

Mountain Doin's

MAY 2023

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10am-1pm
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Happy Hour

by Ann B. - Sunset Beach, CA

Who would have guessed she'd find a home group she loves in a former beach town bar?

Very early, three mornings a week, I hop on my bike and ride to the building that houses my home group. It's a short ride through the streets of this old California beach city. The fresh air and experience that my fellow alcoholics share there bring energy to my legs and lungs as I ride.

Turning the corner to the back patio, where I lock up my bike, I see familiar people mingling before the meeting. Walking into the building—a former bar that's now a fellowship club—I feel at peace.

The interior of the building dates from the 1970s, with many AA sayings and slogans and Steps and Traditions on the wood-covered walls. We have a coffee bar at the back entrance, where the former bar used to be. I can hear the warm chatter of friendly voices in the room as the people file in and find their seats.

A birthday board hangs on the wall behind the front desk where our members can write their upcoming sobriety anniversaries to be celebrated that month. On the desk where the leader sits is an oversized gavel, which is more of a prop than a tool used to bring members in line. People take turns leading the meetings—we do not govern—and there is a wonderful sense of humor in the room.



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I found this AA meeting when I had about 15 months sober. Recently divorced and adjusting to joint custody of my children, I had started dating a man who lived in this beach town. My original home group was a morning meeting about 15 miles south, so I found this meeting when I was visiting him and didn't have my children with me.

At first, I thought the members at the meeting were quite a rowdy bunch. What attracted me was that they didn't take themselves too seriously and they were very welcoming. They became my home-away-from-home group. When it's someone's sobriety anniversary, we all shout out of key and out of order, "Happy birthday, _____!"

After several years of attending this group part-time, I was invited by one of the oldtimers to join them in a golf tournament they were holding. That's when I really felt a part of and no longer a visitor.

In time, as my children grew up and left home, I found myself thinking of it as my home group. My dear friend who goes on walks before the meeting gets there early and saves me a seat. I see her walking early when I'm running before the meeting. We greet each other in the dark with a big hug and say, "I'll see you there!" I get a burst of energy with her warm embrace.

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May Grapevine now available!



Home Group

To celebrate the publication of our recently revised and updated book *The Home Group*, 30th Anniversary Edition, the May issue features beautiful stories by members about why they love their home groups.

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/>



Grapevine 2023 Carry the Message Project



Learn more here!



After-hours Phone Volunteers Needed

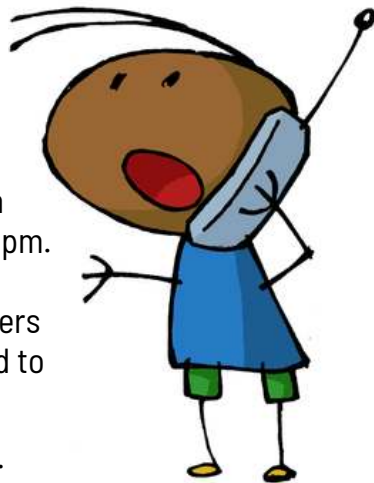
Central Office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from 1:30pm in the afternoon until 9:30am the next morning. Most nights don't see more than a call or two, rarely after 10 or 11pm. Most callers are interested in meeting information so volunteers should have the internet at hand to access the meeting guide.

One year of sobriety is required.

Information can be found at:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/about-ncmco/service/>
(scroll down to "After-hours Phone Volunteer")

Or call Central Office at 828-254-8539.



Call & Visitor Log March 2023

- 12 Step Calls - 7
- General Info - 2
- Family Help - 0
- Meeting Info - 37
- Central Office Business - 62
- Medical/Detox - 0
- Visitors - 42
- After-hours Volunteers - 47 calls



- Visits to aancmco.org/ website:
- Unique Visitors - 2,243
- Total Visits - 5,024; Visits/Visitor - 2.24
- Total Pages - 33,670; Pages/Visit - 6.70



COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

COR/Board meetings are held the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. All A.A. members are welcome to attend but only CORs may vote so we encourage your group to elect a COR. Your input is important to us!

The next combined meeting will be **Thursday, May 11, at 6:00pm**, via Zoom: Meeting ID: 757 855 2319
Passcode: 000000



For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>



Where to Find Meetings

Printable In-person Meeting Guide



Meetings in all 3 Districts



Meetings in District 70



Meetings in District 71



Meetings in District 80



Cash on Hand as of 3/31/2023

Prudent Reserve
\$16,123.64
Operating Account
\$11,628.04
Rent Deposit - \$400.00
Petty Cash - \$50.00

Profit & Loss YTD

	Mar 2023	Jan-Mar, 2023 (YTD)
Income		
Contributions		
Group Contributions	\$1,804.03	\$8,229.66
Individual Contributions	\$58.51	\$385.19
Total Contributions	\$1,862.54	\$8,614.85
Interest on Money Market	\$1.37	\$3.98
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	\$2,551.01	\$8,443.13
Shipping charged to groups	\$84.50	\$207.11
Total Sales Income	\$2,635.51	\$8,650.24
Total Income	\$4,499.42	\$17,269.07
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	-\$108.17	-\$108.17
Freight - vendor shipping	\$65.22	\$184.08
Literature & merchandise	\$2,119.34	\$7,091.76
Shipping to groups	\$84.50	\$207.11
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,160.89	\$7,374.78
Inventory Shrinkage	\$94.62	\$106.66
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,255.51	\$7,481.44
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,243.91	\$9,787.63
Expenses		
Credit Card Processing		
PayPal Fee	\$14.09	\$73.09
Total Credit Card Processing	\$14.09	\$73.09
Office Expenses	\$14.99	\$44.97
Office Supplies	\$160.94	\$44.48
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary	\$1,420.00	\$4,220.00
Payroll Taxes (Company)	\$108.64	\$322.86
Total Payroll Expenses	\$1,528.64	\$4,542.86
Rent	\$604.00	\$1,812.00
Telephone & Internet		
Office Telephone/Internet	\$145.63	\$187.16
Web Expenses		-\$330.01 *
Total Telephone & Internet	\$145.63	-\$142.85 *
Total Expenses	\$2,468.29	\$6,374.55
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$224.38	\$3,413.08
NET INCOME	-\$224.38	\$3,413.08

