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### A Word From Our Delegate

Greetings Area 54,

I am grateful to serve Area 54. It has been a busy year in service, we just hosted the East Central Regional Forum and had a great attendance (unofficially 485) from all over our region and even some folk's from Western Pennsylvania and New York state, in addition, to our staff and trustees from GSO. It was a very informative weekend. If your group is waiting to contribute money to AAWS they/we can use the money. The GSO budget has a shortfall of 1 million dollars. The literature sales which used to make up for the difference is down. GSO is suggesting that individuals and groups make a couple of contributions a year as opposed to making just one per year. Let us reach a little deeper into our pockets.

As we go into the New Year, we will have an assembly on January 21<sup>st</sup> to go over our budget and the following weekend we will start with our 49th Mini-Conference Planning Meeting on January 28th. Please plan on attending. We will need lots of volunteers for registration. Our hospitality room we will need a district to host it. Greeters and bell ringers are needed for each session. Also, you can enter your name for our mini-conference drawing each time you attend the Planning Meetings and the Assemblies and Workshop. You could WIN the 49th Mini Conference Package which includes 2 free nights at the hotel, free Registration and Banquet.

Next, will be our February Workshop on February 18th hosted by our Group Services Committee. (See flyer in this mailing or on the website—Area54.org.) Be sure to be at the February 25th Mini Conference Planning Meeting #2. (Note the Mini Conference Planning Meetings are at the Doubletree Hilton Westlake, Ohio at 2pm)

Beverly F., our Alternate Delegate and I will be attending the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in Muncie, Indiana.

In addition, we will be attending the other Ohio Area Mini-Conferences: Area 55 on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Area 53 on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and Area 56 on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Mailing Secretary and Area Chair will each attend one of the other Area mini-conferences.

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And finally our **49<sup>th</sup> Mini-Conference will be on March 23-25, 2024.** Look for the flyer in this mailing or on the website — Area54.org. I hope to see you there.

It will surely be a busy few months.

I am also going to be sending out the



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*Presentation from the 71st General Service Conference*

### **Going to Any Lengths: Recovery, Unity, and Service — Stacy M., Area 36 Southern Minnesota**

The short answer to this question is that we do it through self-sacrifice. We start by abandoning our old lifestyle. Then we abandon our old ideas. That is how we start going to any lengths for our own recovery. Next, we learn that the “whole” is more important than any one “part.” For the good of our groups, and A.A. as a whole, we give up our insistence that there is only one way to do things. We learn to give up our “right to be right.” At the same time, we give up on passivity. The ongoing success of this program lies in each of our hands. We don’t go along with an idea just because the majority thinks it is a good idea, or just because we want the meeting to end. In the process of trying to meet in the middle, we start to become unified. We cast aside selfishness to help others. Often, we set aside our own comfort to make sure that those who want our help can access it. That is how we learn to go to any lengths to serve. How we go to any lengths to do these things is subjective and will vary from individual to individual. Here are some examples from my own experience. When I came to Alcoholics Anonymous, I knew that I could not continue to spend time with my friends who drank like I drank. It would have been too tempting to pick up a drink. I also learned very quickly that most of them weren’t friends anyway. I abandoned them and they abandoned me too. I could not hang out at the bar anymore. I knew if I did, it would only be a matter of time before I drank again. I abandoned those things. Before long I found a sponsor who helped me work the steps. As a result of working the steps my thinking and my actions started to change. Slowly but surely, I stopped hurting my loved ones and started being more considerate of them. I became a better employee. I could be counted on to show up for work and my performance improved greatly. I was an A.A. member in good standing. You could trust me to do what I said I would do. It didn’t take long before my schedule was filled with going to meetings, working with newcomers, working the steps, answering phones, and following my sponsor around to service functions. Time kept passing and I kept staying sober. Going to any lengths for me really meant putting A.A. first in my life. When I did that, my life changed dramatically just like the Big Book promised in the Appendix on Spiritual Experience. I found recovery by being willing to change EVERYTHING! At six months of sobriety, I found my first home group, Tradition Five. Before that I didn’t hear anyone talk about the Traditions. Tradition Five taught me that unity is our most cherished gift here. I learned that all the other traditions support our unity. We are autonomous, but we give up our autonomy if the action we are taking might affect other groups or A.A. as a whole. We let a “loving God” guide our minds on issues facing the group

