

Walking With Purpose

Newsletter of Southwest Ohio General Service Area 56

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Area 56 is Your Connection

Hi. My name is Nancy F. and I am your Panel 70 Delegate to the General Service Conference (GSC). In April, I will go to the GSC, carrying the Group Conscience that we will create at the Mini-Conference in March. I will connect Southwest Ohio with the rest of AA in the U.S. and Canada.

When I attended my first AA meeting, it was kind of confusing, but I felt a sense of relief and a feeling of belonging. I did not know it at the time, but it was the beginning of my spiritual journey of recovery. My first Area 56 meeting was similarly confusing but equally welcoming. It was the beginning of my spiritual journey of service.

I had done service at the group level. I had opened the doors, made the coffee, cleaned up and closed up. All of that work is important and needed. It is good service. Yet, it was not until I came to the Area Assembly that my spiritual service journey took off. There was so much more to learn about the program.

Area service deepened my understanding of the principles of the program. It taught me how to apply those principles to my life. It gave me an opportunity to step out of myself, go beyond my comfort zone and grow. I learned to listen to points of view different from my own. I learned how to have an opinion of my own, whether others agreed with me or not. I learned how to apply AA principles to my fears and insecurities. I learned to stand up to criticism. While I still don't find it comfortable, I no longer fall apart in a messy puddle of insecurity on the floor. I learned the skills that allowed me to run an effective

business meeting. I learned how to host the Mini-Conference.

My spiritual journey of service has been one of growth. At times, growth has been hard. At other times, what looked like a difficult path turned out to be the easier, softer way. For me it has been a worthwhile journey. It is a journey I invite you to take.

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Our GSRs and DCMs provide a vital link between the groups of our Area and the best ideas and practices that are being developed in AA as a whole. Through the Area link we learn about AA participation in Medical Conferences overseas, how to best approach and cooperate with correctional facilities, and how to appropriately work with public media to get out the AA message. There is a lot going on in AA and the GSRs can bring it back to the home group. ☺

Area 56 Mission Statement

Southwest Ohio Area 56 is a spiritual entity with a threefold mission in support of AA's primary purpose:

- To nurture communication among and foster participation within all elements of the General Service structure, thereby ensuring the formation of an informed group conscience,
- To facilitate Twelfth Step work within Southwest Ohio as guided by the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts for World Service, and
- To assist Groups, Districts and Intergroups in their service to the suffering alcoholic by sharing information, experience and resources.

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A New Year, A New Rotation

Greetings Area 56 friends! I am excited to be your new Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous, but I was placed here to serve so I will give it my best! It has been quite an AA journey getting here. Almost 15 years ago I was lying in bed waiting to get ready for my first AA meeting. I told myself, "Maybe I don't need to go. I could probably do this myself." A voice with great authority rose up and said, "GET UP." I haven't had a drink since that time. That voice has kept me moving in AA through all these years.

After a few years I became my home group's coffee maker and treasurer and eventually GSR. Later I became District 23's treasurer. Two years later I became the DCM where I committed to attending all District meetings and Area 56 Assemblies. This is where I fell in love with service. In addition to serving as DCM, I was asked to be the communication chair where I developed the newsletter *Walking With Purpose*. I was elected as Registrar in the last panel and am now your Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. Whew! I say all this because in the beginning I could never have imagined being where I am today. It was a natural progression that came as a result of wanting to be where my higher power wanted me. I learned along the way and I have so much more to learn.

Our next Area Assembly will be February 22 at 470 S. Gebhart Church Road in Miamisburg. The assembly begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. I hope you can make it there. It is a great opportunity to serve your group, Area 56, and could enhance your sobriety; that has been my experience. There is a huge world out there to discover in AA. There are friends you haven't met yet waiting for you. We need you to participate so the group conscience of Area 56 may be activated and heard. You may consider joining a committee or volunteering for activities. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you in Area 56!

Our Mini-Conference will be March 20-22. This is where your voice and your vote will be heard by our Delegate Nancy. This is my favorite activity in AA. We get to participate in a conference much like the General Service Conference in New York. Your voice will be carried to New York through our Delegate. I hope you can make it.

Thank you for trusting me in this position. I can't do it alone and sometimes service means a very few people doing most of the work. The more people who participate the stronger Area 56 becomes. I hope to see you as I'm trudging this road of happy destiny!

