#### Area 53 Assembly Agenda, December 8, 2024

#### Doubletree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus,, OH 43235

#### 10:00am – 4:00pm

#### 1. Opening of Assembly

- Call to Order and Serenity Prayer (We Version)
- Twelve Concepts (Short Form)
- Roll Call Delegate, Past Delegates, Trustees Past & Present, Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's, GSR's, Interested AA's,

#### 2. Officers Reports

- Chairperson Marcia H.
- Secretary Kari B.
  - Review and Approval of September, 2024 Minutes
- Treasurer Mac C.
- Registrar Chris J.
- Archivist Frank G.

## 3. DCM & GSR Reports & Sharing Session – Chaired by Kevin D., DCM Chair

**Topic:** Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity and Service. "You take a three legged stool, try to balance it on only one leg, or two. Our Three Legacies must be kept intact. In Recovery, we get sober together, in Unity, we work together for the good of our Steps and Traditions; and through Service--we give away freely what has been given to us."

#### 4. Standing Committee Reports

- Accessibilities Kathy B.
- Archives Teri G.
- Communication Services Gaebrail F.
- Correctional Facilities **Doug E.**
- CPC/PI Jennifer R.

- Grapevine Sara R.
- Group Services Brandi V.
- Intergroup Liaison Barbara M.
- Mini Conference Joel K.
- Treatment Facilities Megan R.

### 5. Old Business

• Voting on the Pamphlet: Area 53 General Service - Teri G

#### 6. New Business

- Voting on 2025 budget Mac C.
- Voting to add \$1,500 to the 2025 A.A.International Convention budget line item Mac C.
- 7. Ask It Basket
- 8. Close Meeting Responsibility Declaration

- Post September 2024 Assembly I have:
  - Attended various events hosted by Districts and A.A. groups
  - Attended Standing Committee meetings
  - Chaired the October Area Committee meeting
  - Chaired the 2025 Mini Conference Committee
  - Responded to questions from Interested AA's, GSR's, DCM's and Officers

As I rotate out of the Panel 73 Chairperson position, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the honor and privilege of being of service to you. Although the position has had its challenges, more importantly, it has had countless joys and positive outcomes that I will forever be grateful for.

Yours is Service,

Marcia H.

Area 53 Chair, Panel 73

#### 2024 Area 53 Budget vs Actual

	Income	2024 Budget	<u>2/29/2024</u>	<u>5/28/2024</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>	<u>11/30/2024</u>	<u>Total</u>	Balance
1	January 2023 Bank Balance (Estimated)	10,114	2 600	2 250	0 5 47	10.000	26 604	2 224
2a	Group/Individual Contributions	23,460 <b>33,574</b>	3,699	3,350 <b>3,350</b>	9,547 <b>9,547</b>	10,098	26,694	3,234
	Total Revenue	33,574	3,699	3,350	9,547	10,098	26,694	3,234
	Expenses							
	Officer Expenses							
4	GSO ExpenseDelegate to NY	2,200			2,200		2,200	-
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3,000						-	-
6	Delegate Expenses	3,685	311	(155)			156	3,529
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	2,770	311	2,469			2,780	(10)
8	Chairperson Expense	925		337			337	588
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	460		304			304	156
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	2,760		1,682	225	719	2,626	134
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	2,760		1,297	534		1,831	929
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	225		186			186	39
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	140					-	140
	Total Officer Expenses	15,925	622	6,120	2,959	719	10,420	5,505
Oper	rating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	444					-	444
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400			218	92	310	90
18	Bank Service Charges	200	41	40	47	41	169	31
19	Web Site/Web Services	850	489		359	82	930	(80)
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25					-	25
	Total Operating Expenses	1,919	530	40	624	215	1,409	510
	ting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	200	50	50	50	50	200	-
23	Assemblies/ <b>ZOOM</b>	3,000	34	51	803	51	939	2,061
23a	Copy Expense	800	176	276	163	149	764	36
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					-	200
	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,200	260	377	1,016	250	1,903	2,297
Committee Expenses								
26	Mini-Conference	-		407	405		-	-
27	Archives	470		137	105	1 2 4 0	242	228
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	2,000		0.25	650	1,340	1,990	10
29	CPC/PI Correctional Facilities	925		925	550		925	-
30 21	Treatment Facilities	1,100		550	550		1,100	-
31 32	Grapevine	1,000 460		1,000 460			1,000 460	-
33	Group Services	400 500		400		300	300	- 200
33 34	Accessibilities	600		235		300	235	365
34	Liaison	50		233			-	50
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	925		311	155		466	459
50	Total Committee Expenses	8,030		3,618	1,460	1,640	6,718	1,312
	Total Expenses	30,074	1,412	10,155	6,059	2,824	20,450	9,624
	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	3,500	2,287	(6,805)	3,488	7,274	6,244	
	Cash Beginning Balance	11,267						
	YTD Contributions	26,694						
	YTD Expenses	(20,450)						
	CDPP and Mini Conference							
		(1,840)						
	Cash Ending Balance	15,671						

