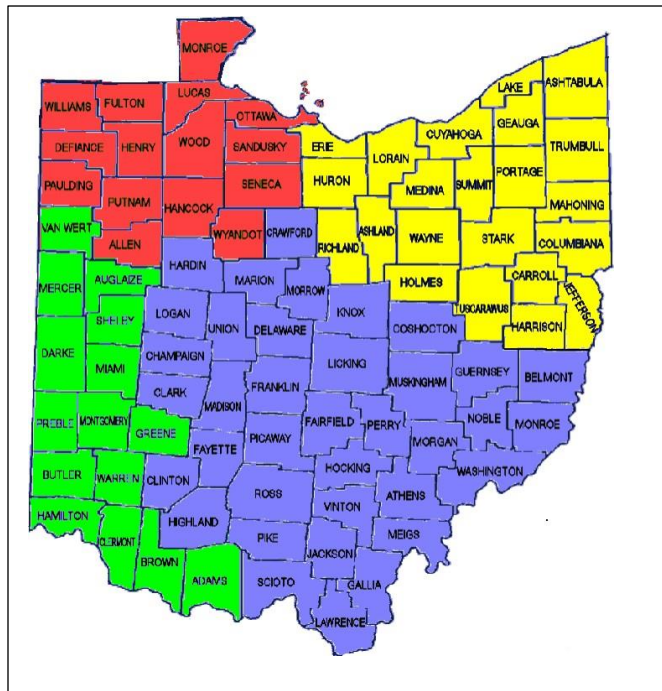


Why do I have to pay?

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



68TH OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Our Great Responsibility

A 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.

August 23-25, 2024

At the DoubleTree by Hilton

6200 Quarry Lane

Independence, Ohio 44131

Hosted by Area 54 Northeast Ohio General Service

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotating schedule by one of the four Ohio General Service Areas comprised of Area 53 – Central & Southeast OH; Area 54 – Northeast OH; Area 55 – Northwest OH; and Area 56 – Southwest OH.

The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to individual A.A. members of the districts and groups in Ohio. This is accomplished by fostering cooperation among the four Ohio Areas, highlighting and celebrating the General Service Activities of Alcoholics Anonymous in these areas and through sharing experience on AA's legacies of unity, service and recovery.

The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio, helping us to stay sober to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

The first Ohio State Conference was held in Columbus in July, 1957.

Pete W, delegate for Southern Ohio, wrote in the December 1957 issue of our A.A. Grapevine:

How could it be arranged so everyone could get the picture? That problem really was foremost in my mind. Among these swell people I'd met [at the General Service Conference] were two other delegates from Ohio (Howard B and Edward E). They too were concerned about getting this wonderful experience across to their groups. We...talked to other delegates – who told us about their State Conferences.

This we thought would be the ideal way to get the message across, but it would cost money, and that we didn't have – but we had faith, we had a vision of what this would mean to AA's of our state, and we had friends who had had confidence enough in us to select us as their delegates. We knew if we thought this good for AA they would give us some financial backing.

Plans were started on Sunday, the last Conference day. Since Columbus was located in the center of the state we decided on that as a site for our State Conference, as a beginning. We also asked two of the General Service staff members if they would be available to meet with us.

We came home from the General Service Conference very enthusiastic because we felt we would now be able to render a service that was much needed in our state.

We all started to work making reports, meeting the groups and talking to people about the State Conference. In May, we met with group representatives, committeemen and a newly-elected delegate from the Cincinnati-Dayton area (Ladd S.) and final plans were laid to hold our "First Ohio Conference of A.A." at Columbus in July [1957].

68th Ohio State Convention Planning Committees Chairs

General Chair	Timothy H.
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Speakers	Katie S., April O. & Jasmine W.
Printing	Crystal J. & Ellen W.
Entertainment	Christine F., Bill M. & Bob Mck.
Hospitality	Candy L. & Darcy F.
Hispanic Liaison	Wellington R. & Reyes M.
Floor Management	Tina C.
Al-Anon Coordinator	Sydney P.

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Sunday, August 25, 2024**

7:00 am	Open AA Meeting - Discussion	Grand Ballroom
8:30 am	OSC Business Meeting	Petit ABC
9:00 am	Convention Opens Readings	Grand Ballroom
9 :30 am	Speaker – Yvette N. Pittsburgh PA Area 60	Grand Ballroom
10:30 am	General Sharing Session	Grand Ballroom
11:30 am	Closing Program Farewell Address “Whenever, wherever, one alcoholic meets another alcoholic and sees in that person first and foremost not that he or she is male or female, or black, or white, or Christian, Buddhist, Jew, or Atheist or gay or straight, or whatever, but sees...that he or she is alcoholic and that therefore both of them need each other – there will be not only an Alcoholics Anonymous, but there will be the Alcoholics Anonymous that you and I love so much and respect so deeply”	

Ernie Kurtz (1935 – 2015)

I AM RESPONSIBLE -

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

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Friday, August 23, 2024**

3:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration Opens	
4:00 – 5:30 pm	General Service Rep (GSR) School	Petit ABC
5:30 pm -	Dinner – on your own	
7:00 pm	Convention Opening	Grand Ballroom
7:15 pm	Introductions	Grand Ballroom
7:45 pm	East Central Region Trustee (ECR) Cathi C.	Grand Ballroom
8:45 pm	Break	
9:00 pm	Speaker – Brian C. OYPAA	Grand Ballroom
10:00 pm	Hispanic Speaker/Discussion	Amphitheater
10:30 pm	N-SeYe’d-OuT – Band (pronounced – Inside Out)	Grand Ballroom

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**PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Saturday, August 24, 2024**

7:00 am	Open AA Meeting	Grand Ballroom
9:00 am	Convention Opens Readings	Grand Ballroom
9:15 am	Misha Q. – Public Information - General Service Office (GSO)	Grand Ballroom
10:00 am	Speaker Martina S. – Area 54	Grand Ballroom
10:00 am	Hispanic Speaker/Discussion	Amphitheater
11:00 am	Roundtables	
	Area 53 & Area 55 - Am I speaking Language of the Heart	Petit AB
	Area 54 & OYPAA -How Do I navigate my role in General Service	Petit C
	Area 56 & AL ANON - A Bridge to General Service	Petit D
	Area 54 & Area 53 – How to Achieve Balance & Avoid Burnout in Service	Petit E
12:15 pm	Lunch – on your own	
1:00 pm	Hispanic Speaker/Discussion	Amphitheater
1:30 pm	Al Anon Speaker	Grand III
2:30 pm	Roundtables	
	Area 53 & Area 56 – Principles before Personalities	Petit AB
	Area 55 & OYPAA – How to choose our Trusted Servants	Petit C
	Area 54 & 55 - Service Opportunities for the Newcomer	Petit D
	Area 56 & 54 -Corporate Poverty – Prudence yet Ample	Petit E

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Saturday, August 24, 2024 (continued)**

6:00 pm	Banquet	Grand Ballroom
7:45 pm	Skit	Grand Ballroom
8:30 pm	Speaker – Adam P. – Area 54	Grand Ballroom
9:30 pm	Sobriety/Recovery Countdown	Grand Ballroom
10:00 pm	Ice Cream Social	Hospitality
11:00	Alcathon	Petit ABC



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