Andrea H.

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District and Committee News

AWAKENING DISTRICT 24 Part 1

Bill W. writes in the Service Manual “...*there must be constant communication among all elements of the structure* (page S17).” He is referring to the Structure of the Conference - the Upside-Down Triangle Organization of Alcoholics Anonymous. When a district is “asleep” the communication channel is broken. Some groups stay informed when their General Service Representative (GSR) attends Area meetings directly. What happens to the other groups in the District? How do they get information from the Area?

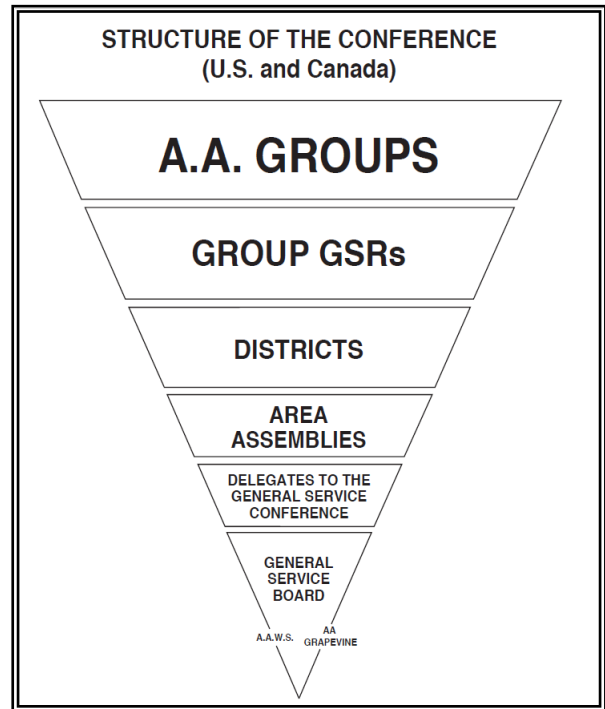
My home group is located within District 24, but the district is “asleep.” All District 24 groups meet at the same location, the Crossroads Club in Dayton. To my knowledge I am the only GSR in District 24 to attend Area 56 meetings. Why not “awaken” the district and volunteer to be the District Committee Member (DCM) and disseminate the Area 56 meeting information to representatives of all the Groups in District 24? What is the best course of action to re-open this channel of communication?

I solicited advice from my sponsor who has held numerous service roles over the years, including DCM of District 15, and from our past Delegate, Garwood F. Following their suggestions, I prepared an agenda and then announced the first meeting for January 7, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the A.A. Service Room at Crossroads. Our current Delegate, Nancy F., donated several Service Manuals and I am providing a folder of information for attendees.

My initial goals are (1) to clarify the Structure of the Conference, (2) to elect an Alternate DCM to work with me and (3) to schedule a monthly District 24 meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

At that first meeting on January 7, we agreed to hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Crossroads Club.

Warren G.



CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

For many years, Cincinnati Intergroup has taken it upon themselves to cover all aspects of service in Corrections for the Cincinnati Districts. Thank God for them. However, according to our Guidelines, as published by the GSO, “A central or intergroup office is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community ... It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

In alignment with the mission statement of Area 56, and as Corrections Chair, I’m currently working with the newly rotated Cinci-Intergroup-Corrections Leader. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to work together, as this is the guiding principle of our first Tradition, which is Unity, as well as the previously stated Intergroup function.

I was introduced to another woman who is ready and willing to take on responsibilities that, according to the Corrections Guidelines, should be in the District's purview.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Highlights Only

The Committee met January 4, 2020 at the Panera near the Dayton Mall.

Attendance: Jenny C., Andrea H, Nancy F., Laura G., and Alicia R.

2019 Group Contributions Report

Nancy completed the Group Contributions report and emailed them this morning

- Discussed list of 20 problematic contributions, probably groups considered inactive
- The last time Andrea sent thank you letters out was in September and Nancy has been sending out thank you letters in December.

2019 Income and Expenses

Reconstructing the 2019 Income and Expenses, noting the expenses based on the bank statements, while referencing the treasurer's reports for details.

