

## ■ Meet New GSO Staff Member Nick S.

The General Service Office (GSO) recently welcomed a new staff member, Nick S., who serves on the Corrections assignment. There currently are 12 staff assignments, or “desks,” that are filled by a rotating group of professionals who are also A.A. members. With the help of staff assistants, staff members provide services specific to their desk, which cover a broad range of areas related to A.A., while responding to thousands of inquiries from the Fellowship.

GSO’s newest staff member Nick S. lives in Rockland County, New York, but says he is “still holding onto the Bronx,” specifically the borough’s Throgs Neck neighborhood where he grew up. “It was acceptable where I lived to drink for every occasion or non-occasion, whether it was St. Patrick’s Day or Columbus Day or just Tuesday,” he says. “I started out drinking on the beaches of the Bronx at the age of 12. My first drunk was a blackout.”

Nick’s father died when he was an infant; his mother remarried and Nick grew up with three younger sisters. “Drinking became my first love,” Nick says. “It made me feel comfortable in my own clothes. As time went on, I realized I was still drinking like a 12-year-old on the beaches, while my friends were getting married, going on vacations, and get-

ting career jobs. Eventually I was getting these things myself — relationships and jobs — but I was just throwing everything away.”

Nick loved sports and had dreams of becoming either a teacher or a social worker. He attended college in New York, graduating with a liberal arts degree in American Urban Studies, but “the best thing I could think to do with the degree was to become a bartender,” he says. “I hated everything about where I lived and the people I was around, but I was afraid to leave them. So that was my world.”

Nick’s relationships started to suffer because of his heavy drinking and he knew it was the root of his problems. He wrote a letter to a woman he was dating saying he had a drinking problem and needed to do something about it. A year later, with a different woman, he used the same letter (just substituting names in the salutation) to apologize for his behavior once again when drunk. This girlfriend suggested he go to A.A., but he only lasted a month because, he says ruefully, “I had it figured out.” But his drinking continued, unabated by a stint in the New York Army National Guard. When Nick’s stepfather died in 2016, his family relied on him more for support. Although he had a steady job at Con Edison, his drinking was

“My journey began for real,” he says. “I wasn’t sure I wanted to be there, but I wasn’t sure I wanted to leave.” So he stayed. “The first 90 days I was in recovery, I was asking for help but trying not to take advice,” Nick says. “I felt like I was a giant bruise walking around. But I got up to the Third Step and everything kind of changed. My shoulders went down a little. I changed sponsors. I started really working the Twelve Steps. I believed in the program at that point.”

at a point where he says, “It was just the worst that it ever was, in terms of the amount of shame and regret I was feeling.”

Nick had hit bottom and entered rehab in October 2017. “My journey began for real,” he says. “I wasn’t sure I wanted to be there, but I wasn’t sure I wanted to leave.” So he stayed. “The first 90 days I was in recovery, I was asking for help but trying not to take advice,” Nick says. “I felt like I was a giant bruise walking around. But I got up to the Third Step and everything kind of changed. My shoulders went down a little. I changed sponsors. I started really working the Twelve Steps. I believed in the program at that point.”

For a person who didn’t like changes, Nick started to see a lot of them. He moved to the far side of the Bronx, developing a new network in A.A. In his third year in sobriety, he bought a house in Rockland County and met his now-wife — and re-established his A.A. network once again, including starting a new A.A. group. He also returned to school to earn his MBA, which he finished the week before Nick was hired at GSO. He didn’t walk the stage for his under-

graduate degree, but he intends to for his degree this spring. Adding to the exciting changes in Nick’s life, he and his wife will soon be welcoming their first child.

Nick now is bringing his professional experience and commitment to A.A. to his new role at GSO. “It’s been an amazing gift and a privilege,” he says. “My first day I was reading letters from individuals in custody and someone wrote in who was spending life behind bars, and I thought, ‘How did I get so lucky that I’m the guy who gets to give this person a message of hope?’ Corrections is a very real assignment. It’s emotional, it’s rewarding, it’s sad. It keeps it green — 100 percent. The beautiful thing about GSO is that I’m surrounded by people who are just trying to do the best they can and offer service. I’ve never felt such support from a working group. Sometimes I look out the window during the Friday meeting and I look at these buildings. I used to be a construction guy on the ground, and I thank God for putting me in this position where I can be somebody who people feel is worthy of this job because of my A.A. heart and some of my professional experience.”

