

Area 53 Assembly Agenda
March 8, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Deer Creek State Park Conference Center

Opening of Assembly – Kyle M., Alternate Chairperson

- Call to Order & Serenity Prayer (We Version)
- Twelve Concepts

Officer Reports (*Written reports submitted for this Assembly*)

- **Delegate** – Joel K.
- **Chairperson** – Malcolm C.
- **Secretary** – Kari B.
- **Treasurer** – Koel D.
- **Registrar** – Debbe Y.

Standing Committee Presentations

- District Committee Members (DCMs), General Service Representatives (GSRs), and interested AAs meet with Area Standing Committees.

Standing Committee Reports (*Written reports submitted for this Assembly*)

- **Accessibilities** – Erin P.
- **Archives** – Susan K.
- **Archivist** – Teri G.
- **Correctional Facilities** – Belle N.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information** – Jennifer R.
- **Grapevine** – Virginia S.
- **Group Services** – Anne R.
- **Intergroup Liaison** – Barbara M.
- **Mini Conference** – Marcia H.
- **Treatment Facilities** – David H.
- **Communication Services** – Gaebrial F.

Old Business

- **Area Inventory update** - Malcolm C.

New Business

- **Proposal to Combine Districts 13 and 14** -
- **Big Book and Twelve and Twelve book covers** -

Closing

- **Responsibility Declaration**

Chairperson's Report

December 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Since the last reporting period, I have remained actively engaged in supporting the service work and communication efforts of Area 53. During this quarter, I:

- Facilitated the Area Planning Committee Meeting to coordinate and prepare for upcoming Area activities and the March Assembly.
- Participated in the Area 53 DCM Meeting to stay connected with district concerns and initiatives.
- Attended several standing committee meetings to remain informed on ongoing projects and service efforts.
- Joined the USA/Canada Area Chairperson Sharing Meeting to exchange experience, strength, and hope with fellow Area Chairs.
- Took part in Area Service Sharing Sessions to support collaboration and understanding across all Areas in North America.
- Attended multiple Area 53 A.A. meetings, both virtually and in person, to stay connected with the fellowship.
- Participated in additional district meetings as requested to support local service efforts.

I remain grateful for the dedication, cooperation, and spirit of service demonstrated throughout Area 53. Your continued commitment strengthens our ability to carry A.A.'s message clearly and effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm "Mac" C.

Chairperson, Area 53 – Panel 75

Secretary's Report

For the December Assembly, I compiled and organized all necessary reports and prepared the required documents. Prior to the assembly, I received and processed four Area Officer Reports, eight Standing Committee Reports, as well as five District Committee Member (DCM) and twenty-nine General Service Representative (GSR) reports.

My responsibilities for this assembly included:

- Coordinating and sending emails to request report submissions and facilitate assembly registration
- Consolidating the agenda and all submitted reports into a single comprehensive document
- Transcribing minutes from the previous assembly
- Submitting all documents for printing
- Archiving materials in the Google Workspace folder to ensure easy access for future reference

In Love and Service,

Kari B

secretary@area53aa.org

Area 53 February 28th Budget Report

Income		2025 Budget	2/28/2026	Totals
1	December 2025 Bank Balance (Estimated)	10,000	12,850	
2	Group/Individual Contributions	24,457	5,796	
Total Revenue		34,457	18,646	
Expenses				
Officer Expenses				
3	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	2,200	2,200	-
4	Delegate Expenses	3,700		3,700
5	Alt Delegate Expenses	2,800	682	2,118
6	Chairperson Expense	1,000		1,000
7	Alt Chairperson Expense	800	202	598
8	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000	436	2,564
9	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000	610	2,390
10	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	300		300
11	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	200		200
Total Officer Expenses		17,000	4,129	12,871
Operating Expenses				
12	Rent for Archive Storage	445		445
13	Postal and Supply Expenses	400		400
14	Bank Service Charges	250	81	169
15	Website	1,300	252	1,048
16	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25		25
Total Operating Expenses		2,420	333	2087
Meeting & Convention Expenses				
17	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	400	103	297
18	Assemblies	2,500	29	2,471
19	Copy Expense	800		800
20	State Convention-Hospitality Room	250		250
Total Meeting & Convention Expenses		3,950	132	3818
Committee Expenses				
21	Mini-Conference	110		110
22	Archives	728		728
23	Archives Committee Training & Travel	1,473		1,473
24	Communication Services	652		652
25	CPC/PI	1,178	1,178	-
26	Correctional Facilities	835		835
27	Treatment Facilities	696		696
28	Grapevine	442	442	-
29	Group Services	368		368
30	Accessibilities	368		368
31	Liaison	74		74
32	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	663		663
Total Committee Expenses		7,587	1,620	5,967
Total Expenses		30,957	6,214	24,743
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		3,500	12,432	

Cash Beginning Balance (Estimated)	10,000	12,850
YTD Contributions	24,457	5,796
YTD Expenses	(30,957)	(6,214)
2025 OSC income		(2,120)
Cash Ending Balance Prudent Reserve	3,500	10,312

Delegate International Fund \$ 5,502.60

Submitted by Koel D. Area 53 Treasurer

DCM Reports March 2026

District 7, Muskingum

Kerry M, DCM

Submitted: 2/25/2026

District Meeting: 0 at N, Isrc

Active GSRs: 1

District Report on Events and Discussions:

This district does not meet.

District 15, Monroe, Morgan, Noble and Washington

Dean B, DCM

Submitted: 2/25/26

District Meeting: Fourth Wed, every month at 6:30, 431 3rd St, Marietta, OH 45750, USA
(Serenity House)

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

We are planning a Spring Workshop but dates and have specifics have not yet been determined.

