

I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing that I did a number of years ago, played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible.”

— Dr. Bob

Welcome to the
**88th Annual
Founders' Day
Celebration**
of
Alcoholics Anonymous



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

FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON
AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.
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Background Image: King School

WHY WE PAY

A.A. Conventions — Why do I have to pay?

There are many A.A. conferences/conventions held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of their gatherings is that they are A.A. meetings and since there are no dues or fees for A.A. membership, there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular A.A. meetings. They require months of planning, preparation and money to present.

Since most events are held in hotels/conference centers, there is a charge for the use of some facilities. Other expenses include travel and lodging for the speakers, printing of flyers, schedules, programs, postage, supplies and entertainment. A large event requires a substantial amount of money.

Each conference is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible A.A. members, we now “pay our own way.”

as taken from 2005 International program

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.

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

All rooms, buildings and stadium at Akron University are non-smoking. **NO VAPOR CIGARETTES IN ANY BUILDING.** Smoking is permitted outside,
25 feet from entrances.

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

No animals or campfires allowed in
RV area.

**NO ANIMALS ON CAMPUS IN IT'S ENTIRETY.
CAMPUS POLICE WILL ENFORCE.**

NO HOVER BOARDS

No motorcycles allowed on the grass.
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 are accepted for both onsite registration and in the literature room.

SPECIAL NEEDS

All meetings are wheelchair accessible.
Please contact the Founders' Day Committee with any special needs by May 15, 2023.

ACCOMMODATIONS

No incoming calls accepted at dorms.
Please use 330-972-7755 for ALL messages and emergency calls throughout Founders' Day weekend.
No entry to RV sites until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning.
A permit is required prior to set-up.

Background Image: Dr. Bobs' Home

INFORMATION

—Information Message Center—

Student Union—330-972-7755

Student Union—2nd floor lobby.

—Health Services—

Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC)

4:30 p.m. Friday.

Mobile Medical Unit Hours:

Fri. 4:30 p.m.—midnight

Sat. 8:00 a.m.—Sun. 1:00 a.m.

Motorcycles Only—Lot #10

—Shuttle Bus Service—

Schedules available at information desk

Friday—Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday—7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday—7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

—Audio Sales—

NEW LOCATION—Student Union,

Room 308—3rd floor

Friday 9:00 a.m. till midnight

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—midnight

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

—Free Coffee—

Available only in the hospitality area
on the 2nd floor of the Student Union.

—Lost and Found—

During the conference, bring found items to,
and retrieve lost items at the A.A. Information tables
(near Starbucks) 2nd floor of the Student Union.

After the conference, contact Akron Intergroup,
330-253-8181, to locate and ship items.

There will be a charge for shipping.

CONDUCT

Recording is not permitted. CDs and MP3's will
be available for purchase throughout the weekend
in the Student Union, Room 308—3rd floor.

Please do not block University traffic circles.

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

Mount Peace Cemetery is a place of honor and
ours in spirit only. We are guests and, as such, we have
a solemn responsibility to uphold the principles of
Alcoholics Anonymous, ensuring that we will always
be welcomed back.

HISTORICAL SITES

Dr. Bob's House

855 Ardmore Avenue

Akron, Ohio 44302

330-864-1935 | www.drbobshome.org

Mayflower Hotel

263 South Main Street

Akron, Ohio 44308

Gate House Lodge at Stan Hywet Hall

714 North Portage Path

Akron, Ohio 44303

330-836-5533 | www.stanhywet.org

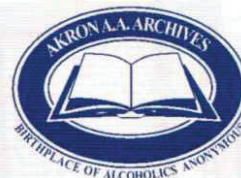
Dr. Bob's Grave

Mt. Peace Cemetery

183 Aqueduct Street

Akron, Ohio 44303

PLACES OF INTEREST



Akron Intergroup Office & A. A. Archives

775 North Main Street

Akron, Ohio 44310

330-253-8181 | www.akronaa.org

AI-Anon Information Center

3614 Manchester Road

Akron, Ohio 44319

330-645-1165

Background Image: Gatehouse at Stan Hywet Hall

FRIDAY JUNE 9, '23 ACTIVITIES

SU—STUDENT UNION | **JAR**—JAMES A. RHODES ARENA

- 8:00 a.m.**.....Registration—3rd Floor SU, Room 335
 Pre-Registration—3rd Floor SU, Room 310
 RV Sites Registration—3rd Floor SU, Room 335
 Package Plans—Pick up at designated dormitories: South Hall residents go to South Hall. Spicer Hall residents go to Spicer Hall.
 Hospitality Room Opens—2nd Floor SU
 A.A. & Al-Anon Literature Sales—3rd Floor SU
 A.A. Information & Message Center—2nd Floor SU
- 10:00 a.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step One
 Chaired by: Aaron K. (All 12 Step Panel Mtgs.)
- 11:00 a.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Two
- Noon**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Three
- 1:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Four
- 2:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Five
- 3:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Six
 A.A. Early Bird Meeting*—JAR
 Speaker: Penny D. – Bay Village, OH
 “From Cracker Factory Housewife To Champion Of Sobriety And Women”
 Chaired by: Karen K.
- 4:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Seven
- 5:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Eight