and A.A. and, when the group conscience does not go our way, we support what the group 14 decides. Sometime in the mid-1990s, my home group discussed and debated whether to add childcare. I was not in favor of it. Going to any lengths for unity at my group meant that, when the group voted to do so, I made a point to volunteer in the childcare room at least twice each year, and sometimes more. I learned that my opinion on “inside” issues was important. My home group taught me to share my opinion and respect the viewpoint of others – even when I think they are wrong. Area and district meetings provided additional opportunities to witness this in action. There was a time when I shared what could have been an unpopular observation about how widely accepted it had become for people to speak negatively about my religion at meetings. Going to any lengths can mean walking through uncomfortable feelings to share something that matters to me when no one else is sharing about it. My first home group and my first sponsor both demonstrated the importance of service. I learned right away that my life depended on it. Being willing to go to any lengths meant sponsoring young women on opposite ends of the metropolitan area who didn’t drive and being willing to drive 90 miles round trip twice each week to make sure they both got to meetings. Being willing to go to any lengths meant answering phones for the local central office from my home on a Saturday afternoon from 3pm until 9am on Sunday morning – and this was before the internet provided access to meeting information. It meant, at times, missing a family member’s birthday or other event because of an A.A. commitment. I also think it means stepping out of our comfort zones both in thought and in action. I believe that in going to any lengths we are asked to set aside our old lives for new ones. We have a solution here that works so sometimes we set aside our own ideas in favor of the best ideas to keep the solution intact and available. We are the only ones who can offer this program to others, so we set aside our lives and our comfort to make sure others find and get this solution. Being willing to go to any lengths means letting go and letting God guide me and us in whatever way he sees fit for so long as he might need us Unity – Why it Matters -- Connie R., Area 40, Montana When I came into A.A. 40 years ago, I never heard anything about the traditions. I wasn’t concerned at all about how I could be a contributing member of this program.

### **Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to A.A.’s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

# AREA REPORTS

Delegate Report (Continued from page 1)

Agenda Items to GSR's, DCM'S and Committee Chairs in February as soon as I receive them. This is to keep groups more informed. We will discuss a few of the Agenda Items at the Mini-Conference.

Yours in Service  
**Tim H. - Delegate**  
**Area 54, Panel 73**

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## ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

No Report

## AREA CHAIR REPORT

No Report

## RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

No Report

## TREASURER REPORT

No Report

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## MAILING SECRETARY REPORT

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are finishing up this year strong with ideas for cleaning up the mailings for 2024. All mailings will now include a return to sender if the person has moved and didn't leave a forwarding address this way we can remove them, then save on the next mailing. We will also be rolling out ideas to have people removed from the actual physical mailing and only send via email or print from the area website. Watch your mailbox and email for more on that, which we will also speak on at the January assembly. Please note all issues of the NE Ohio Recorder can be found on the area website under Publications / AA Online Readings / NE Ohio Recorder. You can pull up everyone back to Volume XI Issue 5 from 1998 if you need a reference.

**Amanda B., Mailing Secretary**  
**Area 54, Panel 73**

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## **GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hello A.A. Family,

The East Central Regional Forum that happened

November 17-19<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing weekend of connecting and learning. It was so awesome to meet the hosts (the Trustees of the General Service Board-GSB of A.A., General Service Office-GSO of A.A., employees, A.A. World Services -AAWS and Grapevine Trustees and Staff) and other A.A.'ers from our East Central Region (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio). We received clarification from the General Manager of the General Service Office, that the General Service Conference Agenda and Background material should be disseminated through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Area 56 Delegate Andrea H. shared her experience, strength and hope on this as well, confirming that disseminating this information helps her Area to be well informed. Area 54 will commit to ensuring that our groups, GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs and Officers are well informed and equipped to articulate the voice of Area 54 to our Delegate. I gathered a true sense of humility from our hosts, as they answered as many questions as they could with love & tolerance, and if they didn't know the answer, they made sure to take note so that they could get back to attendees in the final report that they will send out. The hosts made time to meet with people individually. I was so grateful to be able to eat a couple of meals and fellowship with some of the Trustees and GSO employees. I also enjoyed the workshops and presentations that were provided, through which I gained a clearer perspective on how I can go about making service sponsorship more attractive. It was refreshing to hear so many people sharing their perspectives and for everyone to respect their point of views. Even when it got a little off track, the room recentered in our principles of A.A. to allow the sharing to continue and to let the sunlight of the spirit shine through. A lot of listening happened this weekend. I felt heard and I hope all of you that were in attendance did too. Even if you weren't there, please know that we all have a voice in A.A., and that through service, connecting and listening we can accomplish great things for our recovery, and ensure that a seat at the table is there for those who have yet to get to the rooms of A. A.

Group Services' next workshop will be held in February of 2024, and we will focus on learning about and preparing for the Area 54 Mini-Conference that is held in March. This will be a great opportunity for GSRs and DCMs to share their experience, strength and hope and ask questions about the Area 54 Mini-Conference. The

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# AREA REPORTS

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hope is to be better prepared for the Mini-Conference so that we can spend our time there sharing and growing in service. We will also discuss how we can prepare for the 68<sup>th</sup> Ohio State Convention, which is being hosted by Area 54, August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The flyer for the February workshop will be sent out in the next mailing and is also in the A.A. General Service Documents Google Drive folder listed below. The event is also listed on the Area 54 trifold schedule for 2024 which is also located in the same Google Drive folder and on the Area 54 website.

I am working on the Ad Hoc Area 54 Guidelines Committee and we continue to make progress. We will most likely have our review complete to present to the Area in early spring of 2024.

I am stepping away from the New Group/Change Forms project that I had mentioned I would be leading in previous newsletters. I have learned through A.A. General Service that not everything will get done immediately and that I don't have to be the one to get "everything" done. I have hopes that in the future the Area will embrace a more efficient digital approach for New Group/Change Forms and other Area projects.

If you have any questions about General Service, or need help with your groups from Area 54, or have ideas of how to carry the message, please reach out to me a [groupservices@area.54.org](mailto:groupservices@area.54.org)

A.A. General Service Documents-Area 54 QR Code and Link: (February 2024 Workshop flyer, 2024 Schedule, A.A. Service Manual, Area Guidelines, GSR and DCM information, ECR Forum documents are here! Bookmark the link!)  
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In Service,  
**Adam P, Area 54 Group Services Chair**  
**Area 54, Panel 73**

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We need to continue to encourage our groups to support the entities: District, Area and GSO (General Service Office). The cost of printing our literature is still increasing. Sales of literature are down this year. During the "pandemic" we stepped up and sent more money to GSO. We need to step up again and send more money to GSO. AA is self supporting. It is up to all of us to send what we can to GSO (our New York Office).

The new address for our contributions is  
**General Service Office**  
**Post Office Box 2407**  
**James A Farley Station**  
**New York, NY 10116-2407**



**Make checks payable to the General Service Board**

You can also continue to make contributions online at [www.contributions.aa.org](http://www.contributions.aa.org), using a major credit card or PayPal.

**Mae R, Finance Committee Chair,**  
**Area 54 Panel 73**

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## GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings from the Grapevine Committee,

I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Independence OH. It was fun meeting new strange people but mostly it was chucked full of information.

We got to meet many General Service personnel, from varying positions, including the Grapevine publisher. He pushed the new app which I already had downloaded. It gives you access to the magazine (subscription), podcasts, and a sobriety calculator.

Also of interest is the biggest sale I've seen at [AAGrapevine.org](http://AAGrapevine.org). **Everything is 20% off PLUS free shipping.** Take advantage folks! I did and we increased our inventory to better serve you where ever we set up.

All of our sales are profit free so see us at the Area 54 assemblies or at Founder's Day.

In Love and Service  
**Matt P, Grapevine Chair**  
**Area 54 Panel 73**



**AA Grapevine**  
"Our Meeting in Print"

## The Reserve Fund: -

### A.A.'s 'Prudent Financial Principle' In Action

This is the second in a series from the chair of the General Service Board (GSB) Finance and Budgetary Committee (The Finance Committee). The purpose of this series is to demystify the GSB finance and budget processes and provide information on planning and oversight.

Beginning with this Summer 2023 Issue, *Box 4-5-9* will feature a series of columns from the chair of the General Service Board (GSB) Finance and Budgetary Committee (commonly known as "the Finance Committee"). The current chair is Kevin Prior, Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee. The purpose of this series is to demystify the GSB finance and budget processes, provide information on planning and oversight, and respond to frequently asked questions. Kevin brings deep experience and expertise to this service role. He is senior director of finance at the St. Louis, Missouri-based Catholic Health Association of the United States, a nonprofit similar in size and scope to Alcoholics Anonymous. Like A.A., it is funded by its members, and has what Kevin describes as a "parallel financial structure." To kick off this series, *Box 4-5-9* sat down with Kevin to discuss his role and some recent areas of concern for the Fellowship.

**Box 4-5-9:** Why do you think discussion of this topic is both timely and important?

**Kevin:** In addition to being the chair of the Finance Committee and the treasurer of the board, I am also the chief steward of the precious Reserve Fund of the Fellowship. This money is their money, A.A. members' money, and I'm always very aware of that. I think that it's really crucial for people to realize how much time and care is spent on the way their dollars are utilized — essentially, the planning and oversight process.

**Box 4-5-9:** So how does budget oversight work?

**Kevin:** We can use the 2023 budget process as an example. Our budget year runs January to December, which means we started conversations about the budget back in September 2022. It's important to remember that the General Service Board is the holding company for both Grapevine and AAWS/GSO. Each of those entities submits a budget. I figured out that A.A. finances, in some form, are discussed by a group of trusted servants 70 times a year. There are so many steps and all these intelligent people are looking at the budget at every stage.

I personally attended several of the Grapevine Board meetings in person and several online. The same with AAWS. What those corporate boards wanted to know was, 'Is there anything that is a non-starter for you [as the budget was being developed]?' and I said, 'If there is a deficit there has to be a plan to get out of it.'

**Box 4-5-9:** Why is it important to discuss budget oversight?

**Kevin:** One of the reasons I'm talking about oversight is that there is an unfortunate narrative out there that the whole process is just kind of on autopilot. There are people who think that when the January Board Weekend comes along, and the Finance Committee and the board approve the budget, that we are rubber-stamping it. This is far from true. The budget goes through an exhaustive series of meetings of AAWS and Grapevine (as well as periodic touchpoints with the Finance Committee or whole GSB, as necessary) so that by the time it does come to the General Service Board and Finance Committee it is already a finished product that has been carefully and thoroughly reviewed. I've heard the idea that at the formal meeting where

we approve the budget we should be still tinkering and questioning what's in the budget. But, if after this long process, the board at its formal meeting says 'no' to the budget or feels the need to tinker, that means the process has failed in some way. Communication should be so open during the development of the budget that what lands on the GSB's meeting for approval should not be a surprise to anyone — and I believe we have achieved that through our exhaustive budget oversight process.

**Box 4-5-9:** What are some other concerns you have heard?

**Kevin:** One is that since 2019, the Reserve Fund has been drawn down — mainly because of Covid. It's only at seven months of expenses. Our own reserve policy that we put in last year, as well as common lore throughout A.A. history, is that it should be between nine and 12 months. So, the reservoir is low, relative to history, and that is concerning. People in A.A. are generally pretty conservative financially, so they say, 'Shouldn't Plan A be that we are replenishing the reservoir?' In Concept XI, Bill talks about the problem of obsessing about rebuilding the reserve at the expense of services. He says you can cut the budget back to achieve this, but the Fellowship might not like what's on the other side of it. In contemporary terms, no new Translation Department, no plain language Big Book. You have to watch out for what he calls 'a false and unimaginative economy' that is not even effective. Essentially, Bill says you should get the reserve back to nine months if we think that's a safe level.

**Box 4-5-9:** But Bill is cautioning 'don't burn down the barn' to get there.

**Kevin:** Exactly. Going back to oversight, here's my point: You may not like the fact that we're not going to get the reserve back up to nine months this year, but it's important to keep in mind that there are a lot of people minding the store and doing it well. I get that people are worried. It's a challenging time for all organizations. Contributions have been healthy, but they're not going sky high. Literature sales have been impacted negatively by the pandemic and supply chain issues. When the pie is shrinking, people can get fearful. I understand that.

**Box 4-5-9:** And you're not afraid?

**Kevin:** No. We are at seven months' reserve. Both corporations [AA Grapevine and AAWS] have a plan that is reasonable. I have 30 years of managing nonprofit budgets. From my vantage point and experience, we are not in a crisis.

**Box 4-5-9:** What topics do you plan to cover in future columns?

**Kevin:** I want to speak to the Reserve Fund policy because that's important. Let's talk about A.A.'s investments. Why the new Grapevine app may be the financial story of 2023-24. The reason we've raised our literature prices. We can also discuss both revenue streams, literature vs. contributions, though I know there is a spiritual conversation to be had there. And more. There's a lot we can cover and discuss.



*When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help  
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there  
And for that ... I am Responsible*

# Presentation

*The following presentation is from the 71st General Service Conference.*

## **Unity – Why it Matters --- Connie R., Area 40, Montana**

When I came into A.A. 40 years ago, I never heard anything about the traditions. I wasn't concerned at all about how I could be a contributing member of this program. My only thought was how to get out of the mess I was in with my ex, family, and employer. I heard the word unity thrown around but took no notice of how that would affect me, which was what I was most concerned about. I came here to make things better for me. We all know how that works and, of course, I left the program, still trying to find that magic solution that was going to fix Me. I was fortunate enough and desperate enough, to find my way back to the rooms of A.A., and, by the grace of a loving Higher Power, I found myself in a group that not only read the traditions at each meeting but also talked about them when they shared. I had a sponsor that believed that the traditions are a set of tools provided to help each of us to be able to relate to others within a group setting as well as in society as a whole. The first tradition, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity", seems like a simple order. It tells me that it is important that I learn to care about someone, or something, other than myself. Over the years, my understanding about the 15 principal of Unity has grown and changed as has my understanding of how my recovery relies on my being able to connect with others. Years ago, a past Area 40 Delegate, Robbie S., shared the unique perspective that the 1st tradition presents the ultimate purpose of the Traditions, Unity. Essentially, what unity represents then is our desire to stay together to continue to help each of us as individuals to stay sober. The 2nd tradition presents us with two vital elements that we as a fellowship and as individuals need to achieve that purpose. In my recovery, as an individual, I need a higher power and guidance. Collectively, we need God, as he speaks through our group conscience, to guide us and trusted servants, to do those things that we as a collection of diverse individuals cannot do ourselves. The remaining 10 traditions provide a framework for how our group conscience and trusted servants work together to serve our common welfare... our unity. When it dawned on me how, just like the Steps, these principles all work together, I began to see the traditions in a very different way. Bill Wilson explained in A.A. Comes of Age, that, "Pride and fear and anger—these are the prime enemies of our common welfare. True brotherhood, harmony and love, fortified by clear insights and right practices are the only answers. And the purpose of A.A.'s traditional principles is to bring these forces to the top and keep them there. Only then can our common welfare be served; only then can A.A.'s unity become permanent." Losing sight of what our primary purpose is, allowing outside issues to dictate how we treat people, forgetting that A.A. is bigger than just our home group or our district, this mind set justifies actions that can cause tension, fear, and intolerance. When I first came to A.A., I was