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## International Convention 2025

### ■ What to Expect at the Convention

International A.A. Conventions offer rich and varied experiences—some dramatic and historical, others quiet and serene. Past attendees often speak of it as a highlight of their sobriety, and the feeling universally expressed is one of gratitude—for sobriety in A.A. and for the opportunity to celebrate that sobriety with tens of thousands of A.A. members and their loved ones from around the world in a spectacular gathering.

The festivities at the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver begin on Thursday evening, July 3, 2025, with a Block Party at designated venues around the Convention Campus. Music will fill the summer night and attendees will enjoy a beautiful view of downtown Vancouver, dancing like no one is watching, and enjoying fun and Fellowship.

At midnight on Thursday, marathon meetings will start and will continue through Sunday morning. On Friday morning, hundreds of meetings will begin at the Vancouver Convention Centre and around the Convention Campus, and that night is the exciting Parade of Flags of countries represented at the Convention, followed by the three-speaker “Big A.A.

Meeting” in the BC Place stadium. Daytime A.A. meetings will be held on Friday and Saturday throughout the Convention Campus and the always celebratory final Big Meeting will take place at the stadium Sunday morning.

We hope you are making plans to attend and checking the [IC 2025 webpage](#) for more information as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there

### Crossing the Canadian Border with a DUI?

#### SOME FACTS TO CONSIDER

The 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada is still more than a year away, but already people are blocking off July 3 to July 6, 2025, on their calendars in anticipation. It is A.A.’s first in-person International Convention in 10 years and excitement is building for this celebration of the Fellowship’s 90th birthday.

As members and A.A. friends make their plans to attend, Patrick C., the IC coordinator at the General Service Office (GSO), is addressing concerns that



the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) is not allowing A.A.s with previous DUIs to cross the border and enter Canada. “First of all,” Patrick says, “it is essential that *anyone* planning to attend the International Convention who will be crossing the Canadian border should ensure they have the proper identification to enter Canada. It is recommended that travelers to Canada have a valid passport.” (More information about entry requirements can be found on the [CBSA website](#).)

“For our 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, as for each of the last two International Conventions that have been held in Canada, we have reached out early and repeatedly throughout our planning period to the CBSA,” Patrick says. “We do this for several reasons: 1) to understand what may have changed in any areas of border control that might impact our attendees; 2) to ensure they are aware of who we are and why we are coming; and 3) to elicit what support is available to help our attendees participate and enjoy the Convention.”

Patrick adds that A.A. began such meetings more than two years ago for the 2025 Convention. He points out that Canada values our business and will alert all border agents about the Convention in Vancouver and planned dates. It is true that border crossing into Canada has significantly changed in the last several years as laws against DUIs in Canada have grown tougher. But the CBSA has consistently told A.A. for more than 20 years that the ultimate authority on what questions are asked at the border crossing and what decisions are made about admissibility is up to the individual agent at that moment.

“We make every effort to inform and educate our attendees about the official policies and procedures Canada may enforce on arriving attendees,” says Patrick. “All that information and links are posted on our [FAQs webpage](#) on aa.org.” He suggests that anyone with concerns about a past DUI should see the FAQs under “Traveling to Canada,” and follow the link for more information for those who may have entry issues due to past criminal history. This information from the government of Canada provides clear steps and processes that U.S. and non-U.S. members with a DUI (or other inadmissibility due to a criminal record) can take to address their situation—possibly clearing up some wreckage from the past at the same time—if they so choose.

“However,” Patrick cautions, “while it is important to take these steps, this ultimately is the decision of the government of Canada, and there may be some who are denied entry to Canada.”

### **COMING SOON: Registration and Housing**

“There is some misinformation being broadly shared that all the hotel rooms are already sold out for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver,” Patrick says. As your 2025 International Convention Coordinator, I can assure you that this is *not* true.”

An important update is that online registration and housing will open on September 10, 2024. In addition, print registration and housing forms are being prepared for distribution during the summer.

Check [the IC2025 webpage](#) for updates later this summer.



