

## Open Letter to the Al-Anon Groups in Akron Area

Dear Friends in Al-Anon

As of today, 10/28/2015, Akron Al-Anon Intergroup Co-Chair position is still vacant.

**At the end of November, I no longer will continue the “fill-in” in that capacity.**

So, the big question is – what it will take for someone to step forward and take the position?

Here, at the Akron Intergroup, we are trying to Grow thru Service, “practice this principles”, “share our experience, strength and hope with others” – all thru Al-Anon SERVICE, one of our most important principles. But somehow:

- we do not attract significant number of new faces at the Intergroup meetings – first Tuesday of each month,
- we do not infect newcomers (to the Intergroup business meeting) with the bug of Service,
- we do not keep majority of them to “do” the “keep coming back” principle.

There are several groups not having a regular presence at the Intergroup’s meetings – please see attached information – “Attendance for Voting” sheet. There are 20 groups listed, out of 61 (not counting Alateen groups) in the Meeting Schedule. **Is your group listed??**

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According to the By-Laws of the Intergroup, following are the Duties and Responsibilities of the Co-Chair:

### **B. CO-CHAIRPERSON**

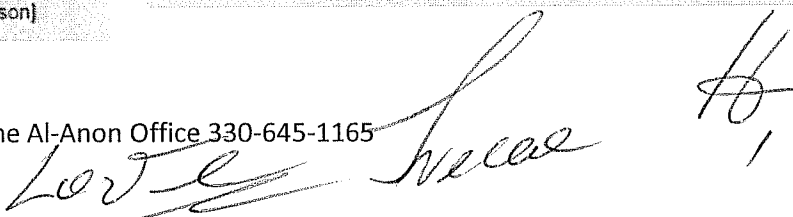
#### Duties:

1. Assist the Chairperson in duties pertinent to the welfare of Intergroup and Al-Anon as a whole
  2. Assume chairing meetings in the absence of the chairperson
  3. Publish and mail the monthly newsletter
  4. Attend all Founders Day Committee meetings
  5. Serve on the Annual Conference Committee
- TERM: TWO (2) YEARS**  
**[ONE (1) as co-chairperson, ONE (1) as Chairperson]**

**B. To be eligible to run for any position, it is recommended an Al-Anon member have:**

1. a minimum of one (1) year active involvement in Al-Anon
2. and attended four (4) Intergroup meetings within the past year
3. or successfully completed past Intergroup service and remain in good standing.

Sincerely, Irena H. – I can be reached thru the Al-Anon Office 330-645-1165



1. Through the years in Akron Al-anon, I’ve attended well over-thousand Al-Anon meetings and activities, met several hundreds of new-timers and old-times. I personally know many members of Al-Anon who can easily step into this service
2. I personally believe that Akron Area Al-Anon members attending numerous groups in the area are not aware of the service opportunities at the Intergroup. **Often personal Al-Anon program stops for a while** at the 12 Steps work on a personal level, **and does not progress beyond a service in a home-group.**
3. Last year – 2014, Akron Intergroup did not have a Co-Chair until October, when I’ve decided to step-in, based on my years of practicing my program of Service. This year – 2015, the 3-rd month of the vacancy is coming to close.
4. Currently, for the past 3 month, I fill in this important service, hoping that someone recognizes this excellent opportunity to Grow thru Service.



**Pass It On  
The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter**

Al-Anon's 4<sup>th</sup> Concept of Service is:  
"Participation is the key to Harmony."

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3614 Manchester Rd. Suite 103  
Akron, OH 44319

Website: [www.afg-akron.org](http://www.afg-akron.org)  
Call us at: 330-645-1165

Get involved through service! We need office volunteers & service officers. Call the office at 330-645-1165

**Send meeting topics or anniversary flyers by the 15<sup>th</sup> of month to:**  
**[passitonafg@yahoo.com](mailto:passitonafg@yahoo.com)**

Your group donation of \$10 for the flyer can be sent to the office, it assists with newsletter cost.

Intergroup Service Officers

**Chairperson**  
Irena H. 330-903-6578

**Co-Chair - Editor**  
OPEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Secretary**  
Marian H.

**Treasurer**  
Laurie R.  
**Co-Treasurer**  
Monica C.

**Literature**  
Donna N.  
**Co-Literature**  
OPEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**PIC (Public Info Coord.)**  
Jerry M.  
**Co-PIC**  
OPEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**MOW (Mtgs. On Wheels)**  
Brandon S.