District 26, NE Columbus, Eastern Columbus, areas

Michael D, DCM

Submitted: 2/28/26

District Meeting: 3rd Saturday of every month at 9:30-11:00AM, Whitehall United Methodist Church at 525 Bernhard Rd, Whitehall

Active GSRs: 23 on roster / last attended 11

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Our last meeting reviewed the Alkathon and the impact of the weather. a review of suggestions made to update EMA and Police services that there is a 24 hour event and that an event is taking place just to make them aware and for police services to deposit any fellow or future members who partied too much that night to visit and grab a cup of coffee and maybe attend for a while.

Efforts to include others groups in the Columbus area opportunities to help sponsor a few hours through the event will be presented to Central office Earlier, and the drawing of the groups for their time slots will be earlier as well. Even though weather impacted the event, attendance was favorable.

Plans for Rule 62 - will be held in September 2026.

Plans for members to visit other groups in the area and review the need for support in presence and donations will also be scheduled..

District 28, The best

Kathy C, DCM

Submitted: 02/25/2026

District Meeting: 2nd Monday every month at 6:30pm, 55 E Blake Ave, Columbus, OH 43202, USA

Active GSRs: 15

District Report on Events and Discussions:

PI/CPC chair will be at our monthly meeting in April.

Discussed how to encourage participation in group conscious meetings.

District 34, W/SW Franklin Co (West Columbus, Grove City)

Keith H, DCM

Submitted: 2/9/2026

District Meeting: 4th Sunday monthly at 5:30 pm, 2930 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204, USA

Active GSRs: 9

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Hosting Mini-Conference Gathering Room

March 6 & 7 2026

Our District is experiencing some growth in numbers and participation. We are in good financial condition and are continuing to encourage individuals and groups to get involved in General Service and attend Area events while having the voice of their Home Groups heard.

GSR Reports March 2026

Solution - District 10,

Liz A, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Monday

Meeting Location: , Westerville, Ohio 43081

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

Just rotated secretary. Will be needing more service positions to rotate too. Hard to get people to commit....no

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

None

The Fourth Dimension Group - District 11

Laken A, GSR

Meeting Format: Lead followed by discussion

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Wednesday

Meeting Location: 311 E 6th St, Marysville, Ohio 43040

Springfield Northsiders Group - District 12,

Karl D, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: 1603 Moorefield rd., Springfield, Ohio 45503

Springfield Northsiders Group - District 12,

Karl D, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: , Springfield, Ohio 45503

Tuesday night Springfield SOA Women meeting - District 12,

Judy C, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 06:30 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: 1303 Kenton St, Springfield, Ohio 45505

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

None scheduled at this time

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

None at this time

Sunday Evening Smoke Free Group - District 12,

Dan S, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Sunday

Meeting Location: 1801 St Paris Pike, Springfield, Ohio 45504

Springfield The Beginner's Meeting - District 12,

Kenneth L, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Monday

Meeting Location: 1557 East Main Street, SPRINGFIELD, Ohio 45503

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

We are currently soliciting ideas for the District 12 Spring event to determine the topic for our theme this year.

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

We have sporadic attendance. Our format is general. I'd like it to be more specific.

Mid Morning Recovery Group - District 12,

Sara S, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 10:30 am - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Meeting Location: 1557 E Main St, Springfield, Ohio 45503

Friday Night Live - District 12, - Submitted: 02/25/2026

Nick C, GSR

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Friday

Meeting Location: 201 N Limestone St, Springfield, Ohio 45503

Foundation Stone Group - District 13

James G, GSR

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Saturday

Meeting Location: 105 E Mulberry St, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

None

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

none

Hand in Hand Group - District 15,

Patrice S, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 07:30 pm - Saturday

Meeting Location: 111130 Ohio 550 (Parsonage at Barlow Methodist Church), Vincent, Ohio 45784

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

N/A

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

N/A

Athens Monday Big Book Group - District 16

Angie M, GSR

Meeting Format: Big Book

Meeting Time: 06:00 pm - Monday

Meeting Location: 69 Mill St, Athens, Ohio 45701

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

District #16 is planning a workshop on sponsorship March 28, 2026

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Into the Solution - District 22

Robert B, GSR

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time: 06:00 pm - Saturday

Meeting Location: 2101 Jasmine Ct, Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

None

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

None

Courage to Change - District 26

Steven B, GSR

Meeting Format: Big Book

Meeting Time: 06:30 pm - Thursday

Meeting Location: 1340 Crest Rd, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Reynoldsburg Women's 12X12 - District 26

Bonita K, GSR

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time: 10:00 am - Saturday

Meeting Location: Vineyard Christian Church / 1055 McNaughten Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43213

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

On Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m., the Reynoldsburg Women's 12x12 Group will celebrate its 18th anniversary.

Inviting women to join us as we share our experience, strength, and hope through food, fun, and fellowship.

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

We are growing our community and inviting more women to join us. Our Women's 12x12 group is a safe, supportive space to connect, share, and evolve together. If you're looking for fellowship, encouragement, and hope, there's a seat for you here!

Stepping Stones - District 26

Jason F, GSR

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time: 07:30 pm - Sunday

Meeting Location: 1045 Ross Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43227

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

Our 72nd Group Anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, March 29th, 2026. Food and fellowship will begin at 6pm, followed by a speaker at 7:30pm. We recently moved to our new location at the Eastview United Methodist Church, 1045 Ross Rd, Columbus. Courtney Y is taking over as GSR this month.

