

Service - What a Concept!

Celebrating 50 Years with 12 Concepts



1962-2012



56TH OHIO STATE CONVENTION OF A.A.

Hosted by Ohio and S.E. Michigan General Service

commemorates the Golden Anniversary of the introduction of the Twelve Concepts for World Service this summer with a program jam-packed full of Recovery, Unity and Service.

JULY 20, 21 AND 22, 2012

Hilton Cleveland East/Beachwood

3663 Park East Drive – Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Phone (216) 464-5950 – Mention Ohio State Convention

Special Convention Rate - \$75.00 + tax per night: must reserve by June 29th

Registration opens at 12:00 Noon Hospitality Room Opens at 3:00 p.m.

Registration Form

Print your name as you would like it to appear on your I.D. Badge _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Early Registration \$21 x _____ = _____
 Late Registration \$22 x _____ = _____
 Luncheon Buffet \$23 x _____ = _____
 Saturday Banquet \$35 x _____ = _____ ___ BEEF ___ CHICKEN ___ FISH
 Hospitality donation _____
TOTAL

Tours to Akron historical sites available upon request

Please circle one: **AA** **AL-ANON** **ALATEEN** **OYPAA**

Before July 10: Make checks payable and mail to: *Ohio State Convention*
P.O. Box 22660 – Beachwood, Ohio 44122

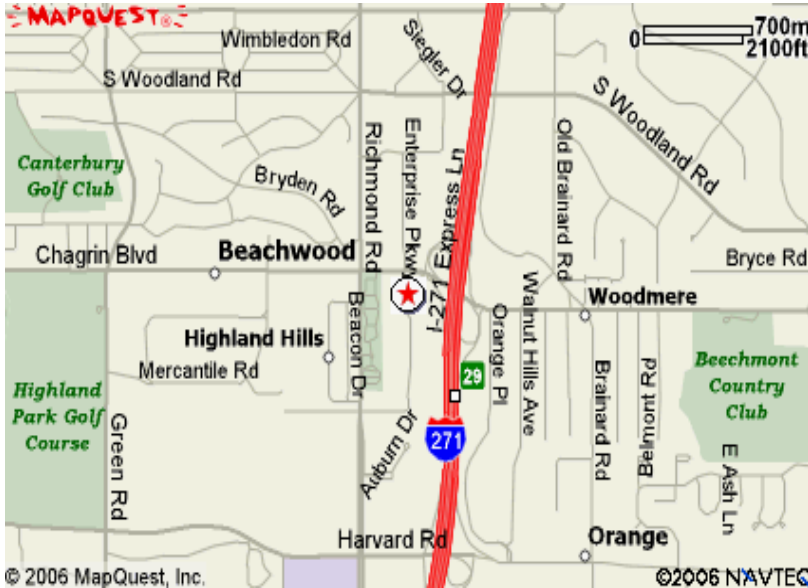
No refunds for registration and meals after July 15th

For more information contact: Bob D. 216-408-9020 or Ola P. 216-662-8906

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Directions

From I-90 and Points North: Take I-271 (local lanes) South to Chagrin Blvd. Turn right and follow to first street which is Park East Drive and turn left.

From Downtown Cleveland: Take I-77 South to I-480 East and follow to I-271 (local lanes) North to Chagrin Blvd. Turn left and follow to first street which is Park East Drive and turn left.

From Points East: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) West and follow to 187/Exit 13. Take I-480 West to I-271 (local lanes) North to Chagrin Blvd. Turn Left and follow to first street which is Park East Drive and turn Left.

From Points West: Take the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) East and follow to exit 9A. Then follow I-480 East to I-271 (local lanes) North to Chagrin Blvd. Turn left and follow to first street which is Park East Drive and turn left.

From Points South: Take I-71 or I-77 North to I-271 (local lanes) North to Chagrin Blvd. Turn left and follow to first street which is Park East Drive and turn Left.

Amenities at the Hilton Hotel

All guestrooms, with one king or two double beds, feature the new Serenity Bed by Hilton, Sweet Dreams bedding in all guest rooms and Crabtree & Evelyn La Source bath amenities. Guestrooms include a chair with ottoman, large work desk with lamp, two line speaker phones, wireless High speed internet, voicemail, personal wake up call, a digital alarm clock with the capability to plug in MP3 players, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, complimentary in room Lavazza coffee and access to On Command Videos. Refrigerators, Microwaves & Rollaways are available at a cost of \$25.00 and are based upon availability. Newly renovated Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment by Precor® High Speed Internet Access, In House Audio/Visual Department, 24 Hour Business Center; 404 guest rooms and 8 suites.

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotating schedule by one of the four Ohio Service Areas. The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to the districts and groups in Ohio. It fosters cooperation among the four Ohio Areas, highlights General Service in these Areas and shares experience on AA's Three Legacies. The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio and southeast Michigan, helping us to stay sober to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences/conventions. But, in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held throughout Ohio. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since "There are no dues or fees for AA membership..." there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels/convention centers, there is a charge for the use of the facility. Along with the Facility's charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers (they are never paid a fee for speaking), printing of flyers, schedules, badges, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money to present. The Ohio State Convention of A.A. is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees, No baskets are passed. The ideal event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members, we pay our own way.

I.D. BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONVENTION