

**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE  
MINI-CONFERENCE**



**April 1, 2 & 3, 2011**

**“We Are Responsible for A.A.’s Future – Let It Begin with Us!”**  
All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend this conference!

**SPEAKERS**

**Banquet**  
**(Open AA Meeting)**

Jim M  
General Service Office Staff

**Trustee’s Report**

George M  
General Service Board

**Registration**

Friday: 2 – 7 PM  
Saturday: 8 – Noon

**Hospitality Suite**

Opens Friday at 4 PM

**Conference Begins**

Friday: 7:00 PM

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

**SCHEDULE**

- **Friday –**
- Service – What We’re About
- Ohio Unity– Area Highlights
- General Sharing Session
  
- **Saturday –**
- Early-Bird A.A. meeting
- Presentation of Agenda Items
- Conference Agenda Items
- Voting on Agenda Items
- Banquet, Skit & Speaker Meeting
  
- **Sunday –**
- Early Bird A.A. Meeting
- Past Delegates Panel
- Ask-It Basket
- General Sharing Session

**LOCATION**

**Doubletree Hotel South  
Independence**

6200 Quarry Lane  
Independence  
Ohio 44131  
216.447.1300

**\$69 per night**  
(Plus State & Local Tax)

**Reserve your room by  
March 28, 2011**

**PHONE: 216.447.1300**

For Hotel Reservations  
Reference Group NE Ohio  
Mini-Conference

Free parking for hotel guests and  
local participants

**VISIT US ONLINE AT → <http://area54.org>**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ As you would like it on your nametag \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Banquet** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

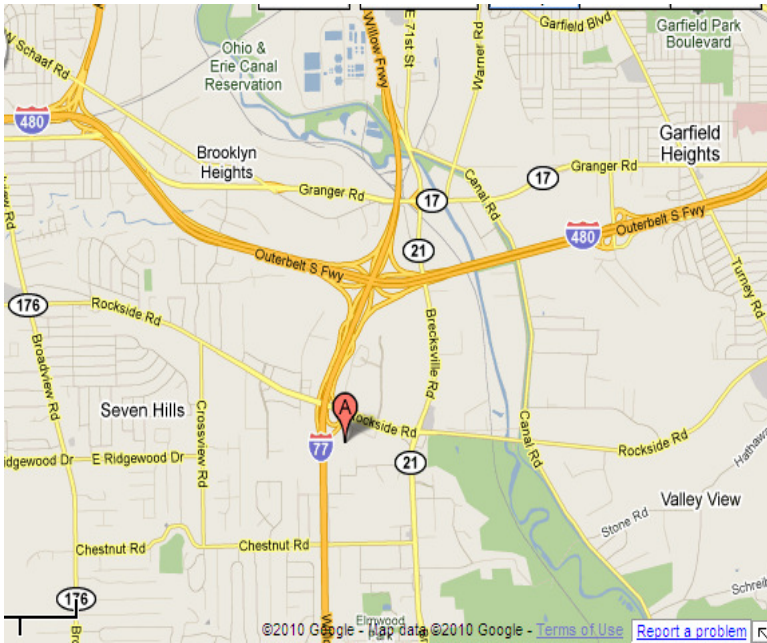
Circle One: Beef or Chicken **Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

For more information contact  
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Please make checks payable to NE Ohio Mini-Conference  
Mail to Mini-Conference, PO Box 22660, Beachwood, OH 44122

Email inquires to: [MiniConference@area54.org](mailto:MiniConference@area54.org)

**POSTMARK NO LATER THAN MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> or register at the Conference**



**Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South - Independence**

6200 Quarry Lane, Independence 44131  
 Tel: (216) 447-1300

From Dayton Take I-70 East to Columbus. Take I-270 to I-71 North to Cleveland. Take Exit 220 to merge onto I-271 North toward Erie PA. Take Exit 10 to merge onto I-77 North toward Cleveland. Take Exit 155 for Rockside Rd toward Seven Hills/ Independence. Turn right at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> Right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.

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

This Mini-Conference was developed to give our delegate the informed conscience of the groups in Area 54— Northeast Ohio - on some of the agenda items that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time constraints, it is not possible to address all of the agenda of the General Service Conference. The selected agenda is mailed to the registered General Service Representatives (GSRs) of the groups in advance. Home groups can discuss the issues and send their group conscience to the Mini-Conference via their GSR. At the Mini-Conference, the issues are discussed with GSRs from many groups throughout Area 54. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the *AA Service Manual*, a consensus is reached. This consensus is taken to the General Service Conference by our delegate, who still maintains the right of decision described in 3<sup>rd</sup> concept (of the Twelve Concepts for World Services).

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

**Why do I have to pay?**

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

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**Directions**

From Erie and Points North East: Take I-90 West to I-271 South. Follow the signs to I-480 West to Exit 20 I-77 South. Follow the signs for Rockside Rd / Independence / Seven Hills. Turn Left at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.

From Downtown Cleveland: Take I-77 South. Follow the signs for Rockside Rd / Independence / Seven Hills. Turn Left at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.

From Youngstown or Pittsburgh PA and Points East: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) West. Take the OH-21 exit, EXIT 173, toward I-77/CLEVELAND/AKRON. Merge onto I-77 N. Take Exit 155 for Rockside Rd toward Seven Hills/ Independence. Turn right at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> Right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.

From Toledo and Points West: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) East and follow to Exit 151 to merge onto I-480 East toward Cleveland. Take Exit 20B for I-77 South toward Akron. Follow the signs for Rockside Rd / Independence / Seven Hills. Turn Left at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.

From Cincinnati, Columbus, and Points South: Take I-71 North to Cleveland. Take Exit 220 to merge onto I-271 North toward Erie PA. Take Exit 10 to merge onto I-77 North toward Cleveland. Take Exit 155 for Rockside Rd toward Seven Hills/ Independence. Turn right at Rockside Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> Right onto Quarry Lane to 6200 Quarry Lane.