

### Who Am I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nation.

I have caused millions of accidents and wrecked more homes than all floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes put together.

I am the world's slickest thief, I steal billions of dollars each year.

I find my victims among the rich and the poor alike, the young and the old, the strong and the weak.

I am relentless, insidious, and unpredictable.

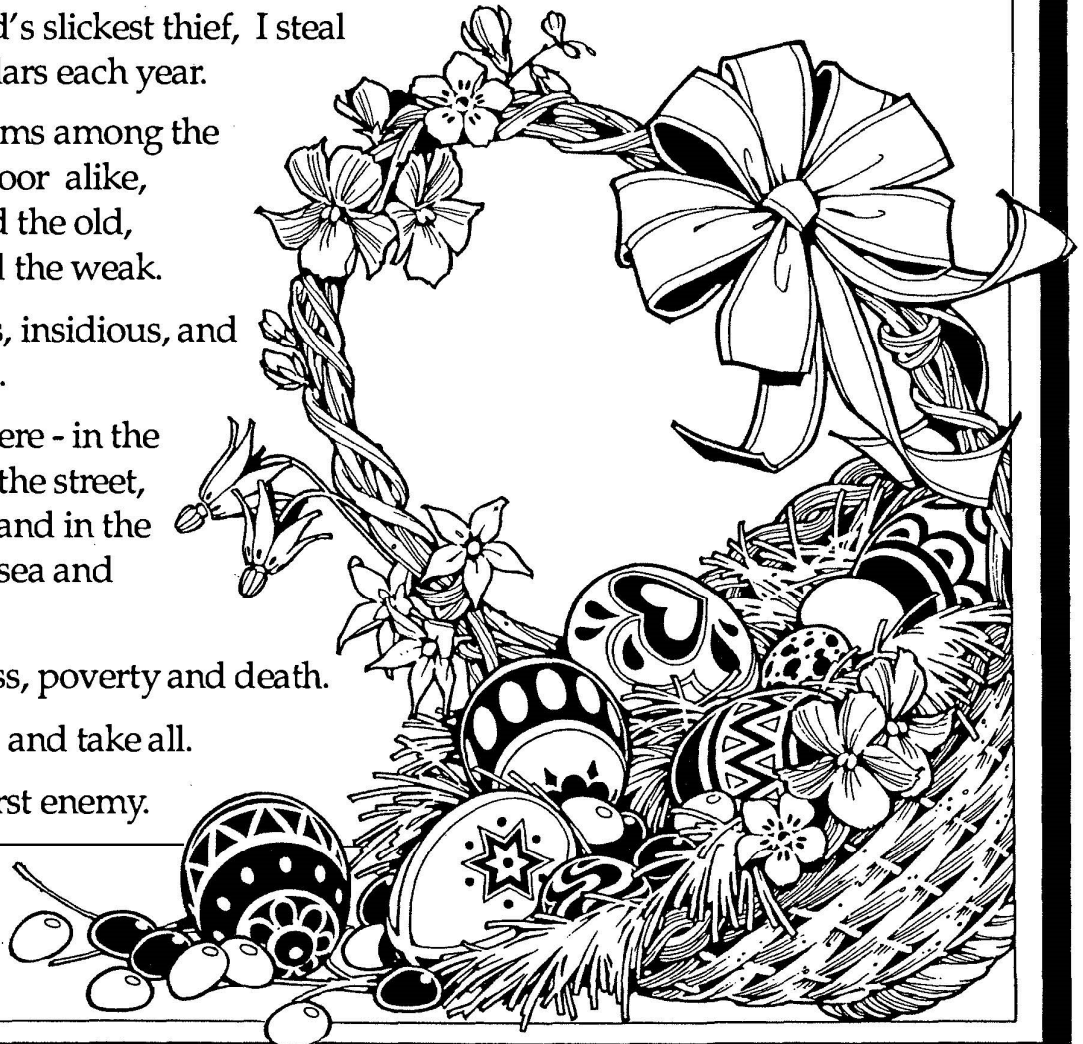
I am everywhere - in the home and on the street, in the factory and in the office, on the sea and in the air.

I bring sickness, poverty and death.