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Columbus 1728 Group of AA - District 26

Teri G, GSR

Meeting Format: Literature study and three legacies and sponsorship

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Wednesday

Meeting Location: , ,

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

On the April 29th there will be leads from home group members who have sobriety bdays in this quarter. Please join us. Meeting ID: 976 4001 3382 Passcode: A@12Cub3d

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Continue to reach put to new comers who attend and explore how to fit into the service structure in Area 53.

Summit station easy does it beginners - District 26

Shawn S, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Wednesday

Meeting Location: 6626 Summit Rd SW, Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

18th year anniversary April 17

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Women Walking together - District 26

Gidget B, GSR

Meeting Format: Rotating Format

Meeting Time: 06:30 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: 4526 Maize Rd. Apt. A, Columbus, Ohio 43224

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

None noted at this time

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Cocktail Belles - District 28

Kelly M, GSR

Meeting Format: Women's stories in AA from the Big Book, Grapevine, Voices of Women in AA, and Our Twelve Traditions.

Meeting Time: 05:30 pm - Friday

Meeting Location: 3400 Calumet St, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Early Evening Faith and Hope - District 28

Sabrina G, GSR

Meeting Format: Rotating Format

Meeting Time: - Everyday

Meeting Location: 1180 Shanley Dr, Columbus, Ohio 43224

Clintonville Big Book Group - District 28

Matt J, GSR

Meeting Format: Big Book

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: 7 W Henderson Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Shivering Denizens - District 28

Jesse B, GSR

Meeting Format: Big Book

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Tuesday

Meeting Location: 55 E Blake Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43202

The Plug in The Jug - District 28

Lisa V, GSR

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time: 07:30 pm - Wednesday

Meeting Location: 55 E Blake Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43202

IF WE WORK FOR THEM - District 30

Jeffrey T, GSR

Meeting Format: Big Book and 12 & 12

Meeting Time: 07:30 pm – Tuesday

Sunday Night Closed Group - District 30

Jeffrey T, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Sunday

Meeting Location: , ,

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Meeting is not on District 30 website - please add. Group 000084371

Step Right Up - District 30

Jeffrey T, GSR

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time: 08:00 pm - Thursday

Meeting Location: , ,

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Group is not on District 30 website - please add. Group 000121219

Monday Nite Steps and Traditions - District 30

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Monday

Meeting Location: 2425 Bethel Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43220

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

Our Group Anniversary is scheduled for March 30th, 2026 from 6-8 pm. Speaker Janet S. (flyer attached)

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Womens New Hope - District 34

Theresa C, GSR

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time: 06:30 pm - Friday

Meeting Location: 2930 W Broad St/ Hoge Memorial Church, Columbus, Ohio 43204

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

No events at this time

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Our group believes that Tradition 11

“ Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

should include TV and social media to the list for personal anonymity-

Change with the times.

Thank you for considering our recommendation

Happy Hour Group - District 34

Keith H, GSR

Meeting Format: Chairman's Choice

Meeting Time: 07:00 pm - Monday

Meeting Location: 7430 W Broad St, Galloway, Ohio 43119

A Benign Anarchy - District 37

Nicholas B, GSR

Meeting Format: Literature Study

Meeting Time: 06:00 pm - Wednesday

Meeting Location: 675 E Markison Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly:

We will celebrate our 2nd Anniversary in March.

Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share:

Accessibilities Committee Report
March 2026

The Accessibilities Committee will hold meetings on the fourth Saturdays of March, June, September, and December via Google Meet, 11am to 12pm.

The committee would like to welcome anyone who is interested in helping to break through barriers. This work includes connecting a meeting with an ASL interpreter, providing audio tapes of the Big Book or 12&12, bringing a meeting to a homebound AA member, or providing conference approved literature to those with learning differences. And more.

In the Works: QR code on the accessibility table. 3-5 questions on how this committee can serve Area 53 members.

To our AA members with disabilities and/or special needs, we would like to help whenever possible. If you, or someone you know, are in need of a reasonable accommodation to attend an AA event or access an AA resource, please contact us at accessibilities@area53aa.org.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 2025, at 11:00 am.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yza-otaf-drv>
Or dial: (US) +1 319-435-9178 PIN: 590 299 305#

Respectfully,

Erin P.
Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

March 8, 2026

Archives.Committee.Mission.Statement

The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts and the Area Committees in preserving our AA story. This includes maintaining a repository of valuable artifacts and records from our past and present to ensure the integrity of Area 53 history.

*The Area 53 Archives Committee is currently planning participation and display for:

1. Columbus Spring Round-Up, Columbus, March 27, 28 & 29
2. Treatment Facilities Workshop, Gahanna, May 23
3. Ohio State Convention, Newark, August 14, 15 & 16

*The Archives Committee encourages Groups to select representatives (AGRs) for the Archives Committee. All members of AA are welcome to attend the monthly Archives Committee meeting to learn more about the committee's activities. The Archives Committee conducts a monthly meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00AM on Zoom. Refer to the Area 53 website (area53aa.org) for details. The next committee meeting will be Saturday, April 4th at 9:00am on the zoom platform.

*The Archives Committee is interested in partnering with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose. We can support you in facilitating a workshop or history presentation at your group's business meeting or anniversary.

*The Archives Committee members continue to work on cataloging and the collection of Area 53 group histories.