- Laura went through the bank statements from January through April to help account for all the Mini-Conference expenses since she was the co-chair.
- Jenny went through May's statements
- Andrea went through June's statements
- Alicia did July's statements
- Nancy verified charges and deposits with Ohio State bank statements
- There are possible Ohio State Convention transactions that were not reimbursed to the Area – Nancy to follow up to determine this.
- There is a \$5,000 withdrawal from checking to savings that is listed on the Area July statement

Other Items

We only have approved Treasurer's reports from January through July. Nancy has paper copies of the August through October bank statements

Next Area 56 Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled by the Finance Chair, hopefully to be determined in February.

Submitted by Alicia R., Excerpted by Laura G.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

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As per my own Area Corrections duties, I walked her through the simple steps of putting a committee together that is responsible for the organization of volunteers within the jails of the Cincinnati Districts; reporting at her District's monthly meeting and to her DCM, as well as giving her some pertinent contacts.

This will free up Intergroup to work on the inactive Districts' facilities that have no District committee to look after them, with my help. Specifically, this means the Brown County Jail in District 29 and more.

IN SUMMARY: Area Corrections is finally beginning to reach the goal as stated in our mission statement; we have the beginnings of District, Area, and Intergroup cooperation in the lower half of the Area creating a legacy for future members. The the most ironic part being that I had nothing to do with it...it simply came together when it was time.

From the Editor

Welcome to the relaunch of the Area 56 newsletter *Walking with Purpose!* Our Area Inventories have been consistent in stating the need for more and better communication between the Area service structure and the AA groups it serves. If there is any news you feel should be included, if you have any questions or comments, you can reach the editor at newsletter@aaarea56.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Treasury Update

Early in January, based on instructions from the Area Committee, we purchased a license for Quickbooks Online for \$75 to begin using for the Treasury beginning immediately. In the absence of a Treasurer, Laura G. picked up the group contribution checks from the post office and used QBO to track the contributions, generate deposit summaries and generate the list to use in the mail merge for thank-you letters. There was some trial and error with QBO and with the mail merge, but two deposits were made and around eighty thank-you letters generated.

ELECTION ASSEMBLY

September 21, 2019

Minutes Prepared by Area Recording Secretary – Sandy H.

10:00am – Serenity Prayer

Readings: Preamble – *Read by Tom*; Twelve Traditions – *Read by Sandra*; Bill W. on General Services and the G.S.R – *Read by Kevin.*; Bill W. writes about how the third legacy procedure was born – *Read by Warren*

Past Delegates Introductions: Laura, Mary Pat & Hank were in attendance

New GSR Introductions: Sandra, Annie, Bob & Mary

AA Anniversaries: Those who had anniversaries since our last assembly were asked to announce them.

AA Announcements:

- Share a Day will be held October 5th at Covenant Community Church. Hosted by Districts 12 & 13
- Fall into Recovery will be held November 2 at the Historic Windemere Event Venue. Hosted by District 11
- Common Solutions Group will be having their Anniversary

Concepts 9-12 or New GSR Reception

- Concepts Discussion led by Nancy, topics presented by Area members
- GSR Reception led by Laura G.
- Nancy read a letter on behalf of the Area Committee regarding the Area Assembly election, how it will be done and who is eligible to vote

Area Treasurer report *Treasurer Annette S.: treasurer@aaarea56.org*

February 2019 through July 2019 were presented. Motion to approve – Ray, 2nd – Karen. Unanimously approved

Old Business: Approval of the 2020 Budget

After much discussion the 2020 budget was approved 35 for / 0 against

New Business:

Motion: We propose that the General Service Board develop a plan to provide a much expanded selection of AA literature in audio format using internet based services for distribution.

Prepared and presented by Gary K. Copies of the full motion were provided to those in attendance. The motion had previously been unanimously approved by the Area Committee so no 2nd was required. Following discussion, the motion was approved 34 for / 0 against

Motion: That Chairpersons of all General Service Board Trustees Committees, with the exception of Finance, be Trustees who are members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Prepared and presented by Laura G. This had previously been voted on, approved and sent to the General Service Board for consideration. They declined to move it forward. This current motion is to resend it for consideration. Copies of the motions were provided to those in attendance. This came out of committee so no 2nd was required. Following discussion, the motions failed 14 for / 18 against.

Motion: Annette made a motion that we send an additional \$1200 to GSO from area operating fund as the balance of the monies sent up earlier this year to seat the delegate. We sent the minimum as there was concern about our finances. 2nd by Hank. Unanimously approved.

ELECTION ASSEMBLY MINUTES (continued)

Area Officer Reports:

Area Secretary report *Recording Secretary Sandra H.: secretary@aaarea56.org*

- Motion to accept – Andy, 2nd – Karen Unanimously accepted

Area Registrar report *Registrar/CS Andrea H.: registrar@aaarea56.org*

- Currently 492 active groups

Alternate Delegate/Area Chairperson report

Alt. Del./Area Chair Nancy F.: areachair@aaarea56.org

- Presentation of the 2020 Area Calendar
- Update on website committee
- Work beginning on 2020 Mini-Conference

Delegate report *Delegate Jenny C.: delegate@aaarea56.org*

- Idea Gathering for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference
- Update on International Convention in Detroit July of 2020. Discussed the security measures being taken and the need for volunteers. Request for Speakers.
- Thanked all who participated in and helped with the Ohio State Convention
- Area Mini-Conference 2020 – time for committee to start preparation (3/20-22)
- East Central Regional conference October 18-20 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

12:30 pm -- Lunch and Networking Time

Presentation on the Third Legacy by Andrea H.

Presentation on the Spirit of Rotation by Nacho M.

Area Standing Committee Presentations:

Archives Chair: Nacho M.: archives@aaarea56.org

- Would like to begin interviewing old timers as his next project

Corrections Chair: Courtney V.: corrections@aaarea56.org

- Mark B. gave an update as Courtney was unable to attend
- Discussed the Corrections Picnic and they hope to do it again next year. \$280 was collected in donations and used to buy Big Books for institutions
- November 9 Eastside Center will hold Corrections Fest & there will be Pizza

Finance Chair: Bob H.: finance@aaarea56.org

- Thanked Annette and the Finance Committee. Thanked the Assembly for passing the 2020 budget.

Group Services Chair: Diana K.: group.services@aaarea56.org

Not in attendance

Literature Chair: Garcia G.: literature@aaarea56.org

Not in attendance

ELECTION ASSEMBLY MINUTES (continued)

District and Liaison Presentations:

Dayton Intergroup Liaison / Warren G.

- Investigating best practices and how to reduce costs by consolidating services that are replicated.
- Unity is having a writing contest.
- Looking at having a signer at some meetings (accessibilities)
- Corrections picnic was a great collaboration

Cincinnati Intergroup Liaison / Ray E.

Actively looking for officers for the board

Thanksgiving Banquet will be 11/23

Calendar of events are on-line

District 23 / Nacho – nothing to report

Districts 1-10 / Gary – will be holding elections next month. First annual picnic was a success with 25+ in attendance. Looking for more individuals to participate.

District 21 / Rodney – elections will be held in October. Discussed taking meetings to 2 new jails and the need for more volunteers

District 13 / Ron – Reiterated information on Share a Day

District 28 / Kevin – Reiterated information on Corrections Fest

District 11 / Chuck – Reiterated information on “Fall into Recovery”

Election -- Let’s welcome Stephen S., the Delegate from Area 53, to chair the election

- We will be holding elections for Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Area Chairperson, Registrar and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary
- Election Procedures were reviewed including who can vote
- Discussed who can stand for election and what is required of each position. Those currently holding the positions gave a synopsis before candidates stood

Election Results:

Delegate – 2 people stood. Nancy F & Gary F. Nancy was elected as our next area delegate for 2020 - 21

Alternate Delegate / Area Chairperson – Andrea H. was the only person to stand and was elected

Registrar & Corresponding Secretary – Annette S. was the only person to stand and was elected

Area Treasurer – Mary A. was the only person to stand and was elected

Area Recording Secretary – no one stood – position is currently vacant

Lead Meeting – Stephen S.

4:00 Close with the Responsibility Statement

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.