Respectfully Submitted: Malcolm C., Area 53, Panel 73 Treasurer

December 2, 2024

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY**

## **DECEMBER 8, 2024**

**Groups in Area 53** – Currently, there are 817 groups meeting in Area 53. Active Groups include 418 Regular Groups, 5 Virtual Groups, and 3 New Groups. There are 391 Unknown Groups with no contact,

**Data Integrity / Database Cleanup** – I have worked to clean up the group and trusted servant data throughout this panel. This has caused a decline in the number of groups and active groups reported. We all know that there are many AA groups meeting that are not registered. They do not show up in these numbers. Each member is asked to work with such groups to help get them registered so a more accurate report can be produced. I will be happy to assist with such efforts.

**Registrar Transition** – Debbe Y, incoming Area Registrar, has met with me twice for orientation to the Fellowship Connection Database. Debbe is learning the system and should be well prepared to serve Area 53 as Registrar. I expect we will meet at least once more before the end of year, and I will continue to support her from the Alternate's position.

## Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 53 during Panel 73.

Respectfully, Chris J, Registrar Area 53 General Service

#### Zane State Group, District 7

Kerry M, GSR Submitted: 11/15/2024 Meeting Format: Open Discussion Meeting Time & Location: 6pm, Zanesville Ohio, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Learning About Sobriety Big Book Group, District 7

Lue G, GSR Submitted: 11/20/2024 Meeting Format: Big Book reading Meeting Time & Location: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Zanesville, GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Attendance has been down the past few months, but we have a close core of home group members. There is more understanding within the group of the importance of having a quality meeting rather than a quantity of attendees.

#### District 11, Madison and Union counties

Mela K, DCM Submitted: Dec. 1, 2024 District Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at 6 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Fifth St., Marysville Ohio 43040 Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

We are planning our New Year's Eve celebration (see District calendar for flyer.) We're featuring a literature table with free pamphlets, flyers and Grapevines. Door prizes are AA books. We will hold our January District meeting in London instead of Marysville to encourage the fellowship between meetings in both Madison and Union counties. If it is successful, we may hold meetings there

multiple times during the year.

#### Marysville Fellowship Group, District 11

Joe H, GSR Submitted: 11/24/2024 Meeting Format: Rotating Meeting Time & Location: 7:30, 687 London Ave, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Rise and shine Saturday morning AA Group, District 11

Molly T, GSR Submitted: 11/22/2024 Meeting Format: BB / discussion rotating format Meeting Time & Location: 9:30 am, Cornerstone global Methodist church Marysville, Ohio, GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Getting the newcomer active and sponsored.

#### District 15, Morgan, Monroe, Nobel, Washington,

Koel D, DCM Submitted: 12/8/24 District Meeting: 4th Wednesday at 6:30, Serenity House Marietta Active GSRs: 8 District Report on Events and Discussions: We held elections last month and I would like to congratulate our new officers. DCM- Yvette D Alt DCM- Dean B Secretary- Tyler L Treasurer- Gary D It has been my Honor and privilege to serve district 15 and I look forward to see what great things are to come with this new panel

#### District 16, Athens

Travis H, DCM Submitted: 11/29/24 District Meeting: 1st Sunday of month at 530, United methodist church 2 S. College St. Active GSRs: 7 District Report on Events and Discussions: Alkathon from 6am to 2pm at market on state Athens, Ohio December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Wake Up Into Action Group, District 26

Gregory R, GSR Submitted: 11/25/2024 Meeting Format: Multiple/Rotating Meeting Time & Location: 7 AM Weekdays & 8 AM Saturdays, 901 S Sunbury Rd; Westerville, OH 43081, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Stepping Stones Group, District 26

Jason F, GSR Submitted: 11/17/2024 Meeting Format: Speaker, Open Meeting Time & Location: 7:30pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Courage to Change Group, District 26

Alison B, GSR Submitted: 12/01/2024 Meeting Format: open big book discussion Meeting Time & Location: 6:30pm, 1340 crest rd. Reynoldsburg Ohio, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Women walking together Group, District 26