5:00 &

- 8:00 p.m.**.....Actors Guild Play
 Leigh Hall—Knight Auditorium
 “Rule 62”
 Seating limit 500—\$5 at door
 Ticket sales open 1 hour prior
- 6:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Nine
- 7:00 p.m.**.....A.A. Speaker Meeting*—JAR
 Speaker: Peter M. – Boca Raton, FL
 “Chop Wood, Carry Water”
 Chaired by: Jerry C.
 12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Ten
- 8:00 p.m.**.....12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Eleven
- 8:00-**
- 9:00 p.m.**.....Serenity Singers—Olin Hall, Room 124
- 9:00 p.m.**.....A.A. Speaker Meeting*—JAR
 Speaker: Linda G. – Queens, NY
 “Happy, Joyous And Free”
 Chaired by: Juanita W.
 12 Step Panel—Shrank Hall South, Room 145 Step Twelve
- 9:00 p.m.-**
- 11:00 p.m.**.....Junta en Español — Kolby Hall 51
 Open Discussion
 Chaired by: The Painesville Group
- 11:30 p.m.-**
- 2:00 a.m.**.....A.A. Alkathon—SU Food Court (2nd Floor)

SATURDAY JUNE 10, '23 ACTIVITIES

SU—STUDENT UNION | **JAR**—JAMES A. RHODES ARENA

- 8:00-**
- 9:00 a.m.**.....Breakfast—3rd Floor SU, Banquet Hall
- 9:00 a.m.**.....Bus Tours—Bierce Circle (at fountain)
 2 buses running continuously
 Last bus leaves at 4:00 p.m.
 Tickets \$5 Purchase tickets at Bierce Circle

Background Image: The Mayflower Hotel

9:00 a.m. A.A. Archives—Located in Akron
Intergroup Office (stops on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions—EJ Thomas Hall
Seating Limit: 2,900
Billy N. – Palm Beach Gardens, FL
"How It Works"
Chaired by: Mary K.

10:30 a.m. Old Timers' Panel *—JAR
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.

11:00 a.m. -

3:00 p.m. Reunión en Español—Kolby Hall 51
El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and
Alegria de Vivir Group

12:00-

1:00 p.m. Lunch—3rd Floor SU, Banquet Hall

12:00 &

2:30 p.m. Actors Guild Play
Leigh Hall—Knight Auditorium
"Rule 62"
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12:00 p.m. A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting*—E.J. Thomas Hall
Speakers - Shanna & Scott D. – Urbandale, IA
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

2:00 p.m. A.A. Speaker Meeting*—JAR

**IF NEEDED, STADIUM WEATHER
CONTINGENCY PLAN WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

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

4:00 p.m. History Of Our Big Book—EJ Thomas Hall
Seating Limit: 2,900
Presented by: Gail L. —Akron, OH
Chaired by: Karen K.

4:30-

6:00 p.m. Dinner—3rd Floor SU, Banquet Hall
(Will close promptly at 6:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. **ALL WEEKEND REGISTRATION CLOSSES**

6:30 p.m. Doors open to InfoCision Stadium
TICKETS REQUIRED
NO RE-ENTRY TO STADIUM

8:00 p.m. A.A. Speaker Meeting*—Infocision Stadium

**STADIUM WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN -
SEE 2:00 PM MEETING FOR INFO**

Sobriety Countdown
Opening Readings
Speaker: Theresa F. – North Hills, CA
"All Of A Sudden I Became Present To My
Life, And I Didn't Like It!"
Chaired by: Woody W.

10:00 p.m.-

1:00 a.m. DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!—EJ Thomas Hall

SUNDAY JUNE 11, '23 ACTIVITIES

SU—STUDENT UNION | JAR—JAMES A. RHODES ARENA

7:30 a.m. Buses leave for gravesite

7:30 a.m. Motorcade to Dr. Bobs' Grave*
Leave Bierce Circle for grave site memorial
Memorial Tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Speaker: Dolly A.
Chaired by: Jerry C.

8:30-

10:00 a.m. Breakfast—3rd Floor SU, Banquet Hall

9:00 a.m. A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting
Shrank Hall South, Room 145
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.

Background Image: "The Big Meeting"
@ InfoCision Stadium

10:30 a.m.....A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting*—JAR
Speaker: Bill C. – Torrence, CA
"It's Been Miserable Long Enough...It's
Time To Have A Good Time!"
Chaired by: Michael B.

AL-ANON

FRIDAY JUNE 9, '23 ACTIVITIES

OLIN HALL | JAR—JAMES A. RHODES ARENA

1:00 p.m.....Al-Anon Panel—Olin Hall
Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"
Lynda M. – Copley, OH
Ian R. – Canton, OH
Mary Anne C. – Uniontown, OH
Chaired by: Leslie S.

SATURDAY JUNE 10, '23 ACTIVITIES

10:30 a.m.....Alateen Panel—Olin Hall
"Alateens Share Their Experience,
Strength and Hope"
Chaired by: Lynda M.

12:00 p.m.....A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting*—E.J. Thomas Hall
Speakers - Shanna & Scott D. – Urbandale, IA
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
Chaired by: Marie E.

* Indicates Meetings with A.S.L. Interpreter

We sincerely hope
you have enjoyed
your weekend.
Have a sober year.

FOUNDERS' DAY 2024, JUNE 7, 8, 9

June 16, 1964

Dear Friends at Akron:

Please know that in spirit I join
with you in everlasting gratitude for all
that began in your "city on a hill" on
June 10, 1935 -- a beginning that has
become A.A. as we know it today. In
bright memory I see Bob and Anne and all
those early ones who - by God's Grace -
kept the faith, so setting the example that
has been so well followed worldwide in all
the years since.

Lois joins me in the prayer that
this may be the most fruitful gathering
that you have yet seen.

In affection,

Bill
Bill

*Bill W. letter to Akron, June 16, 1964, reprinted
courtesy of Akron A.A. Archives.*

Background Image: Dr. Bobs' Grave