**Alateen**  
Linda K. 330-858-4970  
**Co-Alateen**  
OPEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Office Coordinator**  
Roberta T. 330-285-5619

**OAAC**  
Jo S.

**Webmaster ~ Richie L.**

(Webmasters available at  
[passitonafg@yahoo.com](mailto:passitonafg@yahoo.com))

**Archives**  
Leah E

Inside

- October Minutes
- September Financials
- November Meeting Topics

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**Akron Intergroup Meeting**  
**Tuesday 11/3/2015 @ 7:30 pm**

Open to all Al-Anon Members,  
**You** are Encouraged to Attend!

**Meeting on Wheels**

2015 Schedule Enclosed  
Location, and contact info  
included on the Web

November – Norton Serenity  
(Friday 7:30)

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Did You Know?

**Intergroup's  
Co-Chair position  
is still  
VACANT!!!**

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Our District Reps

District 25 Monica C.  
District 48 Carol R  
District 51 Jo S.  
District 56 Chris M.H.

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**Celebrations, Workshops &  
Conferences**

**COME TO ALATEEN**  
Meeting on Thursdays 8:00 pm  
First Christian  
Church –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls

**Gratitude Nite**

**November 21, 2015**

Tallmadge United Methodist Church  
2007 N. Munroe Road, Tallmadge

**Flyer inside**

**Save the Date**

June 24-26, **2016**

Time To Grow – Ohio Area  
Convention, Cleveland

**Flyer inside**

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**Service Opportunities**

For any office volunteer position  
call the office 330-645-1165  
or Roberta at 330-285-5619  
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AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES  
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Sep-15

PREPARED BY: Laurie R

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	AVERAGE/MO
Literature	\$1,897.93	\$17,980.34	\$1,997.82
Group Donations	\$15.00	\$1,951.38	\$216.82
Individual Donations	\$2.24	\$114.35	\$12.71
AIR Conference	\$0.00		
Subscriptions	\$350.00		\$38.89
Fliers	\$50.00	\$170.00	\$18.89
Miscellaneous (1)	\$66.00	\$961.83	\$106.87
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$116.13	\$1,149.11	\$127.68
Total Income	\$2,147.30	\$22,677.01	\$2,519.67
AL-ANON EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Rent	\$600.00	\$5,400.00	\$600.00
Gas	\$87.44	\$453.50	\$50.39
Electric	\$28.50	\$509.23	\$56.58
Phone & DSL	\$178.68	\$1,613.80	\$179.31
Newsletter Postage	\$113.38	\$230.28	\$0.00
Office Postage	\$13.09	\$63.69	\$25.59
Office Supplies	\$46.82	\$254.15	\$7.08
Literature	\$1,137.68	\$12,611.96	\$28.24
Copier	\$147.45	\$1,327.05	\$147.45
Miscellaneous		\$492.50	\$54.72
Alateen		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio State Sales Tax		\$1,487.72	\$165.30
Total Expenses	\$2,353.04	\$24,443.88	\$2,715.99
Net Income - Expenses	-\$205.74	-\$1,766.87	-\$196.32
NON-CASH EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE		
MOW	\$0.00		
PIC	\$0.00		
Total	\$0.00		
Al-Anon Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Deposits	\$0.00		
Withdrawals	\$0.00		
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$		

ALATEEN INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Group Donations		\$416.50
Individual Donations		\$22.20
Miscellaneous		\$0.00
Total Alateen Income	\$0.00	\$438.70
AL-TEEN EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature		\$0.00
Komiac		\$0.00
Miscellaneous		\$175.41
Total Alateen Expenses	\$0.00	\$175.41
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$0.00	\$263.29
Alateen Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Deposits	\$0.00	\$438.70
Withdrawals	\$0.00	\$175.41
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$0.00	\$263.29

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES  
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: Sep-15