* Credits/surplus funds carried over from 2022



Contributions

Group Contributions:	Mar 2023	YTD
12 & 12 Study Group 717-595		\$25.00
Acceptance Group 122-477		\$854.00
Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers AA Group	\$265.00	\$265.00
Back to Basics Grp (Weaverville) 147-139		\$150.00
Big Town Group 671-200		\$179.00
Bryson City Group 110-467	\$100.00	\$100.00
Candler KISS Group 163-148		\$60.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$222.44
Cedar Mountain Group 161-082		\$121.00
Conscious Contact Group - Asheville	\$175.00	\$175.00
Cullowhee Valley Group 118-129		\$100.00
Cumberland Group 122-472	\$130.00	\$130.00
Daily Decisions 643-869		\$1,122.24
Day by Day Group 159-058		\$146.18
Early Bird Group 612-780		\$158.00
Good Livers 666-360		\$400.00
Grace Group of Asheville 161-970	\$213.77	\$213.77
Hendersonville Group 110-594	\$133.00	\$399.00
Hendersonville Men's Group		\$50.00
Joy of Living - Brevard 669-820	\$119.00	\$119.00
Lost and Found Group 000427291	\$100.00	\$100.00
Maggie Valley Group 158-950		\$550.00
Marshall Group 100-489		\$100.00
New Freedom Group 700-124		\$150.00
Phoenix Group 697-148	\$84.00	\$84.00
Roundtable Group 135-605		\$45.00
Safe & Sound Group 645-654	\$199.26	\$363.42
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sober Sisters - Black Mtn		\$238.50
South Asheville Literature		\$75.00
Spruce Pine Group 110-679		\$225.00
Total Surrender Group		\$99.00
Traditional Group 110-499		\$250.00
Waynesville Grace Group 110-692		\$575.11
Young People's Group 645-646	\$185.00	\$185.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$1,804.03	\$8,229.66

Individual Contributions:	Mar 2023	YTD
Anonymous	\$3.51	\$60.19
Beverly B.		\$130.00
Kay G.		\$30.00
Shannon K.	\$25.00	\$75.00
Sheila D.	\$20.00	\$60.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$30.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$58.51	\$385.19

Birthday Contributions:	Mar 2023	YTD
Anonymous		\$0.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Contributions:	\$1,862.54	\$8,614.85
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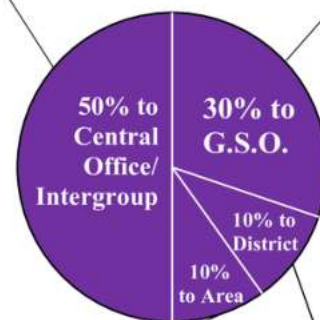
Suggestions & Addresses for sending Donations to the A.A. Service Structure*

Revised for 2023

* From the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix." Recommendations for other percentages are also in the pamphlet.

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James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407



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PO Box 17271
Raleigh, NC 27619

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District 71 Treasurer
PO Box 202
Hendersonville, NC, 28793

District 80 Treasurer
197 Mountain Top Drive
Murphy, NC 28906

Note: If you think there is a contribution missing from your group total, please let us know. We try our best to get donations listed correctly, but we do make mistakes sometimes and list a donation under the wrong group. As always, we thank you all - AA groups and individual members - for your generous support!



Special Meetings and Events



NOTE: For updates, please check the specific event websites, or <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>



Ongoing... Bowling Fridays @ Sky Lanes. Hang out with fellow A.A.s, bowl a game or two, and have some fun! Every Friday at 1:30pm. Sky Lanes, 1477 Patton Ave, Asheville 28806. See flyer for more information.

6th Annual WNCYPAA Campout. May 5-7. Briar Bottom Group Campsite, 50 Black Mountain Campground Rd, Burnsville, NC 28714. To register, visit their website: <https://avlypaa.com/> Questions? Email: ashevilleyoungpeople@gmail.com



Fireside Sobriety Circle Campout. May 11-14. Yogi in the Smokies Campground, Big Cove Road, Cherokee. For more details see flyer or contact Herb by phone: 828-506-8563 or email: firesidesobriety@gmail.com

Area 51 Spring Committee and Assembly Meeting. June 2-4. Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. For more information visit the website: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/members/assembly/>. Questions? Contact the Area Chair at: chair@aanorthcarolina.org



Founders' Day - 88th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous. June 9-11. Akron, OH. For more information and online registration, visit their website: <https://akronaa.org/>



District 71 Founders' Day Picnic. Saturday, June 10, 12 Noon - 4:00pm. Holmes Educational Forest, 1299 Crab Creek Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Meet at the Pavilion. For more information, see flyer.

District 80 Founders' Day Event. Sunday, June 11, 11:00am - 4:00pm. East LaPorte Park, State Rte 107, Cullowhee, NC 28723. For more information, see flyer.

76th NC State Convention. July 20-23. Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, 91 N Lakeshore Dr, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. For more information and online registration, visit their website: <https://www.aanconvention.com/> If you have questions or problems with hotel reservations, email: aanconvention@gmail.com



27th Annual Southeast Woman to Woman Conference. August 18-20. Low Country Conference Center, 405 Sigma Dr, Summerville, SC. For more information and registration, visit their website: <https://www.sewomantowoman.org/>. If you have questions, email: info@sewomantowoman.org



NC Area 51 Events: <https://aanorthcarolina.org>



GSO in New York: For events around the country and the world, as well as great information, go to: <https://www.aa.org/> and Box 459: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/F-36_Box_4-5-9_Winter_2022_0.pdf



Happy Hour *(continued from page 1)*

This group has helped me by listening to me share as I've weathered the ups and downs of life's journey. And I have listened and learned from their sharing as well. We all stay sober together. When someone is in the hospital, we go visit them. At Thanksgiving, Christmas and other major drinking holidays, we have marathon meetings and potlucks so those of us who'd rather be with our AA family have somewhere to go. Last year, I went to one of those marathon meetings when I was adjusting to the fact that my oldest son was spending Christmas in jail.

I've had the opportunity to hold several service positions with this group and that has meant so much to me. Rotating in, rotating out. I've even tried to change things in the group and that didn't happen—"Rule 62" for sure! In our group's morning meeting, when I asked if we had a GSR, guess who was handed the job? Thank God these people have a sense of humor. I now get to learn and grow through service.

This month, my fellow members helped celebrate my joy that my son's name and sobriety date is now on the group's birthday board. I'm so glad he gets to share the gift of recovery with such wonderful people, just like I do. It is an experience like none other.

The sense of ease and comfort I used to get with the third drink, I now get in sobriety. I feel it anytime I walk into my home group or even think about the faces there. The original name of the bar is still outside on the building and there are AA meetings here every day and night. Sometimes people come in not knowing it isn't a bar any longer. The sign out front still says, "Where Happy Hour Never Ends."

So true.

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(Note: I chose this story because I attended meetings at this location in Sunset Beach when I was living in southern California. It's a great group! - Pam C., *Mountain Doin's* editor)



The Service Express

District 70

GSR Business Meeting – held the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The next meeting will be **Sunday, May 14, 2:30pm**, via Zoom -Meeting ID: 933 8500 3069; Passcode: 672458.

For updates go to: <https://ashevilleaa.org/calendar/>

District Service Committees. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions, please attend the next GSR Business Meeting. There are still a few open positions that need to be filled.

(**NOTE:** They are working on updating the website contact list; the email addresses listed here are valid as far as we know.)

Accessibilities Committee – Chairperson is Scott S. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions on what the Accessibilities Committee does, contact Scott at access@ashevilleaa.org.

Archives Committee needs you! Chairperson is Dennis H. The Archives Committee wants A.A. members to help compile a complete list of group histories, record interviews with old-timers, and collect classic A.A. literature. It's fun AND it's service work! For more information, contact Dennis at archives@ashevilleaa.org.

CPC/PI Committee – These are two separate service committees – “Cooperation with the Professional Community” and “Public Information” – chaired by George M. You can contact him at cpc-pi@ashevilleaa.org. The CPC Committee visits schools, businesses, and community meetings to speak about A.A. Volunteers are needed for health clinics and DUI classes. The PI Committee provides accurate A.A. information to the public and media when requested.

Corrections Committee – A.A. meetings are being taken into several prisons and county jails in District 70. There is always a need for more volunteers! Jails include Buncombe County (Asheville) and Yancey County (Burnsville). Prisons include Western Correctional Center for Women (Black Mountain), Craggy (Asheville), Avery-Mitchell (Spruce Pine), and Mountain View (Spruce Pine). They are still working to find out the needs at Marion Detention Center in Marion. If you'd like to volunteer or be of service in corrections, contact Tammy Z, the Women's Corrections Chair at corrections_women@ashevilleaa.org. To connect with Andrew H, the Men's Corrections Chair, attend the next GSR meeting.

Literature and Grapevine Committee – Chairperson is Maria E. The focus of the committee is to ensure that A.A. literature and Grapevines are available to all groups, service meetings, and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. workshops, these volunteers help A.A. members and other committees to carry the A.A. message through our literature. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR Meeting.

Treatment Facilities Committee – Chairperson is Mike. He can be reached at treatment@ashevilleaa.org. It's all about bringing the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities and to set up means of “bridging the gap” from the facility to an A.A. group. For more information, please attend the next GSR Meeting.

“Bridging the Gap” (with treatment facilities) – This is a Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in the facility make that transition from “inside” the program to life on the “outside”. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR Meeting to connect with Avery L., the Bridging the Gap Chair. For more information on Bridging the Gap, visit the website: www.btgww.org

District 71

GSR Meeting – held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. All their meetings are now in person. The next meeting will be **Saturday, May 13, at 8:30am**, at the Hendersonville Group building, 1624 Willow Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. All A.A. members are welcome! Check their website for meeting updates:

<https://www.nc71.org/>

There are numerous service opportunities with Bridging the Gap and Treatment, and they need more volunteers for the jails. They also still need Chairpersons for CPC/PI, Treatment, and Bridging the Gap Committees. They will be holding elections at the May meeting. See website for information on these positions. If you have any questions, you can contact Liz G., DCM, or Annette K., Alt. DCM, through the website: <https://www.nc71.org/contact>

District 80

GSR Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be **Sunday, July 16, 1:00-3:00pm**. This will be a hybrid meeting with Zoom capability as well as a physical meeting place. Zoom Meeting ID: 899 2233 4966; Passcode: District80

NOTE: They are looking for another location for the in-person meeting so that will be announced at a later date. All GSR's are encouraged to attend. For more information, go to their website: <http://aawnc80.com/events>

Appalachian Community Services Center located at 91 Timberlane Rd, Balsam, has A.A. meetings every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm and every other Saturday at 5:30pm, with one volunteer allowed in per meeting. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact Carl by calling or emailing Central Office: 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net

Murphy Intergroup Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be **Thursday, July 13, 5:00pm**, and will be held virtually. The GoToMeeting ID is 543513261. Office business will be discussed. All groups are encouraged to send a representative. The Murphy Central Office is in need of volunteers in all areas!