Angie M, GSR Submitted: 12/02/2024 Meeting Format: Chairwomen choice Meeting Time & Location: 6:30pm to 7:30 pm, 901 s Sunbury rd. Westerville oh 43081, GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Group will sponsor time slots at Christmas and new year's Alkathon

#### District 28, OSU, Clintonville, Worthington, Linden

Kyle M, DCM Submitted: 12/02/2024 District Meeting: 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM, 1180 Shanley Drive, Columbus, OH 43224 Active GSRs: 12+ District Report on Events and Discussions: District 26 & 28 2024-2025 Alkathon https://area53aa.org/event/district-26-28-annual-alkathon/ for more details. Hello trusted servants of Area 53! Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our newly elected District officers! District Committee Member: Kathy C. (Plug in the Jug) Alternate District Committee Member: Max O. (Indianola BB) Treasurer: Jen T. (Cocktail Belles) Secretary: Nancy R. (Welcome group) We've already updated the District 28 web page with the new Treasurer information for mailing. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve District 28. I have learned so much and am excited to continue serving on the next panel as your Area 53/Panel 75 Alternate Chair. I am confident that this new team will lead us to continued success in the coming years! Please take a moment to congratulate these dedicated individuals and offer your support. I look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly and upcoming district meetings and events! Thank you for letting me serve!

#### Promises Group, District 28

James w, GSR Submitted: 11/21/2024 Meeting Format: discussion-select from list of promises Meeting Time & Location: Wednesday 12 noon, Crestview Presbyterian Church-350 E Tulane Rd, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Roundtable Group, District 28

Nadia K, GSR Submitted: 11/21/2024Meeting Format: Rotating Meeting Time & Location: Tuesday 7:30 pm, 1970 Waldeck Ave, GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Anniversary December 3rd: Fellowship 6pm. Food 6:30. Speaker at 7:30.

#### Cocktail Belles Group, District 28

Jenifer T, GSR Submitted: 11/21/2024 Meeting Format: Women's literature meeting- Stories from BB, ESH, The Voices of Women in AA and Ours Twelve Traditions. Meeting Time & Location: Friday 5:30 -6:30 pm, St. James Presbyterian Church, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Boiled Owls Group, District 28

Gaebrial F, GSR Submitted: 11/26/2024 Meeting Format: Literature Meeting Meeting Time & Location: 6:30pm Sundays, 350 E Tulane Rd, Columbus, OH 43202, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

#### Women's HOW Group, District 28

Susan L, GSR Submitted: 11/28/2024 Meeting Format: Literature/Discussion Meeting Time & Location: Saturday 9:30 am, Overbrook Church, GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Women's HOW decided at the last group conscience to separate the in-person and zoom meetings into 2 independent meetings. Over the next couple of months, each meeting will develop its own email and home group lists, and separate trusted leader roles and finances.

#### Early Evening Faith and Hope Group, District 28

Sabrina G, GSR Submitted: 12/02/2024 Meeting Format: Rotating Meeting Time & Location: 5:45-6:45 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday, Trinity Church, GSR Report on Events and Discussions: I'm newly elected, and this is my 1st assembly as a GSR! We will plan and have our Anniversary before the next assembly. Look to the area website for details to come!

#### District 30, Between Scioto and Olentangy Rivers

Mark H, DCM Submitted: Nov. 19 District Meeting: First Wednesday at 6 pm, Tremont library Active GSRs: 8 District Report on Events and Discussions: Have agreed to do 7am meeting for mini conference.



# ALCATHON

# Market on State Athens, OH 45701

# Tuesay, December 31st, 2024 @ 6pm

We are starting the fun with a potluck at 6pm. Sign up to bring a dish to pass by scanning the QR code.





We are seeking meetings to sponsor different shifts during the event. Please sign up your home meeting by scanning this QR code.

Questions/ Comments? Talk to Sarah V. 740.818.4030 or email at sarahv.seeking.serenity@gmail.com

# **DISTRICT 26 & 28 PRESENTS**

# **2025** ANNUAL ALKATHON

December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>

12:00 PM (Noon) - 12:00 PM (Noon)

Activities Led by Local Home Groups (meetings, mini-leads, fellowship, etc.) \*\*Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!\*\*

DJ/Dance 10:00 PM - Midnight New (Year's Eve!)