Peace, Susan K.,

Archives Committee Chair

archives@area53aa.org

614-475-5612

Area 53 Archivist Report Assembly - March 8th, 2026

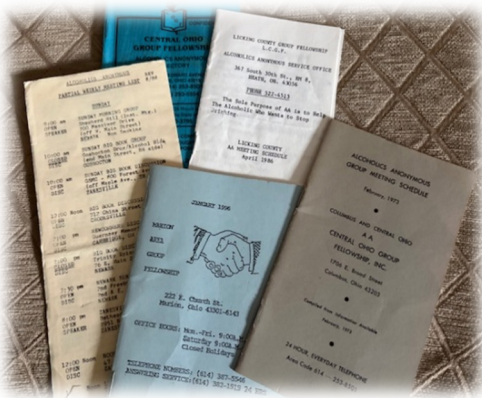
Archives Committee Mission Statement

The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts, and the Area Committees in preserving our AA story. This includes maintaining a repository of valuable artifacts and records from our past and present to ensure the integrity of Area 53 history.

This summer, Area 53 Archives Committee members visited Akron's Intergroup to gather items for the archives during its relocation. The trip provided a chance to network with other AA archivists. Ongoing efforts include sorting, digitizing, and preservation, along with replacing travel boxes with new containers.

On February 23, 2026, I co-led a "Displays" session for the Northern Illinois Area 20 Archives Committee. I plan to share these insights locally and use the techniques gained from this experience.

Area 53 Group History Project - Check out the Area 53 webpage, at [Committee: Archives Link](#), to see the group histories that are posted. An ad-hoc committee was formed to support the Archives Committee in collecting Area 53 group histories.



The Archives Committee is interested in partnering with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose. We can support you in facilitating workshops or a history presentation at your group's business meeting or anniversary.

Please visit the Area 53 website to access the recorded oral histories. If you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to contact me at archivist@area53aa.org.

Up Coming Events

March 27-29, 2026 - Columbus Spring Round-Up; Crowne Plaza North-Worthington, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229; [Link to registration](#)

March 27-29, 2026 – 3rd Annual History Roundup; Myrtle Beach South Carolina; for more information go to [Link to the Roundup](#)

May 23rd, 2026 - Treatment Facilities Committee Workshop, "What IS a Meeting Sponsor?" Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, OH 43230
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

September 11-13, 2026 - The next workshop for the 2026 NAAAW, which will be held in Tacoma, Washington, for more information visit [National AA Archives Workshop](#).

Respectfully submitted

Teri G., Area 53 Archivist (archives@area53aa.org)

Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information Committee
Report for Area 53 Assembly
March 8, 2026

Our Committee currently consists of approximately 8-10 members, mostly representing groups in Districts 10, 16, 22, 26, 28, 34, and 37. Our monthly meeting is the third Sunday of each month from 3:00pm-4:30pm, typically at the Franklinton Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML). We provide virtual access via zoom to those who are unable to attend in person. We encourage AA members throughout the Area to take advantage of the virtual option and get involved!

Since the last Assembly, our committee has continued its efforts to educate the general public, and professionals who are often the first point of contact for the still-suffering alcoholic, about what AA is, what AA isn't, and where to find us. Spring is a busy season for events, and our upcoming calendar is filling rapidly. We have been working to add the Area 53 logo to some of our public information materials so that anyone encountering these materials within the geographic boundaries of Area 53 knows that the resources listed are available in their specific communities.

We continue our outreach within AA about the committee's work, and how members of the fellowship within Area 53 can contribute. For those interested in learning more about CPC-PI work, our digital New Member "Welcome Kit" can be found at our Area Committee webpage, <https://area53aa.org/cpcpi-committee>. To contact the committee directly, please visit our webpage and complete the form entitled, "Are you willing to help the CPC-PI Committee educate the public and professionals about AA?"

We would like to stress that interested AAs can get involved in CPC-PI service without necessarily becoming committee members. The committee coordinates these efforts, but volunteers can come from anywhere within the Fellowship. As our literature states, everyone has a unique talent that they bring to service, and CPC-PI is no exception! The more volunteers we have to staff events and distribute literature, the more still-suffering alcoholics we can reach.

At our February meeting we elected a new Treasurer for the remainder of Panel 75. Our current treasurer had to step down, and Roberta D was elected to fill the position.

In Service,

Jennifer R
Area 53 CPC-PI Chair

March 2026

Group Services Report

I attended District 30 and District 28's DCM meeting to talk about the mini-conference, explain the importance of attending the conference and the assembly, answer questions and give an overview of things to expect.

I attended the Area planning meeting and questioned why the Alternate Delegate and Mini-Conference committee chose not to use the Group Services for the GSR school, and was told it was an oversight. I also requested a 10 minute block of time during the assembly to bring in someone knowledgeable on the concepts to present. I was later told by email that "Unfortunately, detailed notes were not taken regarding the discussion of the Group Services Chairperson". As a result of the lack of documentation of the vote during that meeting, I was conflicted as to how to proceed with things. After discussing it via email with the Area Chairperson the presentation was canceled and the presenter was thanked for their willingness to serve.

The committee helped two new GSRs with information.

The committee is working with a group to help them establish a service structure within their meeting.

There are plans for a Traditions workshop in cooperation with a group.

The committee manned a table at the mini-conference.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Robinson

INTERGROUP LIAISON ASSEMBLY REPORT

March 8, 2026

Actions taken at last Quarterly Meeting 2/5/2026

- Intergroup Liaison Committee raised the concern about the “un-anonymous” jacketless cover of the Big Book and 12 & 12 at the December 2025 Assembly. Members are asked to discuss this with their groups with a potential vote to make it an official agenda item for the 2027 conference at the **June Assembly**.
- COGF will sell AA literature at the Columbus Spring Round Up, **March 27-29, 2026** at Crown Plaza Hotel. Columbus OH 43229.
- COGF and LAI will handle AA literature at the 70th Ohio State Convention of AA, **August 14-16, 2026**, at Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, OH 43055
- No money has been spent in 2026.