Does Your Group Have a New GSR or Alt GSR?

District Registrars keep GSO informed of group changes. Contact your group's District Registrar by email or through the District websites:

District 70: Email: registrar@ashevilleaa.org

District 71: Use the form at: <https://www.nc71.org/meeting-change-form>

District 80: Email: webmaster@aawnc80.com



Happy Anniversary!

Acceptance Group

Matt V.	5-15-2022	1 yr
Ryan C.	5-17-2022	1 yr
Jennifer E.	5-26-2013	10 yrs
Jeff C.	5-27-2020	3 yrs
Jim S.	5-28-1983	40 yrs
Mary Jane F.	5-29-2013	10 yrs
Ed Z.	5-30-1982	41 yrs

Around the Room Group

Hugh H.	5-11-1978	45 yrs
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Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Elliot M.	5-08-2017	6 yrs
Doug C	5-20-2014	9 yrs
Michaeline W.	5-28-1998	25 yrs

Brevard Serenity Group

Bunny F.	5-07-2014	9 yrs
Ana E.	5-13-2018	5 yrs
Steve G.	5-18-2007	16 yrs
Karen C.	5-24-2014	9 yrs

Conscious Contact

John Paul	5-01-1984	39 yrs
Caren B.	5-09-2021	2 yrs
James B.	5-10-2020	3 yrs
Mary R.	5-11-2011	12 yrs
Laura C.	5-14-2021	2 yrs
Damon D.	5-15-2017	6 yrs
Kelly J.	5-19-2022	1 yr
George B.	5-25-2000	23 yrs
Patti S.	5-29-2021	2 yrs

Cumberland Group

John R.	5-03-2016	7 yrs
Rusty M.	5-10-1983	40 yrs
Tom H.	5-27-2006	17 yrs
Beth H.	5-28-2012	11 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Tobias E.	5-01-2014	9 yrs
Corey F.	5-03-2017	6 yrs
Joyce W.	5-04-2014	9 yrs
Marcos C.	5-08-2019	4 yrs
Patsy	5-10-2021	2 yrs

Fellowship Group

Michael A.	5-08-2018	5 yrs
Jennifer L.	5-10-2022	1 yr
Susan S.	5-27-1988	35 yrs
Shannon P.	5-31-2020	3 yrs

Good Livers

Larry	5-01-2016	7 yrs
Christine G.	5-07-2000	23 yrs
Phillip K.	5-28-2011	12 yrs

Grace Group

Erin C.	5-05-2017	6 yrs
Lisa S.	5-06-2019	4 yrs
Danny D.	5-08-2006	17 yrs
Arlie S.	5-12-2012	11 yrs
Heather W.	5-12-2020	3 yrs
Pete S.	5-15-1977	46 yrs
Graham G.	5-15-2014	9 yrs
Ed M.	5-15-2022	1 yr
Dave B.	5-17-1987	36 yrs
Laura H.	5-18-2021	2 yrs
Ed H.	5-20-2005	18 yrs
Lorin K.	5-23-2019	4 yrs
Charles W.	5-24-1997	26 yrs
Stephan A.	5-24-2021	2 yrs
Shirley E.	5-27-1985	38 yrs
Mark T.	5-28-2019	4 yrs
Kerry S.	5-29-2009	14 yrs
Garrett C.	5-30-1993	30 yrs
Mike H.	5-30-2015	8 yrs
Sarah Mc.	5-30-2016	7 yrs

Happy Hour Group

Nancy K.	5-21-2019	4 yrs
Michael N.	5-24-2002	21 yrs
Nick	5-26-2018	5 yrs
Buzz H.	5-29-2008	15 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Michele B.	5-06-2022	1 yr
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Hendersonville Men's Group

David L.	5-07-1991	32 yrs
Gary C.	5-07-1992	31 yrs
Mike M.	5-13-2020	3 yrs
Linn B.	5-15-1996	27 yrs
David C.	5-23-2021	2 yrs

Hey Girl, Surrender Group

Hope	5-19-2021	2 yrs
Hannah M.	5-24-2020	3 yrs

Lambda Group

Brad B.	5-01-1996	27 yrs
Emily S.	5-04-2010	13 yrs
Gerri F.	5-09-2005	18 yrs
Sarah H.	5-10-2021	2 yrs

Library Group

Michael B.	5-09-1986	37 yrs
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Motley Crew/Columbus

Andrew D.	5-15-2014	9 yrs
Brock	5-28-1991	32 yrs

Out to Lunch Bunch

Beth N.	5/12/1997	26 yrs
Mark M.	5/14/1986	37 yrs
Reed O.	5/18/1986	37 yrs
Mark T.	5/25/2012	11 yrs

Phoenix Group

Roger D.	5-13-2001	22 yrs
Anny B.	5-17-1988	35 yrs

Practicing Principles Group

Paula B.	5-11-2001	22 yrs
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Serenity Seekers - Marion