2019 Group Contributions for Area 56

Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
717829	112 Big Book Study Group	134.08
180060	12 Steppers Group	252.00
Unknown	12&12 Meeting Holy Trinity	8.00
111247	20 Mile Stand Group	183.61
648093	3 Legacy	40.00
150949	3M Men's Meeting Southside Club	60.00
177598	541 Group Southside Club	12.00
720147	A Baffled Lot	56.48
600586	A Deeper Reed Group	10.00
159872	A Message of Recovery Group	35.00
Not Listed	A Ray of Sunshine Group	10.00
159279	A Vision For You	180.00
126984	A Way of Life Group	70.02
698034	A Way of Life Group	130.00
Not Listed	A Way of Life Group	10.00
92060	AA at the VA	10.00
Unknown	AA3 Agnostic Group	12.00
173526	AB Big Book Study Group	34.78
146534	ABC Group	45.00
604611	Acceptance in the Heights Group	100.00
694405	Acceptance is the Answer	39.00
658055	Afternoon Delight Group	25.00
Unknown	Alco Aids Saturday Morning Early Birds	31.85
Unknown	Alcothon Eastside Club	43.71
Unknown	Alex-Beaver Acceptance Group	67.69
170660	Anderson Big Book Group	30.00
708747	Anderson Thursday Morning Group	50.00
133085	Anderson Twp Sat Night Group	47.00
128132	Attitude Adjustment Group	25.00
159016	Back To Basics Group	50.00
130205	Bank Group	86.26
706607	Barn Again Group	10.00
180010	Batavia Tuesday Nite Womens	8.50
698994	Beginners Group	20.00
116887	Bellbrook Group	27.50
110835	Bethel Tate Group	20.00
117028	Beyond Group	60.00
727589	Beyond Sobriety	10.00
142837	Big Book 12 & 12 Meeting	20.00
Unknown	Big Book/Wolfangel Mondays	10.00
139448	Bigger Than Life Group	19.00
144484	Bill W Big Book Disc	10.00
Not Listed	Bring Your Own Brown Bag Group	10.00
Not Listed	Broad Highway and Road Less Traveled	10.00

Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
128109	Broken Bottle Group	10.00
122405	Brown Bag Group	20.00
678948	Came To and Believe Group	760.00
Unknown	Cedarville Village Group	152.00
671802	Celebrating Sobriety	10.00
697493	Cheviot Disc Mercy Group	45.00
709816	Cold Nickel Men's Group	40.00
126939	College Hill Group	60.00
646491	Common Solutions	90.00
Unknown	Control Group	60.00
Unknown	Crossroad Club Drop the Rock	13.50
698656	Daily Reprieve	10.00
123369	Deer Park Discussion Group	60.00
110957	Delhi #1 Group	403.24
Districts	District 12 & 13	25.00
Districts	District 12 & 13 Mini-Conference Hospitality	100.00
Districts	District 21	120.00
Districts	District 23	300.00
129703	Down to Earth Group	350.00
132132	Downtown Noon Discussion Group	890.00
721393	Downtown Sunday Speaker Discussion Group	20.00
132166	Downtowners Gay Group	25.30
164225	Early Riser	20.00
111280	Eastern Group	10.00
717707	Eaton Drunk R Us	50.00
638039	Edgemont Men's Group	20.00
Unknown	Elevator's Broken Group	16.03
658710	Evening of Hope Group	17.08
123445	Eye Opener Group	6.34
178819	Fairborn Noon Group	25.00
129672	Fairfield Breakfast Group	164.47
177625	Father Bills Group of AA	106.40
633443	Fellowship of the Spirit	10.00
719793	Finding Liberty Group	90.00
669247	Fireside Group	50.00
627283	Flimsy Reed Group	70.00
122406	Forest Park Group	17.50
629965	Foxhall	107.90
128110	Franklin St Thursday Night Discussion Group	65.00
179277	Franklin Street Noon Discussion	62.40
135665	Franklin Street Step Group	20.00
133665	Friday A.M. Big Book Group	10.00
Unknown	Friday Morning Birdwatchers Group	34.00
110971	Friday Night Discussion Group	30.00