PREPARED BY: Laurie R

	Balance Carried Forward	\$ 12,130.43
Checking Account Deposits		\$2,147.30
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ -
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.12
		\$ -
Total Income & Deposits		\$ 2,147.42
Checking Disbursements		\$2,353.04
Alanon Savings Withdrawals		\$ -
Alateen Savings Withdrawals		\$ -
		\$ -
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 2,353.04
Current Balance		\$ 11,924.81
Checking Account Balance	\$2,857.49	Archives Balance
Prudent Reserve (CD)	\$4,521.87	(Included in Alanon Funds)
Prudent Reserve (Savings Acct)	\$1,601.94	
Alateen Savings	\$2,709.73	
Petty Cash	\$233.78	
Total Current Account Balances	\$11,924.81	Al-Anon Out of Balance
		Alateen Out of Balance
		\$0.00
		\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 1,506.27  
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open

Al-Anon Donations Alateen Donations  
Let's Step It Up  
Fall into Serenity

Delinquent Group Accounts

Over 90 Days  
Womans's Focus on Growth \$ 16.35  
Wednesday Recovering Adult Children 32.69

Notes

(1) Misc Income Pins \$ 6.00  
Pens \$ 44.00  
Bags \$ 16.00  
Total \$ 66.00

## **Alanson Intergroup Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2015**

Present-Monica C, Sharon M, Donna N. Laurie K. John E. Marian H. Lucy M. Jerry M. Linda K. Irena H.

Chairperson- Irena H. called meeting to order. Serenity prayer was said. The steps were read

Secretary- Minutes were approved by motion and vote was taken with no corrections

Co-chair-No co-chair as yet. Irena said this needs to be resolved or the News Letter will be canceled. A suggestion was made to make that announcement at our meetings. Duties include; Work with chair person, work on newsletter, attend Founders Day meetings, and other responsibilities at Founders Day.

Treasurer-A plea letter will be sent out in the newsletter for donations. Irena to check what groups do not get newsletter, so that they will be contacted. "The Women's Focus on Growth" meeting is 90 days past due. Monica will contact them. Report approved by motion and vote, with no corrections and changes

Literature- a co-chair is needed. There was a \$500 order from Al-Ateen. Damaged books will be sold at a discount.

PIC- no report

MOW- no report

Alateen- A rally is planned Oct. 24 Th at the John Knotts Church in N. Olmstead. KOMIAK is to be planned by the Akron area in 2016. A letter was read about the Alateen impact at Founders Day, and they sent cards to pass out on "detachment". There is no one attending meetings in the Akron area at this time. A question was asked, are 2 sponsors required at each meeting. Not required but suggested.

Linda K. announced she is stepping down she has been unable to find someone to take over for her. It was suggested that she ask Wendy, as she is active with the Alateens. Linda will ask her.

Office Coordinator- sent a report. 30 literature orders were filled, 9visitors, Volinteers at the office 14 out of 24 days, 31 calls in, 21 calls out.

OAA- no report

Districts-Monica C. District #25 will volunteer for clean- up and set up at Gratitude Night. Suggested other groups be asked to help also.

A new group "Buckeye Courage to Change", is said to be a blended AA and Al-anon meeting. Monica will visit that group and suggest they do a group conscious meeting.

Web Master- no report

Archives- no report

Steering Committee- no report

Founders Day-Irena was not able to attend the last meeting, but will contact them about the “ Founders Day Operating Manual” and discuss the Friday night double lead, listed as an AA meeting. Also discuss changing it to Saturday AM a, as the Friday 9:00 slot may be too late to start the meeting. Also if AA speaker is first they have noticed people leave before the meeting is over.

Founders Day attendance was down this year approximately 9,000 attended. The committee is also discussing ideas for next year.

Records do not show the amount of al-anon participants separate.

Old Business-A question was asked about Literature sales at Founders Day, Laurie said that information is in the June report.

New Business- none

Questions from Attendees- Question were asked why a group still needs to pay the suggested amount of \$ 10 when they make their own copies of a flyer to be placed in the newsletter. Irena said it is because the flyers go directly from the computer to the copy machine. It is extra

Work to place them into the newsletter after it is printed out.

The meeting was adjourned after a motion and approved.

Minutes submitted by Marian H.

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## November meeting topics

### Tools For recovery

#### Monday

- 11/2 Balance
  - 11/9 Step 9
  - 11/16 Tradition 9
  - 11/23 Anxiety
  - 11/30 Lead
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### Orville Serenity

#### Friday

- 11/6 Fear
- 11/13 Problem Solving
- 11/20 Changing What I Can
- 11/27 Expectations

### IBH Courage To Be Me

#### Tuesday

- 11/3 Gratitude
  - 11/10 Detachment
  - 11/17 Step 11 Tradition 11
  - 10/27 Panel on Forgiveness – Nancy, John, Beth
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### Acceptance & Happiness

#### Sunday

- 11/1 Step 11
- 11/8 Tradition 11
- 11/15 Detachment
- 11/22 Control
- 11/29 HOLDING LIFE WITH AN OPEN HAND!!!!!!!!!!