News from Area 53 Intergroup Offices

COGF: Selling AA literature at current prices as long as supplies last, having bought as many as they could without dipping into their prudent reserve. *Books of the Month through March* are As Bill Sees It, hard (\$9.20) and soft back (\$9.10), and both Drop the Rock titles (\$12.50).

Central Ohio Group Fellowship

(614) 253-8501

651 W. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215

Monday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

aacentralohio.org

LAI: NEW: website lancasterareaintergroup.org takes online contributions and literature purchases; Coffee cup hooks with your name and sobriety date, \$5 each. 25th anniversary celebration this June.

Lancaster Area Intergroup

740-653-4869

723 Slocum Ave., Lancaster OH 43130

lancasterareaintergroup.org

Monday 10-2 pm

Tuesday 10-5 pm

Wednesday 10-2 pm

Thursday 10-5 pm

Friday 10-2 pm

Saturday 10-2 pm

Sunday 10-4 pm

COOLAA.org is an intergroup office just for online meetings based in Area 53 with 17 local on-line meetings. Coolaa is in District 26 with a GSR, and the 1728 Meeting sends an IGR to the Online Intergroup of Alcoholic Anonymous (OIAA) meetings (aa-intergroup.org).



Central Ohio Online AA Intergroup

coolaa.org

(614) 407-4323

Monday-Sunday Meetings from 7 am to 10 pm

LCIO: NEW: Facebook page: Licking County Intergroup AA.

Licking County Intergroup Office

(740) 345-7060

Trinity Episcopal Church (lower level)

76 E. Main St., Newark OH 43055

Monday 1-3 pm

Tuesday 1-3 pm

Wednesday 9-3 pm

Thursday 10-2 pm

Friday 10-7 pm

AOIO serves 70 meetings in 21 towns in southeastern and south central Ohio with PSAS on WKKJ, 24-hour phone, literature and coins, and a monthly advisory board meeting open to all AA members and groups.

Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office

(740) 774-2646

Monday - Sunday 11:30- 1 pm

291 S. Paint St., Chillicothe OH

aoio.org

Keep your foot in the door of AA: volunteer at your nearest Intergroup Office.

Keep the doors of Intergroup offices open with a 7th Tradition contribution. Intergroup offices are supported solely by contributions from AA members and AA meetings in addition to any profit from selling literature, pamphlets and coins.

Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee Report

- The committee has open service positions, which include:
 - Alternate Chairperson
 - Alternate Secretary
 - Alternate Bridging the Gap Coordinator
 - Alternate Information Coordinator
- Treasurer update: Current Area Balance: \$535.52, Literature Balance: \$1,071.78.
- The committee is hosting a workshop on May 23rd, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, '*What IS a Meeting Sponsor?*'. Location: Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230.
- **GSR's:** Please raise awareness during your group conscience, our need for GTR's (Group Treatment Representative) and Meeting Sponsors.
- **Reminder:** We have multiple service positions available, mainly focusing on GTR's (Group Treatment Representatives) and Meeting Sponsors.
- **Note:** All position responsibilities are defined in the Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee Policies & Procedures Manual (area53aa.org).

Gratefully in service,

Dave Hoskins

Treatment Facility Committee

Chairperson

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Area 53 March '26 Communications Committee Report

Over the past quarter, our team has worked to update website and email operations, support the Mini conference and registration for the Ohio State Convention. Maintained district event calendar, published Newsletters and continued to onboard new committees to Google.

- **Technology & Systems Transition:**
 - Continued to support the transition to Google Workspace across the Area
 - If your committee still needs setup assistance, please contact Sara R for support
- **Website Enhancements:**
 - Managed plugin and DNS management.
 - Supported website security through staging site reintegration.
- **Outreach & Engagement:**
 - Published 22 events and 8 Newsletters to keep our community engaged
 - Updated multiple meeting listings based on records from COGF and recent email requests to ensure accuracy across the directory.
 - Created the "GSR School" section and integrated new training materials into the GSR Resources repository.
- **Mini Conference (2026)**
 - Updated the Committee page and added Planning Committee meetings to the calendar.
 - Added Mini-conference landing page and floormap updates.
 - Supported the Mini Conference with registration and presentations.
- **Ohio State Convention Planning (OSC) 2026:**
 - Developed and launched the official registration portal for the State Convention.
 - Refined and updated the State Convention page, including the addition of specific Panel topics and relevant session information.

Communications Committee Regular Meetings:

Communications Committee meetings are held **remotely on the 3rd Thursday of each month**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Meeting link is available on the Area 53 website

In love and service,
Gaebril F
Communications Committee Chair

Request for Guideline change for District 13 & District 14 Combining

Subject: Proposed Guideline Change: Combination of District 13 and District 14

To the Body of the Area 53 Assembly:

We formally request the combination of District 13 and District 14 into a single entity. This action is critical for the continuity of service within Fairfield County.

Rationale and Background

1. **Inactive Status:** Both District 13 and District 14 have been inactive ("dark") since 1997.
2. **Operational Necessity:** There are currently 26 total meetings within the two district boundaries. The geographical division, which splits Lancaster in half, has proven detrimental to the continuity of service necessary to support Fairfield County.
3. **Current Operations:** To address this, we recently reactivated the districts and have been operating them effectively as a single combined entity (District 13/14) for approximately ½ a year. This process of combining operations is now ready to be brought to the Assembly for formal approval.
4. **District Approval:** This issue has been thoroughly discussed and voted upon at both the District Meeting and the District Committee Member (DCM) Meeting, with both votes reflecting substantial unanimity in favor of the proposed change.
5. **Assembly Inclusion:** I formally requested the inclusion of this item in the upcoming assembly, and the Area Planning Committee has voted to add it to the agenda for a vote.