# 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!**

## ■ The International Women’s Conference Comes of Age

The first National Women’s Conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1965, featuring 45 women in A.A. who met to share experiences common to women alcoholics and to hear women speakers from other areas in the U.S. It was such a success — and the need for it so evident — that plans were made to hold a women’s A.A. conference every year. Sixty years later, the conference — now known as the International Women’s Conference (IWC) — is still going strong as a self-supporting, hybrid gathering that draws thousands of women from all over the world each year.

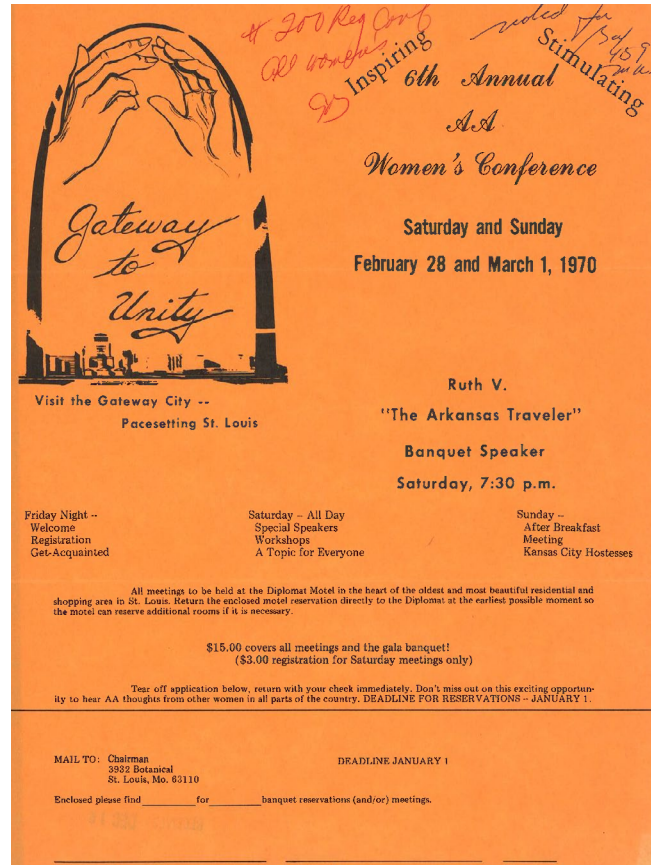
The IWC is bit of a well-kept secret in the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where many women are not even aware of its existence among the proliferation of regional forums and conferences that convene yearly. Yet the fully virtual pandemic IWC in February 2021 drew an astonishing 19,000 attendees from all over the world. (See *Box 4-5-9, Spring, 2021*).

### A global gathering

The 2024 IWC was held February 8-11 in Portland, Maine. Blanca L. served as the 2024 conference chair and started working on the Portland conference after attending the Los Angeles IWC in 2019. “The IWC has regional meetings for seven sections of the United States as well as two for Canada and one for international,” she says. “When I attended these regionals I became the Northeast alternate representative of the IWC. I went back to my home area [in Maine] and started to participate in panel discussions every three months. Most of the women around Maine had never heard of the IWC. But with the IWC, once you find out, it’s like a gold nugget. You start to go there every year. You develop friendships. It’s a gathering for women from all over.”

The 60th Portland IWC featured hybrid and online panels on subjects ranging from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to women in service, mothers in A.A., emotional sobriety and relationships. “We had nightly speaker meetings as well as entertainment. Our virtual attendance was 3,000; in person, there were 900-1000 women,” Blanca says.

Strong online attendance at Portland IWC is a sign of the burgeoning worldwide strength of women in A.A. Fifty-two countries were represented, from Australia, Croatia and Cyprus to Iran, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Languages ranged from Spanish, French and Farsi to German, Mongolian and Japanese. (Meetings were also interpreted via ASL for members who are deaf/hard of hearing.) “Our online meetings



were very inexpensive,” Blanca says, which allowed women without the funds to travel to attend. “Women were able to have online meetings of their own and hybrid meetings. And the big speaker meetings were available to anyone who wanted them online.”