**Save the Date!!!**  
**More info about GratitudeNite!**



**It's November 21, 2015**  
**At Tallmadge United Methodist Church**  
**207 North Munroe Rd. Tallmadge**

**Bring a Covered Dish to Share**  
**And your place setting**

**Doors Open at 5**      **Dinner at 6**

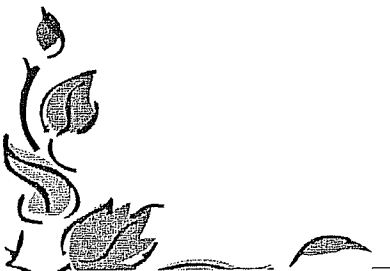
**Speakers at 7 Include: Alison S., Al-Anon**  
**Speaker; Brian C., AA speaker; Adult Child and**  
**Alateen Speakers TBA!**

**Open Mic at 8**

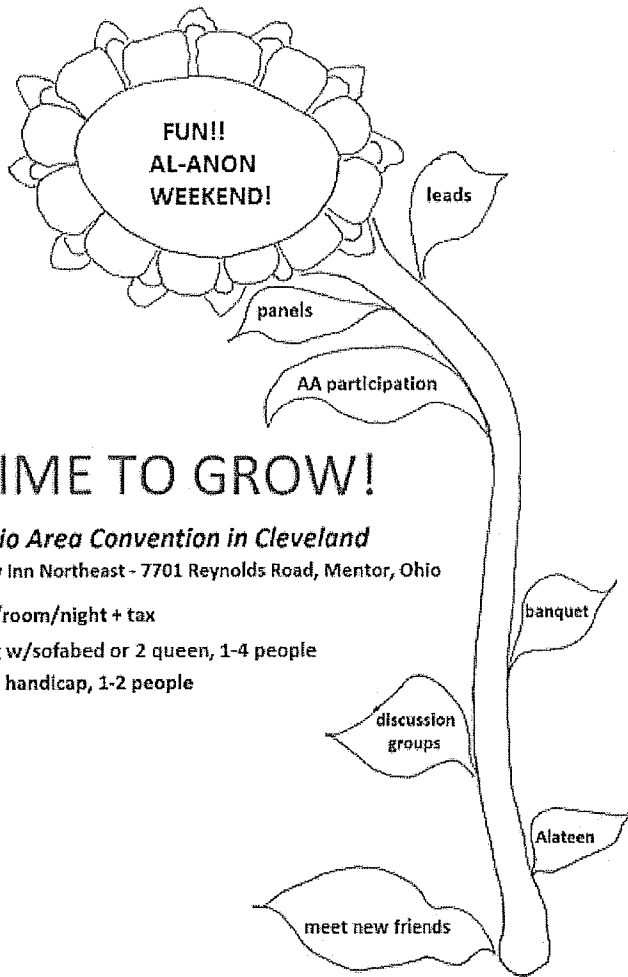
**Babysitting Provided!**  
**Basket/Craft Raffle/ 50/50!**

**Gratitude Nite is a Fundraiser for**  
**Districts 25 and 51**

**Info: Call Jo S. @ 330-606-9460**  
**Monica C @ 330-690-3965**



# 2016 Ohio Area Convention ~ TIME TO GROW!



## TIME TO GROW!

*The Ohio Area Convention in Cleveland*

Holiday Inn Northeast - 7701 Reynolds Road, Mentor, Ohio

\$105/room/night + tax

1 king w/sofabed or 2 queen, 1-4 people

1 king handicap, 1-2 people



**June 24-24, 2016**

Please make hotel reservations directly with the Holiday Inn 440-951-7333.

