**Chairperson’s Report**

**Area 53 Assembly September 11, 2022**

* Due to the health concerns of Ann B., it is my honor and privilege to assume the role of Area Chair for the remainder of Panel 71.
* Since the June Assembly, I have worked with the Doubletree on securing meeting space for the remainder of Panel 71. Additionally, I attended the Meeting on the River in Marietta, Ohio on July 15th – 17th, met with the Tech Team on July 31st to discuss the tech support needed for the purpose of the Assembly, and wrote an article for the Newsletter encouraging members to stand for Area 53 Officer positions. On August 5th – 7th, I attended Ohio State Convention and chaired the “Walking with A Purpose” Panel and on August 27th, I attended the Pleasant Valley Group 76th Anniversary Celebration Hog Roast.
* The Area Committee met for its quarterly meeting virtually on July 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Thirty-one people attended: 1 Interested AA, 2 GSR’s, 8 DCM’s, DCM Chair, 3 Alternate Area Officers, 5 Area Officers, 6 Standing Committee Chairpersons, Alternate Delegate, Delegate and 3 Past Delegates. Full minutes from the meeting have been posted to the Area Website and sent to the panel and GSRs by the Area Recording Secretary.
  + **Highlights**
    - Heather R., District 22 DCM, and Ad Hoc Com Chair, reported on the distribution of agenda items prior to the Area 53 Mini-Conference and Joel K., Alt DCM Chair, District 15 DCM, and Ad Hoc Committee Chair, reported on the Area 53 Inventory.
    - Discussion on the continuance of the use of Zoom and screen sharing for the Area Assembly and what technology is needed to provide these services. The discussion resulted in the volunteering of several members to create a technology team for the sole purpose of providing tech support for future Area Assembly’s.
    - Discussion on the continuance of the Area having two Zoom accounts. With no compelling reason to hold two accounts, the second account will be discontinued at an appropriate time.
    - Guideline changes that were introduced at the June Assembly and actionable items from the Ad Hoc Committee reports will be on the December Assembly agenda.

If you are not subscribed to the Area 53 email newsletter, I encourage you to so that you don’t miss out on important information. I further encourage you to attend workshops and events that groups, and Districts hold to support their efforts to provide the Three Legacies of AA: **Recovery, Unity, and Service**.

Yours is Service,

Marcia H.

Area 53 Chair, Panel 71