Cheryl	5-08-1996	27 yrs
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Serenity Service Group

Eric C.	5-05-2017	6 yrs
Cecilia M.	5-20-2017	6 yrs

Total Surrender Group

Rick C.	5-02-2019	4 yrs
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Traditional Group

Jay R.	5-10-2020	3 yrs
Ryan C.	5-10-2021	2 yrs
Eugene P.	5-11-1991	32 yrs

Waynesville Grace Group

Sandy M.	5-02-1985	38 yrs
Marcia U.	5-02-1996	27 yrs
Chipper	5-05-1996	27 yrs
Cathy S.	5-06-1996	27 yrs
Marsha B.	5-10-1976	47 yrs
Madalyn S.	5-14-1976	47 yrs
DeVane W.	5-25-1985	38 yrs
Ruth G.	5-28-2014	9 yrs



Need to update your Group's anniversary list? Call Central Office: 828-254-8539 or send a new list to: info@ncmco.net

The June newsletter deadline for sending in anniversaries and announcements is May 15.



The Birthday Plan

For many years, A.A. members have celebrated their sobriety by sending a contribution to the General Service Office. Your birthday (or anniversary) money helps to support G.S.O.'s services to members and groups throughout Canada and the U.S., to ensure that the A.A. message is carried around the world. The services that G.S.O. provides the A.A. groups cost more than \$6 per member per year. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. You may request these Birthday Contribution Envelopes (FR-5) from G.S.O., for yourself or for your group, at no charge.

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Birthday Contribution Envelopes from G.S.O. are available for free at Central Office.

We also have envelopes for sending Birthday Contributions to the Central Office!

Stop by the Office to pick up envelopes for yourself or your group members. Or call us (828-254-8539) and we will mail envelopes to you. We thank all the A.A. members and groups who donate so generously!



(They have great food too!)

Bowling

FRIDAYS @ SKY LANES

Hang out with fellow AAs, bowl a game or two, and have some fun! Ask for Joyce or Jeanette at the counter.



WHERE?

Sky Lanes
1477 Patton Ave
Asheville

WHAT TIME?

Every Friday
at 1:30PM

HOW MUCH?

\$5 per game
\$3 shoe rental

6TH ANNUAL

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA COMMITTEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

WNCCYPAA

CAMPOUT

MAY 5-7, 2023

FRIDAY @ 4PM - SUNDAY @ 11AM

BRIAR BOTTOM GROUP CAMPSITE

50 BLACK MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND RD
BURNSVILLE, NC 28714

FRIDAY NIGHT BONFIRE DISCUSSION MEETING • SATURDAY NIGHT BONFIRE
SPEAKER MEETING • SCAVENGER HUNT • CAPTURE THE FLAG • WATERFALL &
RIVER ACCESS • ON-SITE BATHROOMS & SHOWERS • MAFIA & OTHER GAMES

DINNER FOR BOTH NIGHTS INCLUDED • PLEASE BRING BREAKFAST & LUNCH

PRE-REGISTER FOR \$25
AVLYPAA.COM 

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: ASHEVILLEYOUNGPEOPLE@GMAIL.COM

• Registration payment
taken with Venmo

• Program & FAQ info will be
emailed the week before

• Please remember to
fill out Google form

FIRESIDE SOBRIETY CIRCLE



STRENGTH

KINDNESS

HONESTY

SHARING



CAMPPOUT

May 11-14, 2023

***YOGI in the SMOKIES CAMPGROUND
BIG COVE ROAD, CHEROKEE, NC***

Bring your CHAIRS, CAMPING GEAR, WARM CLOTHES & BLANKETS,
SPONSOR/ SPONSEES.....and your POW WOW REGALIA..!

Contact Herb W. at 828-506-8563 or firesidesobriety@gmail.com

Registration begins ***Thursday after the Sacred Fire is lit!***

NO PETS in Food Serving/Eating Area, Pow Wow, or Sacred Fire Area

NO PETS AT TENT SITES

~NA/AA/Al-Anon Speakers~
~Talking Circles~ Native Teachings
~Meetings, Meetings, Meetings~
~T-shirts/Long sleeve shirts~
~SOBRIETY Pow Wow~
~Sobriety Countdown~
"MUCH MORE"

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$55 per PERSON (kids under 10 are FREE, 11-12y/o \$15. and 13-18 \$20). \$60 at the Gate.
Price includes breakfast and dinner & tent/camper site for three (3) nights Lunch is on your own.
Early Registration ends May 11, 2023

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL(S): _____ / _____

PHONE #: H) _____ (C) _____ (C) _____

In Party: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Cut & Mail Registration Form by May 11th
With Checks Made Payable to: Fireside Spring 2023

**FIRESIDE CIRCLE
C/O Herb Wachacha
PO Box 2015
Cherokee, NC 28719**

General Service Committee

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10100 Wood Ct.
Charlotte, NC, 28277
chair@aanorthcarolina.org

Secretary
PO Box 11104
Wilmington, NC 28404
secretary@aanorthcarolina.org

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

April 25, 2023

DATE: APRIL 4, 2023

TO: GSRs, Alternate GSRs, DCMs, Alternate DCMs, LCMs (Local Committee Members), Convention Chair and Alternate, Coordinators, Officers, Past Delegates, and any other interested members!

SUBJECT: **Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting June 2-4, 2023**

Theme: “JUST KEEP IT SIMPLE...”