Use group code "OAC2016"

Friday Speakers: Cynthia (Al-Anon) and Fritz (AA) O., Hermitage, PA

Saturday Speaker: Pat (Al-Anon) and Russ (AA) C., Meadville, PA

Sunday Speaker: Merri G.(Al-Anon), Brook Park, OH

To register, please fill out form below and mail to:

OAC Cleveland  
P.O. Box 334  
Mentor, OH 44060

**\*Hotel stay NOT required to attend\***  
**\*\*Registrations do NOT include meals\*\***  
**\*\*\*You must be registered to attend the Convention\*\*\***

Convention Weekend Pre-Registration is \$30 (Pre-Registration cut off is May 21, 2016), \$35 at the door  
Al-Anon/AA  Alateen (free registration)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Checks & Money Orders Payable to:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**AFG of Ohio**

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Registration (select Option 1 OR 2) and Banquet Fees:

Option 1: One day pre-registration fee \$25: \_\_\_\_\_ (Saturday Only – meals/hotel NOT included)

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Banquet: Saturday Evening Banquet \$30: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please visit the Ohio Assembly website 2016 at: [www.ohioal-anon.org](http://www.ohioal-anon.org) (access the calendar tab on the left hand menu on the home page, then scroll down to the convention date)

Or Call Jan S. (Convention Chair) 440-347-0288 or Kathy B. (Co-Chair) 440-668-9568



**Al-Anon Meeting on Wheels 2015 Schedule**  
Updated 3-13-2015

Chair - Brandon S. 330-620-7518

A complete list of Meeting On Wheels Suggested Guidelines (G-22 + G-1) and Treatment Center Contact Info and Directions are on our website –  
<http://afg-akron.org/mow.aspx>

Your Group's Love Gift of Al-Anon literature is greatly appreciated and welcomed at the monthly Meeting On Wheels your Group sponsors –  
Thanks for your contribution and support!

**March 2015 – Keep it Simple – Brandon 330-620-7518**

Wednesday March 4 - 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday Mar 18 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Saturday Mar 21 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday Mar 25 – 7P – St Thomas

**April 2015 – Firestone Park Monday – Janet H. 330-204-8450**

Wednesday April 1 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday April 15 - 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Saturday April 18 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday April 22 – 7P – St Thomas\*\*See Note Below  
Wednesday April 29 – 7P – St Thomas

**May 2015 – Copley Monday Night – Lynda 330-284-1575**

Wednesday May 6 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Saturday May 16 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday May 20 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday May 27 – 7P – St Thomas

**June 2015 – Stow New Hope AFG – Tara 330-819-7483**

Wednesday June 3 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Saturday June 13 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday June 17 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday June 24 – 7P – St Thomas

**July 2015 – Tools to Recovery AFG**

Wednesday July 1 – 7P – St Thomas  
Saturday July 11 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday July 15 – 7P – St Thomas\*\*See Note Below  
Wednesday July 22 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Wednesday July 29 – 7P – St Thomas

## Al-Anon Meeting On Wheels – 2015 Schedule

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### August 2015 – Paradise AFG + Hudson Friday AFG – Lisa 330-644-7363 Carla 330-534-8026

Wednesday August 5 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Saturday August 8 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday August 19 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday August 26 – 7P – St Thomas

### September 2015 – Tuesday Triangle – Brandon 330-620-7518

Wednesday September 2 – 7P – St Thomas  
Saturday September 5 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday September 16 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday September 23 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday September 30 – 7P – St Thomas

### October 2015 – Hudson Saturday Serenity AFG – Sharon 216-544-6888

Saturday October 3 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)  
Wednesday October 7 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Wednesday October 21 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday October 28 – 7P – St Thomas

### November 2015 – Norton Friday – Irena 330-903-6578

Wednesday November 4 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday November 18 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday November 25 – 7P – St Thomas  
Saturday Nov 28—10:30A—Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

### December 2015 - Uniontown AFG – Mickie

Wednesday December 2 – 7P – St Thomas  
Wednesday December 16 – 7P – St Thomas\*See Note Below  
Wednesday December 23 – 7P – St Thomas  
Saturday December 26 – 10:30A—Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

\* These meetings to be facilitated by Irena H. Contact Info: 330-903-6578

\*\* These meetings to be facilitated by Brandon S. Contact Info: 330-620-7518

*"I am thankful that today I can look back and say with gratitude that attending this program and giving service to Al-Anon gave me a wonderful and fulfilling way of life."* Having Had a Spiritual Awakening page 128

Thank you for your service!

PASS IT ON AFG

Newsletter Meeting Topics

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Week \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Topic

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Akron, OH 44319