Proposed Motion

I motion that District 14 be combined with District 13.

Required Area 53 Guideline Changes

The following changes to the **Area 53 Guidelines** are required to formalize this combination:

1. **Article X, Section 6, Subsection (d) (Reference):**
 - **Action:** NO CHANGE to the following reference:
 - Article X – 6) District Committee Member Chairperson
 - d) District Boundaries
 - i) District Boundaries are shown approximately on the map in Appendix A
2. **Appendix A (Map and Description Changes):**
 - **Action:** Change Boundary Map to reflect the combination of District 13 and District 14.
 - **Action:** Remove District 14 (strikethrough is noted in the original guideline).
 - **Action:** Change the District 13 description in Appendix A.

[Appendix A Map Attachment to be included on the reverse side.]

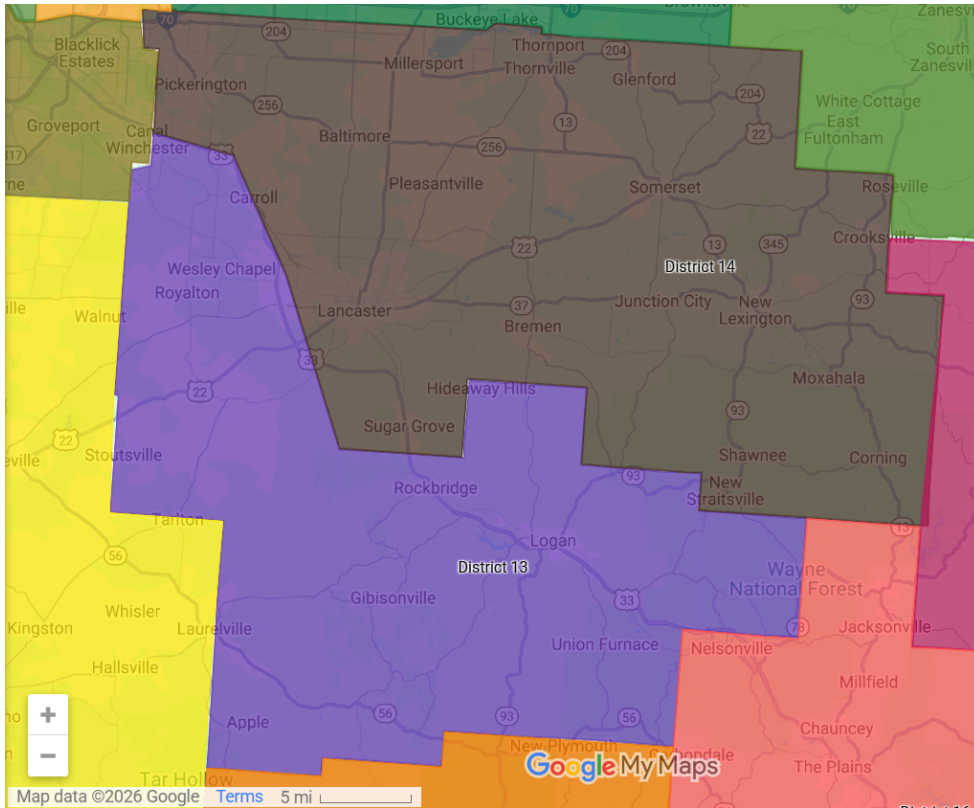
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Old District 13/14 split-

District 13 Fairfield County west of Rt. 33 & Hocking County

District 14 Fairfield County east of Rt. 33 & Perry County

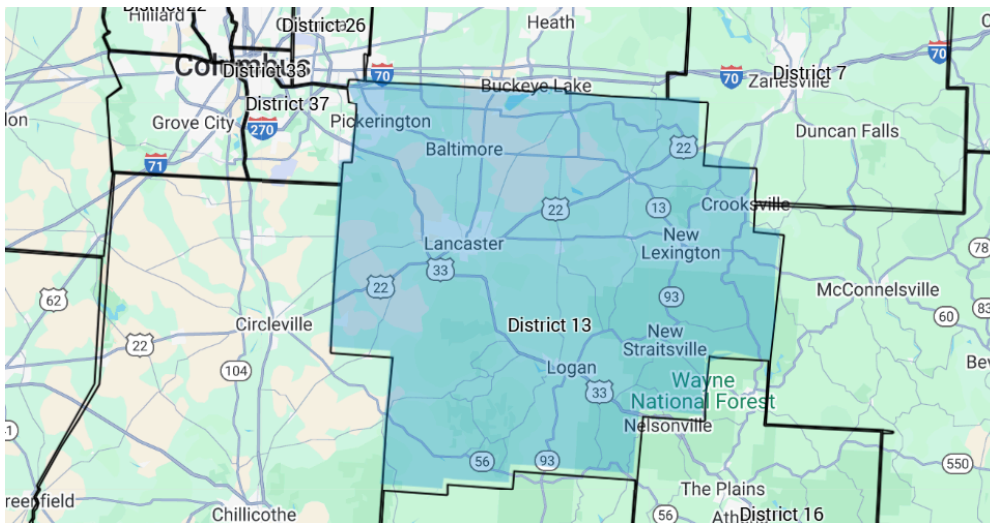
(Taken from Area 53 Guidelines Appendix A- District Boundaries)



(Map is a Screenshot from Area 53 Google Map)

New Combined- DISTRICT 13

District 13- Fairfield County, Hocking County, and Perry County



(Newly rendered map of District 13/14, combined to be District 13)

Proposed Agenda Item

A concern over the jacketless Big Book was brought up at the September Intergroup/Central Office of AA Seminar as reported by two of our office managers. The transcript of that discussion (included here) shows that “many people express that they wished the fourth edition, without the dust sleeve, looked like the third edition—just navy blue—especially newer people who are concerned about anonymity.”