Special Guest: Mike L., West Central Regional Trustee

Assembly Business Sessions, Workshops, Early Bird, and Speaker Meetings
Literature, Grapevine, Corrections, Treatment, Accessibilities, Archives, CPC, and PI Displays
will be held at the

Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

Hotel Reservations

Deadline for Reservations: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Group Code: A51SA

Group Name: Area 51, General Service Spring Assembly

Room Rates: \$135.00 Single/Double, \$135.00 Triple, \$135.00 Quad

Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]

Internet: Link for direct reservations: <https://bit.ly/3EOWiR7>

Internet: Link for hotel information: www.northraleigh.hilton.com

For Best Results

- **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**
- Call as soon as possible and **before** the deadline. It's easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute.
- Once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely other rooms will remain in the hotel.
- Specify the group code “**A51SA**” and the group name “**Area 51, General Service Spring Assembly.**”
- If possible, call the Hilton Raleigh North Hills directly at 919-872-2323 during business hours Monday through Friday. This gives you the best chance to speak with a reservations clerk at the hotel. At other times - when the hotel clerks are busy -- calls to this number may be transferred to a regional reservations center.
- Always be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability please contact Greg K., the Area Chair, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org

Thank you for your service and support of Area 51. SEE YOU IN JUNE!

For more information visit the website: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/members/assembly/>



Founders' Day Herald

88th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10, & 11, 2023 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Per Hour
Chaired by: Aaron K.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m.

Penny D. - Bay Village, OH
"From Cracker Factory Housewife To
Champion Of Sobriety And Women"
Chaired by: Karen K.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

"Rule 62"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m.

Peter M. - Boca Raton, FL
"Chop Wood, Carry Water"
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m.

Linda G. - Queens, NY
"Happy, Joyous And Free"
Chaired by: Juanita W.

Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Open Discussion
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2 buses continuously - Bierce Circle

A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office
(Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.

Billy N. - Palm Beach Gardens, FL
"How It Works"
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Old Timers' Panel* • 10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Every Day Is A Day We Must
Carry The Vision Of God's Will Into All
Our Affairs"

Dee T. - Akron, OH
Ken McA. - Ontario, CA
Bobby M. - Richmond Heights, OH
Chaired by: Mary K.

La Viña Workshop • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and
Alegria de Vivir Group

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Shanna & Scott D. - Urbandale, IA
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

"Rule 62"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m.

Vivian Q. - Okatie, SC
"Emotionally Driven Or Spiritually Guided -
What Is Our Choice To Be?"
Chaired by: Aaron K.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.

Presented by: Gail L. - Akron, OH
Chaired by: Karen K.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m.

Theresa F. - North Hills, CA
"All Of A Sudden I Became Present To My
Life, And I Didn't Like It!"
UA Infocision Stadium**
Chaired by: Woody W.

****Stadium Weather Contingency Plan
for Saturday Night - See Web Site**

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE*

7:30 a.m.
Motorcycle procession and graveside
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Speaker: Dolly A. - Akron, OH
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.

Topic: "We Admitted That We Were
Powerless Over Alcohol, That Our Lives
Had Become Unmanageable"
Andrew M. - Akron, OH
Sonya M. - Akron, OH
Vivienne Y. - Cleveland, OH
Chaired by: Juanita W.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting* 10:30 a.m.

Bill C. - Torrance, CA
"It's Been Miserable Long Enough...It's
Time To Have A Good Time!"
Chaired by: Michael B.

AL-ANON

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"
Lynda M. - Copley, OH
Ian R. - Canton, OH
Mary Anne C. - Uniontown, OH
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Leslie S.

AL-ANON

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.

Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Lynda M.

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Shanna & Scott D. - Urbandale, IA
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

REGISTRATION

UA STUDENT UNION

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by

6:00 p.m. Saturday - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Package Plans must be picked up at designated
dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room

Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.
\$35.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.

Name badges & ribbons must be worn for admittance to all meetings — NO EXCEPTIONS!



88th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10, & 11, 2023 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

Please treat each meeting at Founders' Day as your own home group.

ABSOLUTES

ALL STATE, LOCAL AND/OR UNIVERSITY OF AKRON COVID-19 PROTOCOLS THAT ARE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT WILL BE ENFORCED AND UPHELD ACCORDINGLY.

All pre-registration packets must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Picture I.D. is required.

2023 Name badges & ribbons must be worn ON CAMPUS and for admittance to all meetings.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All rooms, buildings, and stadium at The University of Akron are non-smoking.
NO VAPOR/E CIGARETTES permitted in ANY building.

Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.
University police will ticket and tow all unauthorized vehicles parking in handicap spaces.
Violators will incur a fine of \$250

No animals or campfires allowed in R.V. area.

NO ANIMALS ON CAMPUS, POLICE WILL ENFORCE.

NO hover boards, skateboards, or roller blades permitted on campus.

No motorcycles allowed on the grass.

No beach balls at any meeting.

The Sunday morning motorcade to Dr. Bob's grave site is a conference event and as such, you must be registered to participate.

Credit cards will now be accepted for both onsite registration and in the literature room.

SPECIAL NEEDS

All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Wheelchairs are not available on campus. You may bring your own.

Please contact the Founders' Day Committee with any special needs by May 15, 2023.

ACCOMMODATIONS

No incoming calls accepted at dorms.

No entry to RV sites until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. A permit is required prior to set-up.

No camping tents allowed.

FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BIG MEETING, WE WILL ALL BE UNITED TOGETHER ON THE WEST SIDE ONLY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON INFOCISION STADIUM. STADIUM WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN - SEE WEB SITE. NO BEACH BALLS! THIS IS AN OPEN AIR STADIUM SO PREPARE ACCORDINGLY.

**NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.
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FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

Founders' Day Registration Form | online at www.akronaa.org



Everyone must be registered, including children. All registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2023. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Name (please print clearly) _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address* _____

* If you provide an e-mail address, you will get confirmation via e-mail only!

- Check for special needs - handicapped.
Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.
- Hearing Impaired- ASL Interpreter Requested

All beds are at a fixed height of 42 inches. The University of Akron **CANNOT** adjust bed height.

***INDIVIDUAL FORMS
REQUIRED FOR EACH
PACKAGE PLAN***

Onsite registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Registration \$35 x QTY = \$ _____ TOTAL

(Registration will be \$35 on site conference weekend)

MUST have a picture I.D. for pickup.

Package Plan A \$275 = \$ ONE ONLY

Sex: M F

Includes admission to all meetings, meals, room, registration and bus tour.

Report directly to designated dormitory to pick up weekend package and room key.

You must have a picture I.D. to pick up your reservation package.

All rooms and buildings at the university are non-smoking.

Package Plan B \$200 = \$ ONE ONLY

Sex: M F

Includes all items in Package Plan A *except* meals.

Rooming with: _____

MEALS		QTY	TOTAL
SATURDAY	Breakfast	\$20 x _____ = \$ _____	
	Lunch	\$25 x _____ = \$ _____	
	Dinner	\$35 x _____ = \$ _____	
SUNDAY	Breakfast	\$20 x _____ = \$ _____	
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS — <input type="radio"/> Diabetic <input type="radio"/> Vegan <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian <input type="radio"/> Gluten-Free			

MOTORHOME SITE FEES		QTY	TOTAL
NO TENT CAMPING!	RV Site Tag (no hook-ups available)	\$40 x _____ = \$ _____ per site/whole weekend	
Each RV must have a Site Tag to set up. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR FIRES!			
			REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENTS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. MAKE CHECKS / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:
Akron Intergroup
PO Box 12
Akron, OH 44309-0012

REFUNDS requested in writing only by mail or email and postmarked / received prior to May 15, 2023. treasurerfd@akronaa.org

PAYMENT METHODS FOR MAIL IN REGISTRATION:

- CHECK
- MONEY ORDER

All Credit Card payments must be made online at www.akronaa.org. Click on the Founders' Day link and follow the instructions.

**NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.
\$35.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

District 71 Founders' Day Picnic



Saturday, June 10, 2023
12 noon – 4:00 pm



Holmes Educational Forest
1299 Crab Creek Road, Hendersonville, NC
Meet at the Pavilion

Join us for our 2nd Annual Founders' Day Picnic for a day of fellowship and fun! Celebrate AA's 88th year!

Hamburgers & Hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish or something to share

Special Guest Speaker

Picnic tables will be on site but extra chairs are always needed

If so inspired, bring a musical instrument

No Pets Please

Soft Drinks provided!

Hot dogs

Hamburgers



Questions or to volunteer, please call Ellen O. at 732-245-6644



SERVICE

FOUNDERS' DAY

2023

JUNE 11TH

EAST LAPORTE PARK

RT 107, Cullowhee

EVENT IS FROM 11AM - 4PM

Join us for a day of Fellowship and FUN!
Food ● Speakers ● Service Workshop

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided with all the Fixings

POTLUCK - Please bring a dish to share

Make sure to bring the sunscreen, towels, folding chairs and water shoes to wade in the Tuckasegee

Schedule of Events

- 11 am** : DCM Welcome
- 11:15 am** : Service Panel Presentation with Q&A
- Noon** : Lunch
- 1 pm** : Speakers Loretta R. from Maggie Valley and Herb W. from Cherokee
- 2:30 pm** : Fun & Games!


PLEASE CONTACT BRENDA D. AT
BRENDADAVISNC@GMAIL.COM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

**WE ARE NOT
A GLUM LOT**

Speakers

Steve R
Candler, NC

Jamie McS
Sunnyside, NY

Lori G 
Oklahoma City, OK

Vicki McG
Johnson City, TN

Pat Y
Seal Beach, CA

Clif G
Oklahoma City, OK

Workshops and more...

FREE Convention Mug to
First 400 Pre-Registrants!

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Old-Timers' Panel

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Marathon Meetings

...

Open Discussion Meetings

...

Saturday Night Dance

...

Plenty of FREE Coffee

76TH NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

July 20-23, 2023

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center
91 N Lakeshore Dr, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745



Convention Pre-Registration \$35.00/person

Pre-registration rate available until June 29, 2023, \$40.00 per person June 30, 2023 and after.
Alanons 18 & under / Alateens 18 & under - No charge but must register.

Register online at www.aanconvention.com



For more information or for problems with hotel reservations, please email: aanconvention@gmail.com or call: Alana E. (980) 230-9333

Accommodations

*There is no group code.
Meal plans are available.*

Terrace Hotel—Avg rate \$149.00/night

Lambeth Hotel—Avg rate \$133.22/night

Apartments—Avg rate \$119.00/night

Reserve Online: <https://tinyurl.com/3t775y7j>

Email: reservations@lakejunaluska.com

Call: 800-222-4930

Don't wait! Hotel cut-off for Conference rate: **June 29, 2023**

✂

**First 400
Pre-registrations
Receive a FREE
COFFEE MUG!**

76TH NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Fill out (*please print legibly*) and mail this form or register online at www.aanconvention.com

Make checks payable/mail to: NC Convention Committee • PO Box 41451 • Raleigh NC 27629

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone (_____) _____ - _____

Sober Date (*optional*) _____  Do you have accessibility needs? _____

Name(s) for badge(s) _____

\$35.00 Special Rate before June 29, 2023

June 30 and after \$40.00 • AI-Anons 18 & under / Alateens 18 & under: No charge but must register.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ registration(s)

Is this a sponsorship? Yes No Preferred method of contact: Email Mail

If you are willing to be a volunteer, please check here:

Consider buying a sponsorship for those less fortunate

27TH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST WOMAN TO WOMAN CONFERENCE



"SECRETS WOMEN DON'T SHARE"

A Conference for Sober Alcoholic Women with Al-Anon Participation.
No Children Allowed at Conference Events!