**ReyNaz Church** 

1340 Crest Rd

# Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

For Questions: Contact Maria C. at (614) 406-1431 or Kyle M. at (614) 353-6817 For information about online meetings/online groups please visit: http://aa-intergroup.com

# Area 53 Assembly Meeting Accessibilities Committee Report December 8, 2024

The Accessibilities Committee hold their meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am on **<u>zoom</u>**. The committee would like to ask all those interested in serving on this committee to come join us as we begin a new year with new leadership! All are welcome!

We are currently focusing on the following projects:

- We currently have 5 members
- Communication avenues to reach out to as many AA's needing reasonable accommodations as possible
- Designing a flyer to include many resource links
- Focusing on Assisted Living and Nursing Homes; identifying points of contact
- Add more resources to our webpage on Area 53

The committee wanted to stress to our AA members with disabilities and/or special needs that we would like to help <u>whenever possible</u>. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend an AA event or to have access to AA resources, please contact us at <u>accessibilities@area53aa.org</u>.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

# Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### 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.

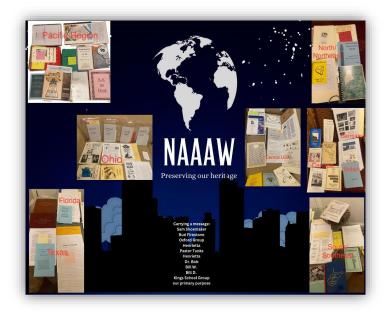
The Archives Committee encourages Groups to select representatives (AGR's) for the Archives Committee. All members of AA are welcome to attend a monthly Archives Committee meeting to learn more about the Area 53 Archives Committee. The Archives Committee conducts a monthly meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom; refer to the Area 53 website for details <u>Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service</u> (area53aa.org).

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. In the last quarter I attended the Grapevine Workshop, the Open House Event at COGF and the National AA Archives Workshop. Refer to the information below for more details regarding the National AA Archives Workshop.

The Archives Committee has forwarded a request to have the Membership review the pamphlet, *Is Area 53 Service for You? A Brief Introduction for the Newcomer to Alcoholics Anonymous Area 53 Service*, developed by Past Delegate Bill S. The pamphlet is on today's agenda for us to discuss.

# 27TH NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP "24 Hours a Day: Then & Now" - September 26-29, 2024

In September of this year, I had the privilege to attend the National AA Archives Workshop in Des Moine, Iowa. The National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop ("NAAAW") began in 1996 with a Workshop held in Akron, Ohio at the Mayflower Hotel. The Workshop arew out of the desire of a aroup of Archivists to have a Workshop for the Archivists operating within the General Service, Intergroup, and Institutions structures. These Archivists are found across North America as well as the rest of the world. We take our inspiration from the first General Service Archivist, Nell Wing (a non-alcoholic), and all the subsequent General Service Office Archivists.



I was happy to help with registering participants for our tour of the Iowa State Capitol building and the White House, a local treatment center. We toured the Iowa State Capitol building and learned about how the history of the State House has been carefully preserved. Our next stop of the tour took us to the White House, which is located at 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue. The White House is a non-profit alcohol and drug rehab that offers treatment for a variety of substance abuse addictions including alcoholism. The White House offers meeting space for AA meetings.

The opportunity to meet up with folks that share a common purpose is a joyful experience. The workshop attendance included over two hundred attendees from the United States and Canada. I attended workshops/talks that focused on the following topics:

- Archives Preservation
- Repositories and Storage
- Hank P. Big Book Contributor
- Cybersecurity in Arching
- Digitizing Archives
- Women in Early AA
- The Untold Story of AA's "Fantastic Communicator "
- Anonymity in Archives in The New Age

I was able to spend time with workshop participants to ask questions and explore opportunities such as growing our collection of group histories. The collection of AAs that are dedicated to preservation of our history is one of a kind. Many folks share freely their experience, progress, and resources. Many of the workshops were recorded and please contact the Archives Chair at <u>archives@area53aa.org</u>, if you are interested in listening to the recordings. I am looking forward to moving forward the ideas that I learned about at the workshop and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of preserving our Area 53 history.

I have included remarks from Chris J. who also attended the workshop:

- Honored to have been asked to share a presentation on the Life of Hank Parkhurst. Hank worked alongside Bill Wilson as Publishing Manager for the Big Book. I was grateful for the support of several friends from Ohio, Iowa and elsewhere.
- How to Conduct an Oral History Interview, Christine E, Area 9, So. California. She shared the questionnaire used for their interviews and several how-to tips like using her iPhone to simplify recording. However, the highlight of this presentation was her sample interview with Joanne L, currently serving as Regional Trustee for Western Canada. Joanne has more than 40 years of sobriety.
- Was impressed by the Archival Notebooks shared on a display table. These notebooks featured a mixture of items documenting the start of AA in several communities around the U.S. and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri G., Area 53 Archives Chair archives@area53aa.org

## Area 53 December '24 Communications Committee Report

The communications committee called their inaugural meeting, aligned on the requested scope of the committee and held elections. The committee aligned on subcommittees and our election results are included.