### A rich, solution-based message

Tracy P. is the Hispanic liaison for the IWC. “I got sober in San Diego, California, in 1989 and moved to Monterrey, Mexico, in 2000,” she says. “I go to lots of women’s retreats and women’s conferences — I was raised on women’s meetings and they’re near and dear to my heart. But I’d never heard of the International Women’s Conference until it was online. It was so exciting, and the camaraderie was great. I was in a breakout room with a woman from Berlin that I’d met at the Atlanta International Convention 2015 and we didn’t plan that! That IWC took everyone to a whole new level.”

Tracy says, “For the Portland 2024 IWC, we had a two-hour slot before the main speakers at the big meetings, and I was the person who got Spanish-speaking speakers and arranged the times. I collected people from all over the place, including a delegate from Peru who was fantastic.” Although not a



native-born Spanish speaker, Tracy sponsors women in Spanish, in part because there is such a shortage of women sponsors in Mexico that many women have men as sponsors. “People here [in Mexico] are hungry for a rich, solution-based message. A lot of Traditions and the Concepts are being talked about in the U.S. online, and it’s just not happening here.”

Virtual meetings are not in general popular in Mexico, but Tracy notes that women can find support online and broaden their sobriety at conferences like the IWC. “I believe now because of online options that it doesn’t matter where we are,” she says. “I think A.A. is becoming more accessible for women to grow in sobriety. Even online, sometimes you get into a meeting and it can feel a little sketchy, but when you get into a women’s room, you feel safer. Just knowing that other women are doing this is so important.”

### A template for A.A.’s future

Nagini V., of Sweden, got sober in 1997 and first heard of the IWC from her service sponsor. “I remember

thinking to myself, ‘One day I will retire and I’ll be able to go [to the IWC].’” But when the 2021 IWC took place online, she says, “I was so excited, like so many women around the world. I don’t know of any other A.A. event that has had that kind of online attendance. I was an observer that year, but in 2023 and 2024 I was asked to join the online international committee and become the international liaison.”

Nagini is impressed by the level of hard work and dedication displayed by the entire steering committee of the IWC. “Nikki O., who was the chair of the online committee, agreed with my suggestion that we try to have more languages and more participation from women who don’t often get access to a forum like this. She invited women from the IWC to meet with women online from different countries. The power of the personal contact, even online, is so important. As a result of that I saw strong women projecting leadership, which is frankly something I’m not often exposed to in A.A. I was also impressed by the fact that so many men online were quite supportive of this and helped spread the message about the IWC.”

As well as the online presence at the IWC, Nagini says, “we built up a presence on WhatsApp — it already existed, but we helped turn it into a WhatsApp community. At any time during the 2024 conference, you might have activities in our seven different WhatsApp groups. What I really love about the IWC is that you have an in-person presence, you have a hybrid presence, and you have an online component. So you get a local flavor along with an international flavor. In my personal opinion, this is a template for A.A. to focus on for the future.”

Sabrina H., who got sober in 2021 in Bangladesh and who now lives in Nigeria, was on the online IWC team as chair of the French-language meeting. She is a native French speaker, but she started her recovery with the Big Book in English. “When Nagini asked me to do the French meeting, I attended meetings in French, in Paris, and read the Big Book in French. I went to French meetings and distributed the IWC flyer in French. I really enjoy working with Nagini and [the online] community.”

Sabrina says that some American A.A.s meet online are unaware of the deep need for A.A. overseas. “They might say, ‘Is there alcoholism in Africa?’ And I say, ‘What do you mean?’ There are so many places, no matter the race or the continent, where alcoholism is everywhere. It doesn’t choose! So thanks to online platform options, people are more exposed to the solution.

## ■ REMINDER

### UPDATED CONTRIBUTIONS MAILING ADDRESS FOR CANADA

Please note below the correct mailing address for individuals, groups, districts, areas, and other entities within the service structure to use when making contributions by check to the General Service Board. Which address you should use depends on whether the check is denominated in Canadian dollars or US dollars.

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New York, NY 10163

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Nigeria, South Africa, East Africa — we have so many events happening here now. The Fellowship in Nigeria is new and growing [Sabrina started the first A.A. meeting in Abuja] and we are hopeful and excited about the future.”

When asked why she got involved with the IWC, Blanca L., who got sober in 1989, says, “In 2003, I was going through a difficult time of financial instability. I had lost my job and the job market for my expertise was somewhat limited. I was about to have to go and live with my sponsor! And that year some friends said, ‘You need to come to Seattle, to this International Women’s Conference.’ Which was the last place I wanted to be, with a bunch of women, and me being in such difficulty.”