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Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
179277	Friday Noon Nutt Rd. Group	12.50
128054	Germantown Group	12.00
111279	Get Busy Living Group	30.00
117090	Glenmore Group	132.60
659830	God Help Us Group	60.20
682227	Goshen Open Discussion Group	30.00
129332	Grapevine At Brookville Group	68.82
Unknown	Great Reality Kenwood Thursday	240.00
111409	Green & Growing	55.94
110964	Greenhills Fri Morn Discussion Group	55.00
110965	Groesbeck Discussion	13.70
117442	Grow Up Group	20.00
Unknown	H.O.W.	28.00
125662	Hamilton Mon Nite B.B Disc	160.80
125136	Happy Hour Group	40.00
147515	Hart Street Group	104.27
163403	Harvest of Hope Group	77.25
122105	Hilltop Open Disc Group	25.00
Unknown	Holy Family 12 Step	20.00
696787	Hoptown Lite Group	75.00
643303	How It Works B/B Study Gp	64.00
164279	How It Works Group	62.00
111137	Huber Serenity	89.00
Not Listed	Hump Day Big Book Discussion Group	22.50
125137	Intro to the Steps	12.00
708747	Island Of Misfits Toys	10.00
175517	It's In The Book B/B Study Grp	30.00
648542	Jacksonburg Group	114.00
723802	Jansen Center Group	48.00
725071	Joe & Charlie BB Group	40.00
606914	Just For Today AM Group	312.66
698760	Just Us Gals Getting Sober Group	53.14
129422	Keep It Simple Group	5.00
138276	Kemper Road Big Book	34.00
Unknown	Kenwood Fellowship Group	72.06
600947	Kenwood High Noon Group	350.00
147942	Kenwood Sunday Night Group	79.53
111219	Kettering Rebel Group	76.29
Unknown	Knox Tuesday Not Smoking Group	114.87
678806	Ladies Living in The Solution	10.35
662288	Leading the Way Group	25.00
683801	Lebanon Monday Big Book Group	50.00
697315	Let Live Group	166.30
632922	Let's Keep it Simple Group	10.00

Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
669760	Letting Go Group	15.00
716755	Lincoln Park Mens Group	44.19
Unknown	Living in the Solution Group	13.15
690004	Living Sober Group	77.00
722435	Love and Tolerance is Our Code	630.00
696789	Loveland Big Book 12 & 12	10.00
703123	Loveland Friday Night	80.00
123771	Loveland Gratitude Group	152.63
696000	Maineville Book Club	20.00
678975	Maple Grove Group	75.00
156767	Mariemont West	88.19
651896	Mason Monday Night Step Study Group	61.53
121878	Men and Women Close Discussion	88.00
637743	Mens Night Out	40.00
702283	Mercy Group - Mt Healthy	66.00
721817	Miamitown Discussion	60.90
679433	Midday Sobriety Group	166.59
160658	Mon. Morning Big Book Disc Group	10.00
712277	Monday Morning Meeting Group	10.00
128999	Monday Night Group	50.00
686720	Montezuma 12&12 Group	275.00
178355	Montford Heights Big Book Disc. Group	70.00
655588	Monument Group	132.60
721503	More About Alcoholism	65.85
Unknown	Mount Washington Beginners Meeting	58.00
111285	Mt Healthy 12 & 12	41.00
123933	Mt Healthy Thur Night	96.90
138937	Mt. Washington 12&12 Group	73.25
663161	Mt. Washington Open Lead Group	191.00
629664	Needmore Sobriety Group	117.00
710338	New Beginnings Group	35.00
136672	New Burlington Tue Nite Group	46.00
Unknown	New Freedom, New Happiness Group	134.00
132131	New Lebanon Group	141.50
717801	New Name Group	30.00
158134	No Name Group	40.00
125180	Noon Ego Busters	30.00
672438	Noon Tuesday Step Group	10.00
150469	Noon/Open Discussion Meeting	10.00
110975	North College Hill Group	50.00
Area 54	Northeast Ohio General Service	60.00
652025	Not A Clue Group	5.21
135642	Before Saturday Night Group	6.60
161893	Womens Sober Connection Group	15.40

