

# 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL AREA 54 NORTHEAST OHIO GENERAL SERVICE MINI-CONFERENCE March 23-25, 2018



## “AA – A Solution for All Generations”

**All MEMBERS of A.A. are encouraged to attend this conference!**

<p><b><u>SPEAKERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Banquet</u></b> <b>(Open AA Meeting)</b></p> <p><b><u>Steve Smith</u></b> <b><u>GSO Staff</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Trustee’s Report</u></b></p> <p><b>Registration</b> Friday: 2 – 7 PM Saturday: 8 – Noon</p> <p><b>Hospitality Suite</b> Opens Friday at 4 PM</p> <p><b>Conference Begins</b> Friday: 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Come Have Your Group’s Voice Heard in New York</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Friday –</b></li> <li>➤ History of Mini-Conference</li> <li>➤ Introductions</li> <li>➤ General Sharing Session</li>   <li>➤ <b>Saturday –</b></li> <li>➤ Early-Bird A.A. meeting</li> <li>➤ Conference Committee Sessions</li> <li>➤ Presentations of Committee Reports</li> <li>➤ Voting on Agenda Items</li> <li>➤ Banquet, Skit &amp; Speaker Meeting</li>   <li>➤ <b>Sunday –</b></li> <li>➤ Early Bird A.A. Meeting</li> <li>➤ Panel Discussions</li> <li>➤ Ask-It Basket</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LOCATION</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holiday Inn</b> 15471 Royalton Road Strongsville, Ohio 44136 Tel: 440-238-8800</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$99 per night</b> (Plus State &amp; Local Tax) Includes Complimentary Breakfast Buffet</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reserve your room by February 20, 2018</b> Ref: Northeast Ohio Mini-Conference</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free parking for hotel guests and local participants</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Handicap Accessible</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For More Information Contact</b> Jamie B. 216-548-5410 Shyrl B. 216-702-0572</p>
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2018			
NAME _____	As you would like it on your name badge _____		
ADDRESS _____			
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____	PHONE _____
Registration _____	x \$20.00 = \$ _____		
Saturday (Buffet) Banquet _____	x \$35.00 = \$ _____	Request for Special Needs _____	
(Banquet prepaid only)	Total = \$ _____		
<p>Please make checks payable to NE Ohio Mini-Conference Mail to Area 54 Mini-Conference, PO Box 91384 44101-3384 Email inquiries to: <a href="mailto:MiniConference@area54.org">MiniConference@area54.org</a> <b>POSTMARK NO LATER FEBRUARY 24, 2018</b> or register at the Conference</p>			

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### **Directions**

**From Erie and Points North East:** Take I-90 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.

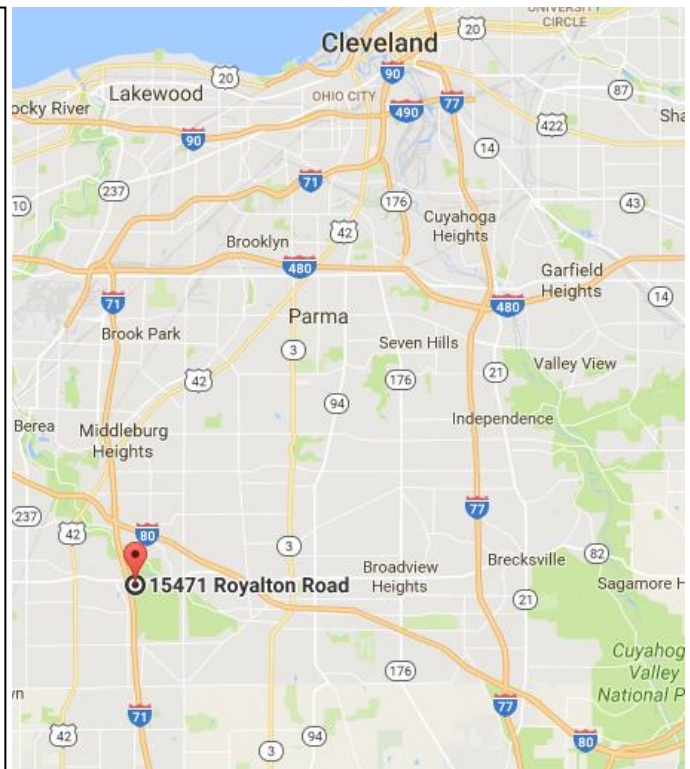
**From Downtown Cleveland:** Follow I-71 South to the Royalton Rd/State Route 82 exit #231A. Turn Right (eastbound) onto Royalton Rd. The hotel will be on your right.

**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.

**All members of A.A. are encouraged to attend!**  
**Name badges must be worn at all times!**