by the younger members wanting to learn about service. Groups who previously had not come to the district meetings are now signing up people to represent them at district. The mini-conference inspired several people who then talk to others about how exciting service is. Hopefully there will be great attendance at Unity Day by District 23.

District 23 is sponsoring a "Lunch & Cookies Workshop" Saturday, June 4 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Montezuma United Methodist Church, 40 High Street, Montezuma, Ohio. This is a shameless way to

entice members to attend our workshop which will feature subjects like "Where Money & Spirituality Mix," and "Cooperating (Not Affiliating) With the Courts." The hope is that this interactive workshop will help members come to their own conclusions about the importance of contributions to their groups and to AA as a whole. Cooperation with the courts has sometimes become affiliating with the courts so hopefully members can gain an understanding of our roles as groups and members of AA. In addition, the world's best home made cookies will be served along with lunch. (Feed them, they will come)

It's a great time to be sober in AA!

Andrea H., DCM District 23

District 11...

District 11 is looking to have a great event on May the 14th. We are calling it a Night Out in Sobriety. We have sold tickets in a flurry, and sold out in hurry. We will have live dinner music by Gregg Clark, the speaker will be Joe A. from Cincinnati. We are looking to bring

the district together so we can get to know each other and to encourage service. Should be an exciting event. More to come from district 11. Don't call it a come back we have been here for years...haha

Brian S. DCM District 11

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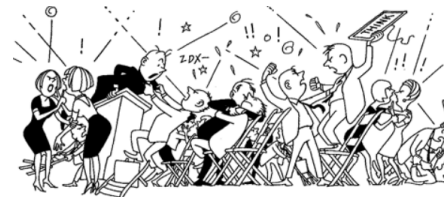
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Area 56 PI/CPC Committee Report...

District 11 DCM Brian and Area 56 PI/CPC Chair Bob M. had a display at the Hamilton County Family Fun Day April 23. Great attendance and

response by the attendees.

Bob M., PI/CPC Chair



Area 56 Communications Committee Report...

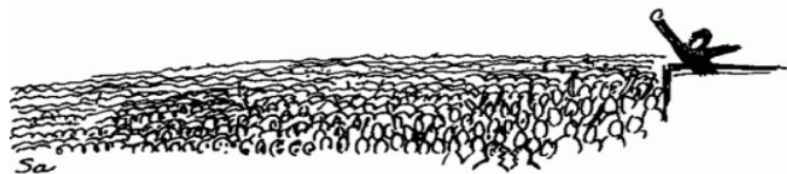
Definition of the word challenge: Putting together a newsletter in a program never used before while juggling reports sent in different formats. But that's how life works...make huge mistakes and while doing so learning all the ins and outs of a system. Some days, in the middle of all the chaos, I feel like the luckiest person on earth because I get to live this life. I used to be a hopeless, miserable drunk and now I get to serve others and have purpose. Only in a fellowship like ours!

Anyway, this is still a committee of one but after this edition I would like to actively recruit members to join me. I am sure that

there are those who are much more talented than I who would like to help me here. An upcoming challenge will be to look into changing our website. I am no expert on this and can't wait to have people who are smarter than me to walk through this with me.

Thank you for all your support!

Andrea H., Communications Committee Chair



"I think he's lost his humility."