Communications Committee:

Chair: Gaebrial F Alt Chair: Sara R Secretary: Koel D

Subcommittees:

Website and Content Management subcommittee:

Chair: Josh C

Digital Communications subcommittee:

Chair: Kyle D

Audio and Visual Meeting subcommittee:

Chair: Open

Communications Committee Regular Meetings:

Committee meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month remotely. (The link can be found on the Area website) with the next meeting scheduled for 1/9/2025 at 7:00pm

We would love the support of any interested AA's as we seek to serve the Area.

In love and service,

Gaebrial F 734-478-9270

## Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information Committee Report for Area 53 Assembly December 8, 2024

Our Committee currently consists of approximately 8 members, mostly representing groups in Franklin, Union, and Logan counties. 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 on West Town St. We provide virtual access to those who are not able to attend in person.

Since the last Assembly, our committee has continued its efforts to connect with professionals who are often the first point of contact for the still-suffering alcoholic, to educate them about what AA is and what AA isn't. Our members have staffed tables and networked at multiple area health fairs and veterans events. We were also invited by Two Men and a Truck, a local moving company, to give an informational presentation on AA at their quarterly all–staff meeting. Our members from District 1 have also participated in multiple community-based recovery events in Champaign and Logan counties.

We continue our efforts to educate AA members about the committee's work and how they can contribute. As our committee has gotten busier with events and speaking engagements, regular attendance at our monthly committee meetings has declined. We are looking to recruit members of AA to serve on a "volunteer roster." This is for AAs who cannot commit to regular committee meeting attendance, but would still like to participate in staffing booths and distributing Public Information materials in their community.

At our December meeting we will be electing trusted servants for the upcoming Panel. We have candidates for Chair and Secretary; we are still seeking candidates for Treasurer and IT.

In Service,

Jennifer R Area 53 CPC-PI Chair

# Area 53 Grapevine Committee Report for 12/8/2024 Area 53 Assembly

- The Grapevine Committee Writing Workshop went great! We had 30-40 people in attendance. We would appreciate some more area/district support for the next event in 2025. The event planning will be passed to the next chair and committee. The total cost for the event was approximately \$380.
- Please let your Grapevine reps know that Grapevine has a YouTube channel, an Instagram, and The Grapevine Magazine app with a sobriety counter and Grapevine Quote of the day.
- Price increase cards for Grapevine Reps to display at their meetings are available and include the new price of \$36 for a print subscription. Feel free to contact me or the next Grapevine Committee chair at grapevine@area53aa.org.
- The Grapevine Committee is looking for Grapevine Reps who do not attend the monthly meeting to become involved. The committee meets on the first Saturday of the month. We have gone hybrid for Grapevine Reps in further districts to attend. The next meeting is January 4, 2025, 11 am at Central Office. Information available at: https://area53aa.org/grapevine-committee/
- A budget has been discussed and submitted for the 2025 year.
- The Grapevine committee has discussed and approved suggested Area 53 Grapevine Standing Committee Positions. A new chair, alt-chair, treasurer, alt-treasurer, secretary, and alt-secretary will be voted in for the next committee rotation starting in January 2025.

In love and service,

Sara R. Area 53 Grapevine Committee Chair 317-469-6641

#### **AREA 53 TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

December Report

Greetings Area 53! Your Treatment Facilities Committee continues to look for willing volunteers to carry the message of HOPE to those that are in treatment. The committee meets the third Saturday of the month at Central Office-651 West Broad St, Columbus, Ohio-at NOON! You can also join us via zoom! The zoom information is available on the Area53aa.org website, under the standing committees tab. You can also sign up to be a meeting sponsor or a Bridging the Gap volunteer on the website.

The committee continues to grow, and we greatly appreciate the support of all of those who have helped carry the message of HOPE. The committee continues to look for Group Treatment Representatives (GTR). If your home group does not have a GTR please consider discussing the position at your next group conscious!

Our current literature budget is \$1790.93! THANK YOU TO ALL THE GROUPS THAT HELP SUPPORT THE BUYING OF LITERATURE!! Our current Area budget is \$475.83. Thanks to those that have donated to specifically help supplement our Area budget!

Yours in service

Megan R- TFC Chair