terrified that if you found out that I had not actually tried to commit suicide, that I wasn't that far gone yet, I would be turned away. When I shared my fear with my sponsor and eventually with my group, no one turned their backs and told me I was not a true alcoholic. Instead, I was told to come all the way in and sit all the way down. I was told that I was home... that I belonged. It was through general service work that I learned A.A. was bigger than just the local group that opened their arms to me; bigger than the district we were part of, and even bigger than the Area that we belonged to. What an amazing experience to be able to open my heart and my mind to a Fellowship as broad and inclusive as ours. I came to realize that there were hundreds, then thousands, then millions of other sufferers from this disease. The phrase "You are not alone" suddenly meant more than the fact that you were all here for me. It became abundantly clear that we were all here for each other; that we all suffer, and recover, from this disease together or, as the saying goes, we die alone. When I allow myself to return to being self-centered, and self-righteous I destroy my ability to be a part of the whole. I quickly become separated from God and those around me. The common welfare of anyone else becomes secondary to what I want and what I demand. A 16 clear indication for me that this is happening is when I begin weaponizing the Traditions instead of using them as the guides to unity that they were intended to be. Getting past the "me" part of the problem, in order to experience the "WE" part of the solution, requires self-sacrifice. I have found that sacrificing my "self-interest" in the interest of unity is one of the most spiritual acts I can undertake. Oftentimes the "work" part of service work comes into play when I am asked to allow room in any discussion for others to share their experience, and their positions on whatever it is we are talking about. I also must work at setting my pride, my fear and sometimes my anger aside when the Group Conscience decides on something in a way other than how I think it should. The Serenity Prayer offers a solution to the pride, fear and anger that make up my ego. At the end when I pray for the wisdom to know the difference, I am asking for help in seeing my part in all things. I can only contribute to Unity if I'm aware of the difference between what I can change and what I cannot. The long form of the 1st traditions states "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Unity is not destroyed by outside sources. Frothy emotional appeal will not maintain unity in A.A. Unity must come from our hearts and our desire to make sure that AA will be available for those still to come. Whether it be a loved one or friend, I want A.A. to remain a viable source of hope and recovery. **Unity does matter.**

# UPCOMING DATES

## NOTE THE DATE

**January 21, 2024** Hybrid Area Assembly  
GV Lit

**January 28, 2024** *First* Mini-Conference  
Planning at *DoubleTree Hotel in Westlake* at  
2PM at  
*1100 Crocker Rd, Westlake, OH 44145*

**February 18, 2024** Hybrid General Service  
Workshop

**February 25** *Second* 49<sup>th</sup> Mini Conference  
Planning Meeting at 2PM at the DoubleTree  
Hilton Westlake, Ohio

**March 17, 2024** Hybrid Area Assembly

**March 23-25, 2024** The 49<sup>th</sup> NEOH Mini  
Conference at the *DoubleTree Hilton  
Westlake, 1100 Crocker Rd, Westlake, OH  
44145*

**April 21, 2024** Hybrid Area Assembly  
GV Lit

## OUTSIDE our AREA

**February 9—11, 2024** Annual East  
Central Region Conference of Dele-  
gates Past & Present, Courtyard by  
Marriot Muncie, Muncie, Indiana

Gv = Grapevine Sale days

Lit = Literature Sale days

## Save the Date

**The 68th Ohio State Convention**

**August 23-25, 2024 at**

**DoubleTree by Hilton, Independence Ohio**

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**Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to attend the  
2025 A.A. International Convention**

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**July 3-6, 2025**

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the Convention webpage at [aa.org/international-convention](http://aa.org/international-convention) for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

**Let's celebrate sobriety together  
in Vancouver in 2025!**

## RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our A.A. experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, expressed through our group conscience, is our sole authority. World Service is the heart of our Third Legacy. Our meetings are informative and educational. They are held so that the Committee Members, GSRs and all interested members may be better equipped to carry the message of World Service back to their home groups and individual members, thus giving a better understanding to our purpose, our hopes, and our work.

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