But Blanca went. “I was overwhelmed to see all the women there,” she says. “I ducked into this workshop they were starting and guess what it was on? Economic insecurity. I was sitting next to this woman from Arizona, who was completely dressed to the hilt. When they paired us up to talk about our issues, I didn’t know how it would go. But when I was honest with her about my financial bottom, just like I when I was honest about my alcoholism, that changed me. Five years later, when the IWC came to Portland, Oregon, where I was living at the time, I was out of debt, free of financial insecurity, and actually gave that same workshop that I had attended. That is why I have such a passion for the IWC. It’s just like where the Big Book says, you are going to meet lifelong friends and you’ll be bound to them with new and wonderful ties.”

*The 2025 International Women’s Convention will be held in San Diego, California, January 30-February 2.*  
[Learn more here.](#)

## ■ A.A. Celebrates the Big Book’s 85th Anniversary

On April 10, 1939, 4,650 copies of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* were published. The book’s cover featured a splashy design, the list price was \$3.50, and to compensate for what some considered the hefty price, the book was printed on the thickest paper available in an effort to persuade the alcoholic purchaser that, according to Bill W., its primary architect, the purchaser “was getting his money’s worth!” And so, the bulky book became known throughout the A.A. Fellowship as “the Big Book.”

The history has been written, but the story continues — the story of how more than 100 men and women, numbering now in the millions, “recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body.”

The history of the Big Book, and of the circumstances surrounding its writing, is documented in several sources, notes Michelle Mirza, archivist at the General Service Office (GSO). “They include Bill’s correspondence, Lois W.’s diaries, early members’ testimonies, as well as written and recorded oral histories. Bill gave many talks about the history of the writing of the Big Book, and most of these have been digitized and cataloged in the Archives.”

Translated into more than 70 languages and available around the world, the book has been published in multiple formats, including as an e-book, an audiobook, and on video in American Sign Language. In English alone, since its debut, more than 41 million copies have been sold, including hardcover, softcover, large print, pocket size, and large-print abridged.

After four editions in English, with a fifth edi-

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tion underway and fourth edition in Spanish also in progress, the book continues to provide a road map to recovery for alcoholics. “Men and women from all walks of life, every class, creed or race, every religion and no religion, all around the world have found a new freedom and a new happiness through the program outlined in the Big Book,” says Mirza. “The message that it carries, according to Bill, ‘transcended mountains and the sea and is even at this moment, lighting candles in dark caverns and on distant beaches.’”

David R., publishing director at GSO, notes, “It is astonishing to consider that in 2023, A.A. World Services distributed an average of more than 2,500 copies of the Big Book *each day of the year.*”

“Last year,” David adds, “I had the chance to work with the GSO Archives on a presentation on ‘Changes to the Big Book throughout its history,’ and I was struck by Bill W.’s and the Fellowship’s profound love for this book, and every measure taken to clarify and fine-tune its verbiage, so the spiritual message may issue forth unimpeded.

“Working with colleagues and committees over the last three years in painstaking efforts to satisfy with integrity and the utmost professionalism the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action to deliver a draft of the *Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous*, (which was reviewed by all delegates at the 74th General Service Conference), the vast spiritual power of this landmark book continues to shine forth in every language and emanate in ever-widening circles.”

The first edition, developed and compiled over the course of a few years with stories of recovery provided by members in New York and Akron, received mixed responses when it was first published. An early review by the New York Times (June 25, 1939) referred to the book as “strange” and said that “it is not a book of personal experience, except in a limited sense, any more than it is a book of rules and precepts.” More than seven decades later, Time magazine placed the Big Book on its list of “100 best and most influential” nonfiction books written in English since 1923. In 2012, the book was selected by the Library of Congress for a special exhibition, “Books That Shaped America,” which highlighted 88 books written by Americans that influenced national identity.

Much of A.A.’s history is populated by improbable and providential circumstances and events, and the writing and ultimate publication of the Big Book is no exception. Bill W.’s longtime secretary and GSO’s first archivist Nell Wing shared in an interview with the Grapevine, “The fantastic success of A.A. is like a big puzzle and there are pieces that you know fit in, but you just don’t know where until you look back into the past.” As Bill himself once recalled when reflecting on some of those seemingly disparate puzzle pieces related to the birth of the Big Book, “On what tender threads our destiny sometimes hangs.”

