# 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL **AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE MINI-CONFERENCE** March 31-April 2, 2017

# **"Supporting Our Future"**

All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend this conference!

# **SPEAKERS**

# **SCHEDULE**

Holiday Inn Banquet > Friday -(Open AA Me<u>eting)</u> History of Mini-Conference Speaker:,..Racy J. > Introductions Group Services Desk General Sharing Session General Service Office ECR Trustee's Report Saturday – William (Bill) F. > Early-Bird A.A. meeting Conference Committee Registration Sessions Friday: 2 – 7 PM Presentations of Committee Saturday: 8 – Noon Reports Voting on Agenda Items **Hospitality Suite** Banquet, Skit & Speaker Opens Friday at 4 PM Meeting Sunday – **Conference Begins** > Early Bird A.A. Meeting Friday: 7:00 PM Panel Discussions Past Delegates Sharing Come Have Your > Ask-It Basket Group's Voice Heard in New York

#### VISIT US ONLINE AT $\rightarrow$ <u>http://area54.org</u> **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2017** NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_ As you would like it on your name badge \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS STATE \_\_\_\_ZIP \_\_\_\_\_PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CITY\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Saturday (Buffet) Banquet \_\_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Request for Special Needs\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Banquet prepaid only) Total = \$ Please make checks payable to NE Ohio Mini-Conference Mail to Area 54 Mini-Conference, PO Box 32534 Euclid, OH 44132 Email inquiries to: MiniConference@area54.org POSTMARK NO LATER THAN, MARCH 8, 2017 or register at the Conference Revised 10/25/2016

15471 Royalton Road Strongsville, Ohio 44136 Tel: 440-238-8800

LOCATION

# \$99 per night

(Plus State & Local Tax) Includes Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

#### **Reserve your room by** March 8, 2017

Ref: Northeast Ohio Mini-Conference

Free parking for hotel guests and local participants

## Handicap Accessible

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#### **Directions**

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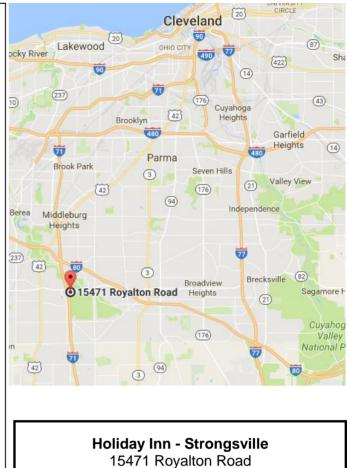
**From Downtown Cleveland:** Follow I-71 South to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231A. Turn Right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.

**From Youngstown or Pittsburgh PA and Points East:** Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) West to I-71 South. Follow I-71 South to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231A. Turn Right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.

**From Toledo and Points West:** Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) East to I-71 South. Follow I-71 South to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231A. Turn Right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.

**From Cincinnati, Columbus, and Points South:** Take I-71 North toward Cleveland. Follow I-71 north to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231. Turn right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.

**From Dayton** Take I-70 East to Columbus. Take I-270 to I-71 North towards Cleveland. Follow I-71 North to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231. Turn right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.



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#### 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. The group can discuss the issues and send their group's 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 the Twelve Concepts.

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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