As office managers of our Area’s Intergroup offices, we believe this is an important issue to our members. Since the book was changed, we have received complaints regarding the lack of a dust jacket. We assumed—though without confirmation—that the general AA membership had voted on this change at a Conference. After learning this was not Conference action, many Office Managers across the U.S. and Canada are bringing the issue to their Areas to determine whether it should go to the General Service Conference. The potential motion: to restore a dust jacket for the Fifth Edition of the Big Book.

Here is some background on it:

In the Winter 2022 issue of Box 459, the New ‘Jacketless’ Big Book was unveiled. Stating that “The jacketless cover format, known as ‘paper over board’ hardcover, has a printed cover treatment in which the dust jacket cover image is printed on the book itself, thus eliminating the considerable production time needed for sourcing materials and adding a separate paper jacket. A jacketless Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (Item B-2) is also in the works and promises to reduce delivery time.”

There is a Conference Policy that allows the AAWS Literature Committee to make these decisions as needed without bringing them to the Conference floor for Membership approval. Also, from the Box 459 issue from 2022, the jacketless book was presented to the office managers' seminar and “received a positive response.” I have provided this article from Box 459.

Additionally, the 1999 Advisory Action (49th Conference) explicitly includes “jacket materials” (i.e., dust jacket or cover materials) under delegated “editorial ‘fine tuning’” authority for A.A.W.S., alongside other non-substantive changes like footnotes and spelling, without Conference review (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, 2025, p. 67 [approximate; Fourth Edition publishing actions]). This is reinforced in the A.A. Service Manual, which notes that the Trustees' Literature Committee oversees “creative work” but delegates routine production, including design elements, to A.A.W.S. to ensure “best quality” without cheap or poorly conceived presentation (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, 2024a, pp. C-39, C-42).

For reference -Copy of the Presentation and communication at the ICOAA Office Manager's Seminar 2025 and which I attended:

2025 ICOAA Seminar- Memphis, TN- GSO & AAWS Presentation

Audio File Time Stamp- 1:15:49

Tom- St. Louis- My name is Tom, St. Louis, Missouri. I'm the manager. I've got about six community questions that we make up when we sit at one of our desks. The one on the front is the one that people who walk into the office ask, not the service junkies, but the more regular folks. It's about the dust sleeve being gone. I understand that there was inflation and lots of big changes in printing, and maybe it was because of the dust sleeve. But many people express that they wish the fourth edition, without the dust sleeve, looked like the third edition, just navy blue, especially newer people who are concerned about anonymity. I wonder what the cost would be to have one that has the dust sleeve incorporated and one that's just dark blue. But it is something that people who are buying new books for the first time consistently ask me ever since we got the dust sleeve.

Malini S.- Director of Operations- So, thank you. The question is about the dust sleeves, the absence of them, and the anonymity of the new edition. I'm going to call John, who was part of the publishing.

John W. General Service Trustee- I was on the publishing committee and part of those discussions, and there was, you know, it was supply chain issues. There were delays in the—Ed Nyland, who's the head of print production, came in and reviewed everything with us and, like, explained it's going to take this long and be this expensive if we do the way we've been doing it. We're able to get the B1 back on the shelves if we do this instead. So, it was a—so, I'm telling you why it happened. So, in response to that, we were looking at, you know, do we change things? Do we try to go back? What are our options there? At that point in time, the 5th edition looked like it was maybe going to be going to the conference this past year. So, I'm going to say we kicked it down the road a little bit. We thought, like, why try to, like, make another correction here when there might be a 5th edition, and we could address it there. So, that was where it left off. It didn't go beyond that as far as taking that information into consideration when it comes to the 5th edition, because we heard those concerns from lots of quarters, as well as, you know, that people were coming up with solutions.

Tom- St. Louis- So, I want to make sure I'm clear. The question isn't, can we get the dust sleeve back? The question is, can we get a more anonymous-looking book, like a dark blue one instead of one that has the dust sleeve incorporated?

John W. General Service Trustee- Yeah, so I'm sorry, to be clearer, we discussed whether or not we would change what the cover looked like, and the decision was to keep it the way it is and really look at it when it comes to the fifth edition, at how to anonymize or not, because it would be a different cover than what's on the fourth edition. Thanks.

That is all that is discussed about the Dust Jackets.

General Service Conference
Conference-Approved Literature Policy

While the General Service Conference (G.S.C.) must approve all new Conference-approved literature and any substantive changes to existing literature, it delegates certain limited editorial authority to the A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) Publishing Department (sometimes in consultation with the Trustees' Literature Committee) to handle updates without requiring a full Conference vote every time.

The delegated editorial categories generally fall into:

Minor Editorial Changes: This covers items that correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, typographical errors, or minor style inconsistencies that do not alter the meaning or intent of the text.

Routine Updates: This includes changes to reflect current facts, such as: Updating dates, statistics, or financial figures (e.g., maximum individual contributions, or pie charts in service material like the "Self-Support" pamphlet). Updating contact information or G.S.O. internal practices described in service material and guidelines.