I give nothing and take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I am  
**ALCOHOL!**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF WAIA

Dear New Reporter Reader,

I am your Chairperson of the WAIA (Washington Area Intergroup Association) for 2022. I would like to thank the Executive Committee and the full Board of WAIA for having the complete confidence in me to elect me for a second year during the last election, which occurred this past December 2021.

I would like to inform you that it is my hope that in the next few months, some of our committees will post articles in the New Reporter for the remainder of 2022. By doing so, they will be able to inform you of their mission and calls for service.

Service at the Intergroup level often goes unnoticed and is therefore unappreciated. It is my hope that by our committees informing you of what we do, more of our readers will become aware of how the Intergroup works, why we serve, and how important it is to maintain our mission and carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic in Tradition 5.

I arrived at the Intergroup almost 5 years ago. During that time, I've served as the H&I (Hospital and Institutions) Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, and am now in my current role as Chairperson. I suffered Congestive Heart failure during my tenures as Vice-Chair and H&I chair. After taking a 1 year hiatus from Vice-Chair to recover fully from CHF, I returned to become the Chairperson in December of 2020. The support from my fellows in the Intergroup has been incredible and very important to me making a full recovery.

As an alcoholic who was locked up in Prince George's Correctional Facility twice in my 20's and as a patient in Shady Grove Adventist Behavioral Center when I got sober, it was very important to serve as the H&I Chairperson for a few years. By cooperating with WAGSA and the Bridging the Gap Committee there, we were able to bring meetings into Shady Grove Adventist Behavioral Health Center and later into Prince George's Correctional during my tenure as H&I Chair. I'm forever grateful to the alcoholics and the Intergroup who gave me the opportunity to accomplish this goal. There were no AA meetings being brought in during my stays at both facilities in 1998, 2000, or 2014. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, we find ourselves unable to bring meetings into these facilities and many more. However, we still have other ways to support them, such as literature and virtual meetings. We need your support.

If there are any questions, concerns, or suggestions you have, please feel free to reach out to me. You will find my contact information below. Thank you for being a supporter of the New Reporter and WAIA and I look forward to communicating with you.

Sincerely,  
Sean C - WAIA Chairperson  
[Sean.c@aa-dc.org](mailto:Sean.c@aa-dc.org)  
(240) 370-6165

## Getting through Covid in A.A. – One Woman's Story

The moment I knew the COVID pandemic was going to be a major disaster was when my kids were sent home from school. The governor said we had to shelter in place, and all of a sudden my A.A. meetings couldn't meet in person.

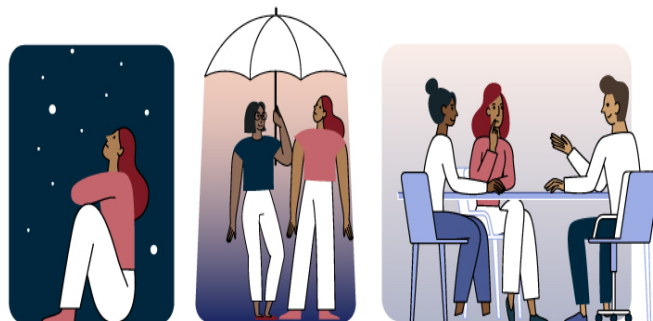
I immediately went into disaster mode and started controlling everything in my life—the kids' schedules and happiness, the cleanliness of my kitchen, my mother's and my sponsees' well-being. Have no fear, Kelli is here!

That was my motto, which lasted about 14 days, until I had this moment of clarity and realized that we might be shut down for a while and my behavior wasn't sustainable or helpful. As with every other disaster that has struck during my sobriety, I turned to A.A. for answers.

Our First Tradition has been the greatest help for me during this time. Our common welfare should come first: personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. When applied to my life, it reminds me to put the well-being of others first. The common welfare of my family comes first. The common welfare of my community comes first. It's my job to ensure that I don't pass along the Covid-19 virus to someone else. It's my privilege to think of how I can help meet the needs of my family and community.

Right away, my home group began meeting online. We struggled to mute and unmute, to teach the oldtimers how to use the technology and to connect in fellowship so we wouldn't separate. But I found myself finding fault with our meeting, with how people had set up their cameras, talking with the volume up or down, you name it. I was finding fault with everything. Again, I thought, this isn't sustainable or helpful.