BECOMING A BETTER YOU

LOW COUNTRY CONFERENCE CENTER

405 SIGMA DRIVE

SUMMERVILLE, SC

AUGUST 18-20, 2023

Hotel Reservations: Hilton Garden Inn - 406 Sigma Drive Summerville, SC 29483
843-832-1304 Code: SEW King \$159 2 Queens \$169 + tax per night (Cut off rate 7/19/2023)

For more information and online registration, visit website: <https://www.sewomantowoman.org/>
General questions? Contact Chair: info@sewomantowoman.org



Conference Registration: Early Bird \$55.00 (Until Feb 28, 2023) \$60.00 (Mar 1 - Aug 17) \$65.00 (At the door)

Banquet: "Ladies in Red" \$65.00 Southern Buffet

Clip and Mail Registration: SEWTW 2023 P.O. Box 61 Ladson, SC 29456

Please make Checks/M.O. payable to SEWTW

Registration Form (Please print clearly)

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Name: _____

Name on Badge: _____ Are you willing to Volunteer? _____ Special Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____ Sobriety Date: _____

Registration Fee: \$ _____ Scholarship: \$ _____ Banquet: \$65.00 _____ AA _____ Al-Anon _____

Souvenirs: Mugs \$18.00 _____ T-Shirt: \$20.00/Hoodie: \$27.00 S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ Other _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

NO REFUNDS

*Create the fellowship
you crave...*



SMA[⊙]ACC

Southern Motorcyclists in Alcoholics Anonymous Camping Convention, IX

WHEN: Aug. 24-27, 2023

WHERE: Fall Creek Falls TN State Park,
Newton Ford Bunk House.

REGISTRATION: \$50, after Jul. 31st – \$60.
The registration fee will cover meals & lodging.

TO PRE-REGISTER WITH CASHAPP: Use \$Sokygoose.

SPEAKERS: John E. (TN) – Fri PM, James Lee (FL) – Sat PM,
Jane Lee (FL) - Sun AM.

For contact information, see website: <http://www.smaacc.org/>



Name _____ AA _____
Address _____ Al-Anon _____
City, State, Zip _____ Others _____
Email _____ Sobriety Date _____
Would you like to volunteer? _____ Yes _____ No _____
If yes, phone number _____

Please, let us know about any special needs _____

Pr-registration: \$50 _____ After July 31st, \$60 _____ Donation: _____ Total: _____

Mail to: SMAAC, 370 South Lowe Ave., BOX 242, Suite A, Cookeville, TN 38501

**Please direct all
communications to:**

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

March 15, 2023

TO: Members of the General Service Conference; Intergroups and Central Offices, U.S./Canada

FROM: Sandra W., 2025 International Convention Interim Coordinator
Email: 2025ic@aa.org

Warm greetings from the General Service Office in New York!

This is a friendly reminder regarding setting up future local events for 2025, the year that the 2025 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025.

“Reflecting guidance from the Additional Consideration of the 1999 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums, the trustees’ Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums suggested that the area/state/provincial committees be made aware that experience has shown that planning a local A.A. event such as a convention, too near the dates of an International Convention may result in a smaller attendance at the local event; this notice to be sent out annually starting three years prior to each International Convention.”

Once again, if you would pass this information on to any local or regional planning committees who may be setting up future events for 2025, we would appreciate your cooperation.

February 8, 2023

**Please direct all
communications to:**
Grand Central Station,
P.O. Box 459,
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

ANNOUNCEMENT

General Service Board – U.S. / Canada Centennial Commemoration Ad Hoc Committee

Greetings from the U.S. and Canada General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous to our international friends.

Over the last 88 years Alcoholics Anonymous has, through the Twelve Steps of recovery, created and sustained new hope for those who suffer from alcoholism and those whose lives are touched by alcoholism. In twelve short years, we will be commemorating the Centennial anniversary of AA.

We are including you in this communication as part of the global service community of Alcoholics Anonymous. The work that has been done around the world in carrying the lifesaving message of AA inspires us all every day.

We are planning to engage in commemorative activities throughout the 2035 year. It is anticipated that there will be worldwide acknowledgement of AA's 100th anniversary, and in keeping with our AA history we wish to be "friendly with our friends" and cooperate with the unique opportunities this may present.

The General Service Board of the U.S. and Canada has formed an ad hoc committee to consider the options to commemorate our Centennial anniversary. We are in the earliest stages but wanted to ensure you were aware that these discussions are underway. We will be seeking your input, ideas and participation along the way, so stay tuned. One hundred years, a day at a time, is an occasion that deserves our best efforts to celebrate our lifesaving program of recovery.

Please note that these efforts are separate from the 2035 U.S. and Canada International Convention. The U.S. and Canada service structure hosts an International Convention every five years, and the 2035 International Convention is sure to be an amazing weekend of celebration. The ad hoc committee is exploring additional and distinct commemorative efforts to occur throughout the 2035 centennial year.

We will keep you informed as our plans develop. Again, thank you so much for all that you do for AA.

*General Service Board Centennial Commemoration Ad Hoc Committee
100years@aa.org*