Inclusivity and Respectful Language (Non-Substantive): The G.S.C. often approves a mandate for a change in principle (like moving toward more inclusive language) and delegates the application of that principle to the Publishing Department for specific, minor word swaps in pamphlets. For example, replacing a non-inclusive or outdated term with a more contemporary or respectful one, provided it doesn't fundamentally change the core message (such as the Conference recommending replacing "opposite sex" with "partner" in a specific instance, or replacing "inmate" with "person in custody," and then delegating the task of ensuring those updates are made consistently).

Format and Presentation Changes: Revisions to the physical presentation of literature, like updating a cover design, changing the font, or adjusting the layout, typically fall under the Publishing Department's purview, as long as the text itself remains Conference-approved.

In summary, the delegation is primarily for housekeeping, technical corrections, and the execution of previously approved general mandates that do not require a fresh group conscience on the principles of A.A. or its program.

■ Introducing the New ‘Jacketless’ Big Book: A Solution to Better Serve the Fellowship and Carry the Message

First printed in 1939, *Alcoholics Anonymous*—known as the Big Book—has carried the A.A. message of recovery for 83 years. Translated into 72 languages, and counting, the Big Book continues to reach millions of people in approximately 180 countries, helping suffering alcoholics around the world.

With recent and ongoing supply chain disruptions that have resulted in printing and delivery delays of A.A. literature, the Publishing Department at GSO looked for ways to decrease the manufacturing time of hardcover books and reduce backorders. One solution is the new ‘jacketless’ Big Book, which will be available to order in 2023.

The jacketless cover format, known as “paper over board” hardcover, has a printed cover treatment in which the dust jacket cover image is printed on the book itself, thus eliminating the considerable production time needed for sourcing materials and adding a separate paper jacket. A jacketless *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* (Item B-2) is also in the works and promises to reduce delivery time.

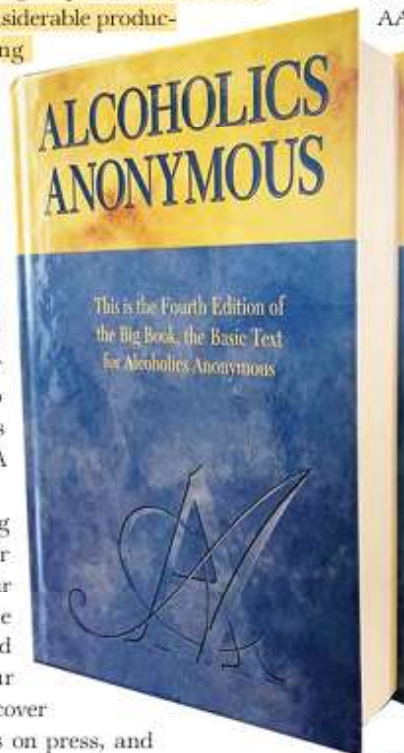
The new format was the result of efforts by David R., publishing director, and Ed Nyland, nonalcoholic senior print production manager, to scout industry best practices to contain costs and bring A.A. literature to market faster.

“We started bouncing some ideas around with our print representative about their capabilities,” Ed says. “The printed covers idea stemmed from that—just as one of our orders for the B-1 (the hardcover Big Book’s item number) was on press, and

our rep made some prototype mock-ups for me. I liked what I saw.” With the enthusiastic support of the AAWS board, and cross-department collaboration at GSO, including Publishing, Staff Services, Member Services, Finance, and Archives, the new format was adopted.

“We really welcome the new jacketless Big Book as an attractive and prudent option that will allow us to get the book printed and into the hands of those who most need it,” says Deborah K., chair of the AAWS Board. She added that the sample she brought to the annual Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV Seminar received a positive response.

GSO General Manager Bob W. applauded the efforts to meet the current challenges with innovative solutions. “I’m grateful for this thoughtful process and the collaboration of the Publishing Department, GSO staff, and AAWS board to continue to bring this essential A.A. literature to our Fellowship in a cost-effective and timely manner.”



Available in 2023: the new jacketless Big Book

As always, we encourage ordering the Big Book and all A.A. literature from local distribution sources—groups, districts, areas, and intergroups and central offices—as they play a vital role in local Twelfth Step activities. The new jacketless Big Book will be available in 2023 at the webstore, www.onlineliterature.aa.org.

Stay tuned for an announcement on www.aa.org.



Area 53

AA Treatment Facilities Committee



TFC Workshop

“What *IS* a Meeting Sponsor?”

Want to carry the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic in treatment? Want the hand of AA always to be there? We cordially invite you to work your own 12th Step and give the new man or woman what someone else has so freely given to you.

What to Expect: An engaging conversation with those already serving as a Meeting Sponsor. Q&A Session, and a presentation by the Archives Committee.

Date: Saturday, May 23rd, 2026

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Place: Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Rd.

Gahanna Ohio 43230

Bring a sponsee and show them what we do next!

Reynoldsburg Women's
12 & 12
Meeting of
Alcoholics Anonymous
Eighteenth Anniversary Celebration

March 21, 2026



Bring Your Sober Sisters for Food, Fun & Fellowship
as we celebrate our 18th Anniversary!!

Doors open at 8:00 am
Speaker Meeting starts at 10:00 am
Speaker: Sherry W.

Vineyard Christian Church
1055 McNaughten Rd.
Columbus, OH 43213

MONDAY NITE STEPS AND TRADITIONS

GROUP ANNIVERSARY



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM
SPEAKER JANET S. 7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH 2026

Meadow Park Church
2425 Bethel Rd, Columbus, OH

Chicken, a side and drinks provided

*Please bring a side or dessert to share