*Happy 85th birthday to the Big Book!*

*For more information about A.A. history and the central role the Big Book has played, contact your local archives committee or the A.A. Archives at GSO, which also offers information online.*

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## ■ HOW IT WORKS:

# The Proposed Agenda Item Process

The Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) process is an exciting opportunity for the voice of A.A. groups to be heard. A PAI is generally a policy-level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our U.S./Canada service structure.

All parts of our Fellowship—group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs—share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

In the spirit of love and service, the information and resources below found on [aa.org](http://aa.org) are offered to help groups navigate the PAI process. All information is available in English, Spanish, and French.

### Participation in the General Service Conference Process is a year-round cooperative effort.

The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

### Does my Proposed Agenda Item rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, “Sources of Agenda Items” in the *A.A. Service Manual* on page 42.

### Who participates in PAI submissions?

#### AA Groups, Districts, and Areas

To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the the List of General Service Conference Area Websites on [aa.org](http://aa.org). These local A.A. trusted servants strive to help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and help the delegate prepare for the GSC.

#### Individual AA members

Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI.

### What happens after a PAI is summited?

Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees’ Committee or Board for discussion at their next meeting. Following the meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee’s deliberations.

#### Learn more

Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the US and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

**Read:** “*A.A. Service Manual*,” “Circles of Love and Service,” and “*AA Group*.”

**Watch:** “*Your General Service Office (G.S.O.), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure*,”

**Listen:** “*Twelve Traditions Long Form*”

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## COMING THIS YEAR...

### Fully Revised A.A. Literature Catalogue

- A newly designed, fully updated and revised version of the A.A. literature catalogue will be available this year—first online in English, French, and Spanish and in print in late 2024.
- This is the first update to the catalogue since 2020. The catalogue will include all new conference-approved literature published since then as well as our entire inventory.
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Visitors are welcome to GSO, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tours are scheduled at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., and last about 45 minutes.

**On Fridays, GSO hosts an open A.A. meeting at 11 a.m.  
There is also a guided tour offered after the meeting at 12:15 p.m.**



## SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TO GSO

All visitors must register in advance to gain access to the building in accordance with the building policy. Accordingly, we strongly recommend that individuals contact us prior to their visit so that we can enter them into the building's security system.

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Groups of 10 or more must contact us ahead of time to schedule their visit so that we can best prepare for your time at the General Service Office.

**To schedule your visit, email [gstours@aa.org](mailto:gstours@aa.org) or call 212-870-3430.**

To learn more about visiting GSO, including location details, our health and safety policy, and information about purchasing literature, please visit <https://www.aa.org/visiting-the-gso>.

**Please note, the building will be closed to visitors July 4 & 5 and September 2.**





**NOTE:** Events may be canceled or moved to online formats due to health and safety concerns. Please contact the event coordinators as listed before making your plans.

## Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. Please note that we cannot attest to the accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, or completeness of information provided by any linked site. For any additional information, please use the event contact information provided.

### July

- 11-14 — *Raleigh, North Carolina* — 77<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Conv. — Write: Box 41451, Raleigh North Carolina — Info: <https://www.aanconvention.com/>
- 12-14 — *Auburn, Alabama* — Area 1 Assembly — Email: [secretary@aaarea1.org](mailto:secretary@aaarea1.org)
- 12-14 — *Las Vegas, NV* — Pacific Regional Forums — Email: [regionalforums@aa.org](mailto:regionalforums@aa.org)
- 19-21 — *Bilings, Montana* — Beartooth Mountain Conf. — Write: Box 23406, Bilings MT 59104 — Info: [beartoothmountainconference.com](http://beartoothmountainconference.com)
- 25-28 — *Estes Park, Colorado* — Fellowship of the Spirit Conf. — Info: [fots.com](http://fots.com)
- 26-28 — *Tontitown, Arkansas* — 84<sup>th</sup> “Old Grandad” Arkansas State Conv. — Write: Box 447, Tontitown AR 72770 — Info: [www.oldgrandadconvention.com](http://www.oldgrandadconvention.com)
- 26-28 — *Eugene, Oregon* — Summerfest — Info: <https://aa-summerfest.org/>

