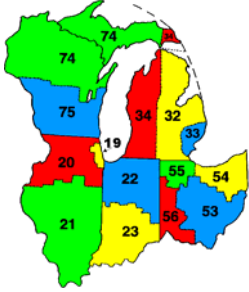


28th East Central Regional Convention and the 52nd Ohio State Convention

Hosted by Area 54 – Northeast Ohio General Service
This year's theme is –



SERVICE – OUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE

Regional Speakers Panels Hospitality Workshops Skit Banquet Dance

July 25-27, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Westlake, OH

Rooms \$79.00 + 15.25% tax Reservation Code: ECRC
Contact hotel directly: **Phone: (440) 871-6000 –or- (800) 448-2296**
Cut-off date for convention rate June 25, 2008

Registration Form

Print your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Registration	\$ 21.00 x _____ = _____
Friday night Delegates/Alternates dinner.....	\$ 29.00 x _____ = _____
Saturday Delegates Past and Present lunch with Trustee.....	\$ 19.00 x _____ = _____
Banquet	\$ 29.00 x _____ = _____
Sunday Brunch.....	\$ 15.00 x _____ = _____
Hospitality donation.....	= _____
TOTAL.....	_____

Friday and Saturday Lunch – Restaurant buffet special - \$6.95 (self-pay)

“Dance only” tickets will be sold at the door - \$3 ea / \$5 couple

I am:

AA

Al-Anon

GSR DCM AREA OFFICER

COMM.CHAIR DELEGATE

circle one

Before July 15, mail completed registration forms to:

after July 15, register at door

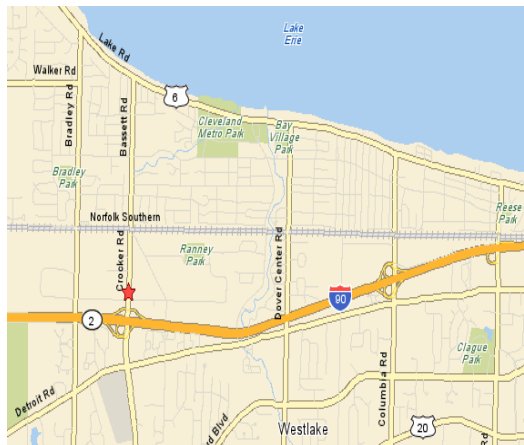
Ohio State Convention
P O Box 22156
Beachwood OH 44122-2156

Holiday Inn Westlake
1100 Crocker Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145
Phone: (440) 871-6000 (800) 448-2296

Room rate \$79.00 + 15.25% tax

From the East or West - Take I-90 to the Crocker/Bassett Road exit #156. The hotel is just north of I-90.

From the South - Take I-71 north to I-480 west. Follow I-480 west to Clague Road. Exit north on Clague Road. Continue north on Clague Road to I-90. Follow I-90 west to the Crocker/Bassett Road exit, #156. The hotel is just north of I-90.



Amenities

Rooms are all equipped with Free High Speed Wireless Internet Access, an ironing board, and coffee maker. Relax and unwind in an indoor pool, sauna or whirlpool, or enjoy a vigorous workout in the exercise room. Enjoy Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner in Huntington's Restaurant inside the hotel. The hotel is 12 miles from Cleveland Hopkins airport and 30 miles from Akron-Canton airport. There are many restaurants at various price-points within a short distance from hotel

What is the purpose of the East Central Regional Convention?

The East Central Regional Convention celebrates our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service with members of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout the East Central Region. It is sponsored by the hosting State Convention committee. The convention is held with the invited participation of Al-Anon Family Groups. Except in years when there is an International Convention, it rotates through the five states of the East Central Region, by General Service Area.

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotating schedule by one of the four Ohio Service Areas. The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to the districts and groups in Ohio and Southeast Michigan. It fosters cooperation among the four Ohio Areas, highlights General Service in these Areas and shares experience on AA's Three Legacies. The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio and southeast Michigan, helping us to stay sober to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. But in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held throughout Ohio. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since "There are no dues or fees for AA membership..." there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels/convention centers, there is a charge for the use of the facility. Along with the Facility's charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers (they are never paid a fee for speaking), printing of flyers, schedules, badges, plus, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money to present. The Ohio State Convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees, No baskets are passed. The ideal event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members we pay our own way. The Saturday Night Speaker is an open AA Meeting and is the only function that will not require attendees be registered. All members of AA are encouraged to attend.