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Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
663017	Oak Hills 12 x 12	64.50
718639	Oaklawn III Big Book Group	4.42
648397	Oakley Saturday Big Book Group	91.53
605332	Off the Wall Group	126.00
179246	On the Right Track	13.00
616022	One Step Closer Group	87.00
616022	One Step Closer Group-Mini-Conference	200.00
174073	Ontario Group	25.00
Not Listed	Page 112 Group	22.50
Unknown	PAL AA Group	24.30
149284	Past It On Group	34.00
614105	Path Finders Group	317.70
132838	People Are Lovable Group	17.70
681494	Performance Group	160.00
678022	Power of 12 & 12 Group	52.43
129673	Principles before Personalities	120.00
121489	Queen City Group	140.93
110861	Reality Group	320.00
111184	Recovery Group	100.00
165409	Red Ball Group	10.00
134791	Relationships in Sobriety	120.00
121192	Remington Near Group	50.00
110978	Ridge Group	112.80
133388	Ross New Beginnings Group	375.00
655588	S Group	49.00
180070	Downtown Happy Hour Discussion	240.00
Unknown	Saturday Downtown 12 & 12	15.50
657951	Saturday Early Bird Group	200.57
111266	Saturday Mason Group	42.00
126531	Saturday Morning Eye Opener Group	160.00
119440	Saturday Morning Grapevine	26.00
129336	Saturday Morning Women's Group	58.61
725334	Sauerkraut Saturday Night Group	39.00
142839	Sayler Park Serenity Group	76.20
146125	Serenity Group	20.31
132779	Serenity Island Group	100.00
177597	Serenity Seekers	15.00
702933	Serenity Sisters Women's Group	200.00
125192	Serenity Sunday Morning	79.63
174630	Serious About Serenity Group	30.00
697439	Seriously Sick on the Hill Group	54.00
614042	Shared Beginnings Group	140.00
129461	Sharing She's Group	58.00
165918	Sidney Noon AA Group	80.00

Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
110980	Silverwood Group	71.28
647940	Sisters in Sobriety	20.00
693428	Sisters in Sobriety	35.50
696199	Sisters Step Study Group	42.00
122434	Smart Group	132.11
Not Listed	SNL Harrison Group	150.00
607109	Sobriety for Lunch Bunch Group	175.00
715145	Sobriety Sisters group	108.00
Unknown	Something Else Group	19.00
702262	Southside Club Group	20.00
Unknown	Southside Club Monday @ 10:00 am	10.00
Unknown	Southside Club Self Worth Group	15.00
645603	Spiritual Basis Group	337.00
631237	Spiritual Tool Group	21.84
642597	Spiritual Tuneup Group	86.34
136746	Sponsors On Steps (SOS) Group	61.50
Unknown	Springboro Franklin Living in the Solution	11.40
Unknown	Springboro Franklin Noon Group	23.43
110981	Springdale Big Book Meeting	140.00
681546	Spiritual Maintenance Group	22.80
149375	St George's Step Group	50.00
145360	St John West Chester Friday Night	39.00
111140	St Mark's Group	40.00
Unknown	St Mary 12 x 12	80.00
714335	Study the Solution Group	82.50
122559	Sunday Big Book Group	20.00
159679	Sunday Morning Delphos Group	20.00
675511	Sunday Morning Serenity Group	220.00
111175	Sunday Night Fairfield	130.10
110864	Sunday Nite Acceptance Lead Group	75.00
655952	Sunlight of the Spirit	10.00
601195	Take the Steps the Elevator's Broken	10.00
Not Listed	Thanks for Being Here Group	10.00
135805	The Best Is Yet To Come	175.00
135155	The Burg Group	19.49
688337	The Main Purpose of this Book	140.00
613599	The Step Heads	120.00
654054	There Is A Solution Group	94.60
117299	Thursday AM Discussion Group	120.00
129328	Thursday Night Campus Group	72.50
722600	Thursday Night Mt Orab Group	52.80
173374	Thursday Night Women's Group	59.30
Unknown	Time for Joy Group (Crossroads)	26.83
690825	Tremendous Fact Meeting	38.00