So, I picked up my spiritual A.A. toolbox and tried to be of service. The regular service positions in my meeting had changed, so I reached out to members to see how they were doing or to tell them I missed seeing them. I reached out to people after they shared to tell them how much I appreciated what they said. I ended up developing amazing new relationships. I began to feel so fulfilled and supported just by supporting others.



There have been many times. One of my home group members is a photographer and he has begun texting me a photo every morning. It has turned into part of my Eleventh Step morning meditation time and is something I look forward to every day – another unexpected gift as a result of reaching out to others.

when I feel like this pandemic will never end. Sometimes I think it's all too much and I can't do this anymore. I'm tired and lonely and overwhelmed with the stress of it all. But then the principles of our program have helped me. I can't live in this shut-down pandemic world forever—but I *can* live in it today. Just for today I can follow the rules, limit my activities and do the things to keep myself and others safe. Just for today I can live life on life's terms. Freedom from the bondage of self has come from being of service to my home group and my sponsees.

One of my sponsees started a new meeting for our sponsor family and we have women from all over the country whom come together to meet online once a week. It has become a favorite meeting for us all.

There will likely be more disasters and emergencies as I move forward in sobriety. Living one day at a time, putting first things first and approaching life on life's terms will see me through again and again, just as it has these past two years.

K.S.B.

Seattle, Wash.

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Study shows Utah's tougher DUI law made roads safer

From The Washington Post

*From 2016 to 2019, the rate of deadly crashes dropped 20 percent*

Michael Laris of the Washington Post reports that “When Utah passed a law lowering its blood-alcohol limit for driving to .05 percent, the alcohol industry responded with a sarcastic, full-page ‘Thank you’ advertisement in a local newspaper, complete with pink and purple flowers.

“It was signed ‘Sincerely, Colorado,’ a rival ski destination, depicting gratitude from the neighboring state for the ‘competitive advantage.’

“‘This new law won’t save lives, but it will make criminals out of moderate and responsible social drinkers and hurt Utah’s tourism and hospitality industries,’ read the ad from the American Beverage Institute, a D.C.-based trade group.

“But a new federal study that examined what happened after the law was passed in 2017 found Utah’s rate of deadly crashes dropped more quickly than in neighboring states and the nation as a whole. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration analysis also found alcohol was less often a factor in crashes. And the changes came without cutting into Utah’s tourism industry, according to the study.

“The National Transportation Safety Board, an independent agency responsible for transportation-related accident investigations, including those on roads, issued a call nearly a decade ago for states to lower their blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, limit from .08 percent to .05 percent or lower. Utah was the only state that did so. The new federal report released in February has a government and outside safety advocates sensing an opportunity.

“‘The whole point of a policy like that is to save lives, and what [the] NHTSA study show is that Utah was able to save lives without hurting its state economy,’ said David H. Jernigan, a professor at Boston University’s School of Public Health who has worked on alcohol policy issues for 25 years. The .05 percent standard is used in some other countries and Utah’s experience shows ‘it can work in this country’ too, Jernigan said.

Find the full Washington Post article here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2022/02/19/utah-dui-law-driving/>



## That History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Britain, continued. . .

*Editor's note: Yours truly was invited to lead a Zoom meeting in the U.K. in January. As a part of qualifying, I mentioned this newsletter and our continuing need for new material. One of the participants, John M., who has 42 years of sobriety, provided the following as his contribution:*

In October 1946 Dorothy returned to America leaving Chris L-B as the only contact. We know that Chris L-B wrote to the Dublin group for information. After that Chris L-B is no longer heard from. There I some confusion about whether Chris L-B was a woman or a man but he or she was not the Chris B from Hendon who later attended the first A.A. meeting in London.

At that time the only recovering alcoholic in Britain, known to the New York office, was Canadian Bob who had got his sobriety in New York in 1945.

However, in that same year (**January 1946**) an article praising A.A. appeared in the **Reader's Digest**. This had caused a small flurry of interest in A.A. and more enquiries from Britain were being received in the New York office as a result of this article,

**Margaret Burger** of the New York office received a letter from a **Bill M in London** making enquiries about A.A. Bill M appeared to be the director of a Trust dealing with alcoholism and was interested in starting A.A. in Great Britain. Bill M was not an alcoholic and later became a member of the General Service Board of A.A. as a non-alcoholic trustee. But good news was on its way because in March 1947 an American, recovering alcoholic, **Grace O**, had sailed from New York with her husband, Fulton, on a European vacation and were stopping off in London. The New York office, known at that time as the Alcoholic Foundation, had supplied Grace O with details of interested parties in this country and, also, asked her to contact **Canadian Bob**. Bob, in the meantime, had contacted another Chris, **Chris B in Hendon** who had the names of other alcoholics who were desperate for help.

After an exploratory lunch in with Grace, Grace's husband, Fulton, and Canadian Bob, it was decided to hold a meeting of interested parties on the following **Monday 31<sup>ST</sup> March 1947** and Bob was asked to contact all of those people.

Grace O and her husband, Fulton, graciously offered their hotel room at the Dorchester Hotel in London as the most available venue at short notice. This was Room number 202 which was to become the most famous room in the history of A.A. in Great Britain, as it was known at that time...

**So who was Grace O?** Grace was quite a Celebrity. As Grace Perkins, her maiden's name, she had worked her way from modest beginnings to success as a Film actress, Screenwriter and Novelist. She had written 6 Novels, 3 of which were made into major films starring big stars of that era, Clark Gable, Barbara Stanwyck and Carole Lombard (those of you under 80 will, probably, not recognize those names) But alcoholism had overtaken Grace and she was one of the very few women alcoholics in recovery in those early days. She was, also, a personal friend of **Bill Wilson**.

Grace's husband, **Fulton Oursler**, was a famous journalist and had contributed an article to the American 'Liberty' magazine 'God and Alcoholics' which was one of the first articles on A.A. to appear in The States.

## In the Shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro

*This Navy guy once needed liquor to enjoy his life. Today, under a sky full of stars, he knows that isn't true*

Although it seems odd to me today, prior to coming to A.A., I would not have been able to think of anything fun that didn't involve drinking.

I got sober in the U.S. Navy, and a year before my last drink a shipmate and I sat down at a bar and tried to come up with things we could do the following weekend without drinking. Now, who but an alcoholic would ever do such a thing? In the couple of hours we worked at it, every idea we came up with required a case of beer, a bottle of whiskey or vodka or some other alcoholic beverage. That day was a stand-out moment that I've never forgotten.

A little more than two years later, with just over a year sober, I had another memorable experience. I was on my second Western Pacific cruise (WestPac), and after 100 days underway in the Persian Gulf my ship pulled into Mombasa, Kenya. While we were there, the ship offered several organized trips, including the option of taking a one- or two-day picture-taking safari in the Tsavo East and Tsavo West wildlife preserves. I did something I would never do on my previous drunken WestPac—I signed up to go alone on the two-day safari. It was wonderful. I took lots of photos and made so many memories that are still important to me.

On the first day of the safari, as we cruised around in minivans with pop-up tops where we could stand up and take photos, one of my fellow sailors from another ship in our task group complained the entire morning about how he should be back in Mombasa hanging out in one of the dive bars with his shipmates. This became annoying.

When our van stopped for lunch, my new friend ran off to find another shipmate who was on a one-day tour so he could trade places and go back to town that afternoon. He was not having "fun" and needed to get back to where he could just drink. I saw myself in him and knew that on my first WestPac I would have done the same thing.

That evening our safari crew stopped at a hotel in the bush that was built on concrete columns and had hanging walkways connecting the individual hut-like rooms. It had a very nice restaurant with a viewing deck on the roof. This deck overlooked a small lake that was lit up so we could see the wild animals that came to drink there.

That night, as I was sitting under a broad, dark sky full of stars, with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the distance and drinking a wonderful cup of fresh Kenyan coffee, I felt an overpowering sense of God having done for me what I could never have done for myself. I realized that my sailor friend who left at lunchtime to drink really was my former self. If I had not been sober, I would have missed this incredible experience.

Mark J.  
San Diego, CA

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Always make sure  
**SOMEONE** in the relationship has good credit.  
That's why it's called  
**SIGNIFICANT** other.  
Sign/if/I/can't.

**A**n alcoholic, a coke addict, and a meth addict are in a car. Who's driving?  
Answer: The police.



Rehab Humor

COVID tip of the day...