### August

- 1-4 — *Jacksonville, Florida* — 67<sup>th</sup> Florida State Conv. — Info: <https://67.floridastateconvention.com>
- 2-4 — *Kirksville, Missouri* — 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri State Conv. — Write: Box 582, Kirksville MO 63501 — Info: [mostateconvention.org](http://mostateconvention.org)
- 9-10 — *Cedar Park, Texas* — Southwest Area 68 Annual PI/CPC Conf. — Write: Box 631, Cedar Park TX 78630 — Info: [district22-swta68.org](http://district22-swta68.org)

- 6-18 — *Beaumont, Texas* — 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual District 90 Conv. — Write: 1235 Crockett Street, Beaumont TX 77701
- 16-18 — *Dedham, Massachusetts* — Massachusetts State Conf. of Young People (MSCYPAA) — Email: [Mscypaa2024@gmail.com](mailto:Mscypaa2024@gmail.com)
- 16-18 — *East Liverpool, West Virginia* — Beaver Creek Getaway Weekend — Write: Box 5174, East Liverpool WV 43920 — Info: [beavercreekgetawayweekend@gmail.com](mailto:beavercreekgetawayweekend@gmail.com)
- 17-18 — *Kenai, Alaska* — 48<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Jamboree — Info: [www.aakenaipeninsula.org](http://www.aakenaipeninsula.org)
- 23-25 — *Ottawa, Ontario Canada* — Eastern Canada Regional Forum — Email: [regionalforums@aa.org](mailto:regionalforums@aa.org)
- 23-25 — *Quebec, Canada* — Native Conv.: Gratitude in Nature — Email: [di.perron@gmail.com](mailto:di.perron@gmail.com)
- 30-2 — *Los Angeles, California* — Camp Spirit Fire — Info: [campspiritfire.org](http://campspiritfire.org)
- 31-1 — *Monterey, California* — Monterey Bay Area Roundup 2024 — Info: <https://montereybayarearoundup.org/>

### September

- 13-25 — *St. Louis, Missouri* — National Technology Workshop — Info: [NAATW.org](http://NAATW.org)
- 20-22 — *San Diego, California* — Woman to Woman San Diego — Info: [womantowomansandiego.com](http://womantowomansandiego.com)
- 20-22 — *South Plainfield, New Jersey* — NNJGS Area 44 Annual Conv. — Info: [njjaa.org/convention/2024/](http://njjaa.org/convention/2024/)
- 20-24 — *Gatineau, Quebec Canada* - 24 ièm Congrès des Alcooliqes Anonymes de Gatineau — Email: [congres22@aa90.org](mailto:congres22@aa90.org)
- 27-29 — *Richland, Washington* — Three Rivers Big Book Weekend — Info: <https://www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org>
- 27-29 — *Wakefield, Virginia* — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wakefield Campfire Conf. — Info: [www.wakefieldcampfireconference.com/](https://www.wakefieldcampfireconference.com/)

- 27-29 — *Crescent City, California* — Sobriety by the Sea — Write: Box 871, Crescent City CA 95531 — Info: [sobrietybytheseareally.com](http://sobrietybytheseareally.com)

### October

- 4-6 — *Boise, Idaho* — 2024 Idaho Area 18 Fall Service Assembly/ Conv. — Write: Box 7892, Boise ID 83707 — Info: [idahoarea18aa.org](http://idahoarea18aa.org)
- 9-13 — *Tossa de Mar, Catalonia, Spain* — Costa Brava International English Speaking Convention — Info: [convention-costabrava.com](http://convention-costabrava.com)
- 11-13 — *Auburn, Alabama* — Area 1 Assembly — Info: [secretary@aaarea1.org](mailto:secretary@aaarea1.org)
- 11-13 — *Richardson, Texas* — Southwest Regional Service Assembly (SWRAASA). Escribir a: Box 863582, Plano TX 75086 — Info: <https://swraasa2024.org/>
- 18-20 — *West Orange, New Jersey* — NAGLNJ’s Weekend Conf.: “24 in 24” — Write: Box 404, West Orange NJ 07052 — Info: <https://naglnj.com>