2019 Group Contributions for Area 56

Group #	Group Name	Total 2019
122908	Trinity East Group	25.00
111143	Trinity West	10.00
156770	Trotwood Chairmans' Choice Group	30.00
640785	Troy Saturday Morning Men's Group	100.00
138466	Troy Trinity Group	65.00
Unknown	Tues/Thursday Fairborn Group	25.00
667054	Tuesday Traditions	10.00
675651	Tuesday Traditions Group	10.00
698777	VA Saturday Morning AM	30.35
111414	Van Wert Group	250.00
111413	Vandalia Friday Night Group	100.00
711322	Wake-Up Group	20.00
688941	Washington Road Church Group	270.76
143132	We Care Group	562.40
128809	We Care Group Noon Tuesday	5.00
Unknown	We Saw A Sign Group	8.00
Unknown	Wed 9:00 am Clough Church in Cin	10.00
111176	Wed Night Come Back Group	84.90
144236	Wed Noon Womens Group	16.13
Unknown	Wednesday Night 12 & 12	15.20
158943	Wednesday Night 7:30 Meeting	90.00
Not Listed	Wednesday Step Group	10.00
121069	West Carrollton Group	110.00
136200	West Carrollton Step Group	108.82
Unknown	West Chester Family Afterward Group	7.94
137160	West Milton Discussion Group	37.50
162205	White Oak Saturday Brunch Group	80.00
669810	Why Shouldn't We Laugh Group	27.15
716887	Women of Cincinnati Group	100.00
616021	Women To Women Group	8.00
643010	Women Under Construction Group	144.00
629369	Working On It	138.75
147761	Wyoming Noon 05 Group	78.00
Not Listed	Xenia Wednesday Beginners Group	20.00
Unknown	Xenia Wednesday Beginnings	30.00
Unknown	Yellow Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	36.00
171732	Young People's Group	12.00
111147	Zippo Group	80.00

ELECTION FOR AREA OFFICERS

One important item of business at the next Area Assembly is the election of the following officers: Area Registrar/Corresponding Secretary, Area Treasurer and Area Recording Secretary. Although two of the positions were filled during the Election Assembly, they have since become vacant.

The first order of business for the new officers will be swing into action to help prepare for the upcoming Mini-Conference. Each person has an important role to play in the success of that event and there will be plenty to keep everyone busy.

In addition to that, each of the new Officers is invited to attend a Mini-Conference in one of the other three Ohio Areas. This is a great opportunity to see how other Areas conduct business and to get to meet other trusted servants throughout the state.

In addition to the Mini-Conference, the incoming officers will have a specific set of responsibilities which will be outlined further at the Area Assembly.

Briefly, the Registrar is responsible for updating and maintaining the GSO database of group information. That database is currently offline since GSO is in the middle of a migration to a new system.

The Treasurer is responsible for processing all contributions and maintaining the books for the Area, producing reports and maintaining the Area's fiscal health as defined in the Area fiscal policy.

The Secretary is responsible for doing the minutes for the Area Assemblies and Area Committee meetings in a timely fashion.

It is important for Area Officers to participate fully in the activities of the Area, which include monthly Area Committee meetings, three times a year Assemblies, Mini-Conference and Ohio State Convention planning.

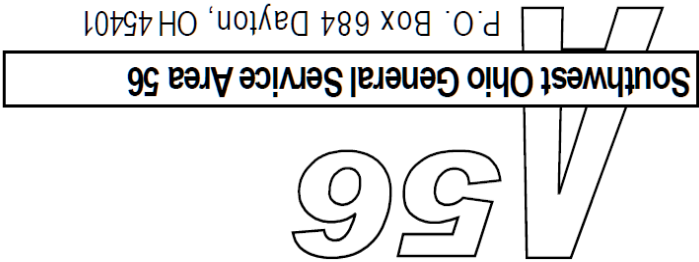
A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to AA's future:

To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

AREA ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 22, 2020 10:00—4:00
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Southwest Ohio Area 56 2020 Calendar

January 12	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*	July 2-5	International Convention
February 9	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*		“Love and Tolerance is Our Code”
February 22	Area Assembly (10:00 – 4:00)*		Detroit, MI
	Mini-Conference Preparation	July 12	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*
March 20-22	Area 56 Mini-Conference	August 9	Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*
	“2020: A Clear Vision for You”	August 21-23	Ohio State Convention
	Marriott at the University of Dayton		“The Gift of Service”
April 5	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*		Independence, OH
	Mini Conference Wrap-Up (2:00 – 4:00)*	September 13	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)
April 19-25	General Service Conference	September 19	Area Assembly (10:00 – 4:00)*
May 2	Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting		Area Inventory
May 3	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*	October 11	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*
May 16	Area Assembly (10:00 – 4:00)*	November 7	Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting
	UNITY DAY	November 8	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*
June 14	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*	December 13	Area Committee Meeting (12:00 – 2:00)*

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