If you feel like you're starting to get sick, remember to drink plenty of Whiskey



It's like Hand-Sanitizer  
For your insides

IT'S A 5 MINUTE WALK FROM  
MY HOUSE TO THE BAR...

...BUT IT'S A 45 MINUTE WALK  
FROM THE BAR TO MY HOUSE.  
THE DIFFERENCE  
IS STAGGERING.





# A CALL FOR STORIES: THE BLACK AA EXPERIENCE



## UPDATE THE PAMPHLET

### "A.A. FOR THE BLACK & AFRICAN AMERICAN ALCOHOLIC."

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At the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference, The Trustee Literature Committee created a Working Group to revitalize the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black & African American Alcoholic." The updated pamphlet will include fresh stories and a new title that is respectful, inclusive and reflects the perspective of Black A.A. members sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

#### TIPS

- The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.
- Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether or not their story is selected for publication. **The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2022.**
- **Email:** [pamphletstories@aa.org](mailto:pamphletstories@aa.org)
- **Subject Line:** A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic
- **Postal Mail:** Atten. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

Experience, Strength and Hope

Steps, Traditions, Concepts

Sponsorship

Black Mental Health

Safety & Racism using AA principles

Diverse Black Diaspora Backgrounds  
(nationality, residence)

Atheist/Agnostics

BIPOC group xperience

Male, Female

Trans

Non-Binary

Gay, Lesbian

Military

Diverse Abilities

ypAA/Seniors



# You have a story to tell!

The Trustee's Literature Committee of the General Service Conference has assigned a Working Group to revitalize the pamphlet

**"A.A. for the Black & African American Alcoholic."**

In answer to their request for new stories sharing the experience, strength and hope of our Black & African American members, we are hosting a **writing workshop** facilitated by Vera and Tony, two members of the Working Group. They will offer ideas and assistance as you write your own story!!

**You might want to bring:**

- Favorite Pen or pencils
- Favorite Notebook / journal
- Sticky notes



**April 3, 2022, 1:00 pm**

**This is a hybrid  
writing workshop:**

**In-Person Location**

KC Group #1

311 W. 80th Terr., KCMO

**Virtual Meeting Information**

Meeting id: 821 7831 0131

Password: pamphlet

Hosted by District 6, Area 39

# Back To Basics

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## The Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners' Meetings

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*"Here are the steps we took . . ."*  
in Four One-Hour  
Sessions

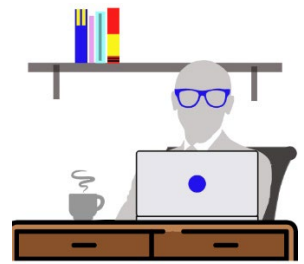
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**10 AM Saturday April  
2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd**

*Laurel Recovery*

**368 Main Street Laurel MD 20707**

*[laurelrecovery.org](http://laurelrecovery.org)*



# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Conference

## SAVE THE DATE!

### HOSTED BY:

**AREA 13 — WASHINGTON AREA GENERAL  
SERVICE ASSEMBLY (WAGSA)**



### DATE:

**SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022**

**TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

### ZOOM ID:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81728525762>

### WHAT?

The purpose of the Mini-Conference is to provide the opportunity for all Area 13 A.A. members to learn, discuss, and share their thoughts on the 2022 General Service Conference (GSC) agenda topics.

### WHY?

This provides our Area Delegate with the views of an informed Area group conscience, and also provides every A.A. member in Area 13 the opportunity to fulfill its responsibility to the future of A.A. by exercising its Right of Participation.

### HOW?

You will be provided more information about the topics to be covered in the very near future.

To review background material for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference go to:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xkF4jFfW0Lo3K4NCIP2g5HohCCMNZJf5/view?usp=sharing>

Questions? Email [altdelegate@area13aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area13aa.org) or visit [www.area13aa.org](http://www.area13aa.org).

**WAGSA Officer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic:** Area 13 49th Annual Mini-Conference

**Time:** Apr 9, 2022 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81728525762>

**Meeting ID:** 817 2852 5762

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
With Al-Anon Participation – Hosted by  
Maryland General Service, Inc.

Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center  
5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

## AA Speakers

Deshu G. – Clarksburg, MD  
Marie E. – Murrells Inlet, SC  
Lukas M. – Towson, MD  
Melissa Z. – Chester, VA  
Gary K. – Sulphur Springs, TX  
Joe G. – Wylie, TX

## Al-Anon Speaker

Beverly B. – Lewisville, TX

## Open AA and Al-Anon Meetings

at intervals each day

## Evening Activities

Ice Cream Socials (\$5 each night)

Recovery Puppet Show

## Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Registration Opens  
8:15 am Prayer and Meditation  
10:30 am AA Workshop  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
2:30 pm AA Workshop  
4:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
6:30 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
9:30 pm Ice Cream Social  
10:00 pm AA History Presentation

**Pre-Registration Gift!**  
**Limit 450**  
**See back!**

## Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Registration Opens  
8:15 am Prayer and Meditation  
9:00 am AA Speaker Meeting  
10:30 am Al-Anon Speaker Meeting  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm Old Timers Panel  
2:30 pm AA Workshop  
4:00 pm AA & Al-Anon Workshop  
6:00 pm Banquet  
7:30 pm Delegate Report and  
Sobriety Countdown  
8:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
9:30 pm Ice Cream Social  
10:00 pm Recovery Show

## Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am Prayer and Meditation  
10:00 am AA Speaker Meeting

Convention Room Rate: \$109/night + Tax.  
Mention "MD State Convention" for this reduced rate and a **FREE** breakfast.

For hotel reservations, call 301-694-7500, or reserve online at:  
[www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZM83G3](http://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZM83G3)  
Hotel reservations must be made by June 10, 2022

**Note: The hotel does NOT have an elevator. If you require ground floor accommodations, notify the hotel when making reservations.**





# Founders' Day Herald

87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 | 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: Woody W.

### A.A. Early Bird Meeting\* • 3:00 p.m.

Sandra S. - Cleveland, OH  
"She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone  
Until A.A. Found Her"  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

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

"Love and Tolerance"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 7:00 p.m.

Christina G. - Brecksville, OH  
"Watch Well, Your Beginnings -  
The Results Will Reveal Themselves"  
Chaired by: Mary K.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m.

Michael D. - Sioux Falls, SD  
"We Work On Broken Souls in A.A., God  
Can Fix A Broken Soul"  
Chaired by: Scott T.

### 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.

Debbie D. - Concord, CA  
"Practicing Them In All My Affairs"  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### A.A. Old Timers' Panel\* • 10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Acceptance Is The Key"  
Bob C. - Cleveland, OH  
Chris H. - Parma, OH  
Joe L. - Edmond, OK  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### Reunión en Español • 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 - Mike & Diane A.  
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"  
E.J. Thomas Hall  
Chaired by: Tracy C.

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

"Love and Tolerance"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 2:00 p.m.

Dick D. - Hamilton, Ontario, CA  
"Ain't It Great To Be Sober"  
Chaired by: Woody W.

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

Presented by: Gail L. - The Villages, FL  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 8:00 p.m.

Jay A. - Scarborough, Ontario, CA  
"Optimistic"  
UA Infocision Stadium\*\*  
Chaired by: Matt H.

**\*\*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  
Chaired by: Mary K.

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

Topic: "When All Other Measures Fail,  
Working With Another Alcoholic Just Might  
Save The Day"  
Rose L. - Cleveland, OH  
Laura D. - Cleveland, OH  
Melissa P. - Cleveland, OH  
Chaired by: Juanita W.

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

Kenny D. - Seattle, WA  
"His Story, The Spiritual Awakening"  
Chaired by: Michael B.

## AL-ANON

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"  
Maura D. - N. Attleboro, MA  
Cary C. - Akron, OH  
Patty M. - Concord, NC  
Olin Hall  
Chaired by: Marie E.

## AL-ANON

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Speakers - Mike & Diane A.  
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"  
E.J. Thomas Hall  
Chaired by: Tracy C.

## 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.  
\$30.00 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!**



# Founders' Day 2022 Registration Form | online at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

Everyone must be registered, including children. All registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2022. 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\***

Registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Registration \$30 x QTY = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

(Registration will be \$30 on site conference weekend)

**MUST** have a picture I.D. for pickup.

**Package Plan A** \$250 = \$ 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** \$175 = \$ ONE ONLY

Sex: M ☐ F ☐

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

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEALS

## QTY

## TOTAL

### SATURDAY

Breakfast

\$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch

\$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner

\$28 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SUNDAY

Breakfast

\$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS — ☐ Diabetic ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ 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

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mail or email and postmarked / received  
prior to June 1, 2022. [treasurerfd@akronaa.org](mailto:treasurerfd@akronaa.org)

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☐ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER

All Credit Card payments must be made online  
at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org). Click on the Founders' Day link  
and follow the instructions.

**NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.  
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

### Area 13 WAGSA 49th Annual Mini Conference

**Saturday April 9, 2022**

**9:00—2:00 PM**

Zoom ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81728525762>

See flyer on Pages 11-12 for more information

Questions? Email: [altdelegate@area13aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area13aa.org) or visit  
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Check the Events Page on  
WAIA's website for Holiday  
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### WAIA Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

**April 12, 2022—8:00 PM** 2nd Tuesday of the month except August

Join Zoom Meeting:

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[pwd=VVBEK2FNSzcxS3VXZDFVOXhMa1oxZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460598434?pwd=VVBEK2FNSzcxS3VXZDFVOXhMa1oxZz09)

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A pdf flyer may be attached



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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 214 930 Club Online        | 300 Progress Not Perfection    |
| 50 Anacostia Group         | 125 Prospect group             |
| 400 As We Understood Him   | 123 Quince Orchard             |
| 200 Aspen Hill 5th Chapter | 170 Riderwood Bills            |
| 17 Aspen Hill Phoenix—Mon  | 120 Room with a View           |
| 793 Attitude & Action      | 575 Rose Park Group            |
| 720 B.Y.O.L (103154)       | 100 Rosedale Sobriety          |
| 520 Back to Basics (CB)    | 144 Sat. Afternoon 2PM/UP      |
| 404 Burtonsville Big Book  | 120 Saturday Night Happy Hour  |
| 50 Campus Noon             | 675 Silver Spring Beginners BB |
| 66 Chinatown BB            | 600 Silver Spring Group        |
| 48 Cigar Smokers           | 180 Simplicity                 |
| 25 Clinton Day             | 260 Six & Seventh Step         |
| 1079 Cosmopolitan          | 350 Sober Sat. Matinee         |
| 120 Darne Good Big Book    | 148 Sobriety Sisters           |
| 264 Darnestown Men         | 1500 Spiritual Awakening       |
| 748 Del Ray Club           | 92 Spiritual Hilltop           |
| 171 Divine Intervention    | 140 Sunday in the Park         |
| 240 Epiphanies             | 26 Sunday Men's Step           |
| 12 Ex-Libris               | 20 Sun. Morn. Breakfast Out    |
| 330 Eye Opener—Potomac     | 3510 Sunrise Sobriety Zoom Grp |
| 250 Foggy Bottom           | 60 Sunshine, G'burg            |
| 91 Georgetown Happy Hour   | 180 Takoma Park Necessity      |
| 53 Glam Lot Women          | 5 The Away Group               |
| 60 High Sobriety           | 73 Uptown                      |
| 10 Hyattsville Hope        | 34 Village Idiots              |
| 39 Informed Group          | 52 West Side Women             |
| 1200 Into Action           | 344 Westmoreland Women         |
| 25 Leisure World Noon      | 75 What's Happening Now        |
| 15 Let Go Let God          |                                |
| 39 Lit Hoppers             |                                |
| 45 Lit Womxn               | Birthday                       |
| 170 Messengers             | 90 Faithful Fivers             |
| 432 Mideast                | 6843 Individuals               |
| 120 Mo.Co. Women           | 150 Memorial                   |
| 289 More Peace of Mind     |                                |
| 240 N.E. Sunrise           |                                |
| 120 N.W. Metro             |                                |
| 100 Navy Yard BB           |                                |
| 408 New Avenue             |                                |
| 48 New Hope 123            |                                |
| 190 No Hard Terms          |                                |
| 51 Oasis Women's BB        |                                |
| 84 Olney Women             |                                |
| 208 On Awakening           |                                |
| 1938 P Street              |                                |
| 360 Palisades Mon. Nite    |                                |
| 250 Potomac Men            |                                |

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