

ANONYMITY AT THE 55TH FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

While our members have different views of how to adhere to the principles of anonymity laid out in A.A.'s Eleventh and Twelfth Traditions, here are some suggestions for practicing these principles here at the Florida State Convention.

A.A. STATEMENT OF ANONYMITY

Thus, we respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videotaped or identified by full name on audiotape or in published or broadcast reports of our meetings. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us, and our tradition of anonymity reminds that "A.A. principles come before personalities."

PHOTOGRAPHS

Out of respect for others, please do not take photographs during any of the meetings at the Florida State Convention. Please remember that the taking of photos during A.A. meetings makes many members uncomfortable about the confidentiality of the gathering. Also, please be considerate when taking photographs around convention venues. Take care that you do not capture images of A.A. members, family members and friends who did not give permission and may not wish to appear in your picture.

THE INTERNET

The long form of A.A.'s Eleventh Tradition says, "Our names and pictures as A.A. members out not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed." In keeping with this principle, please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable A.A. members on Web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites. And whatever the medium, no disclosure of a member's affiliation with A.A. can rightfully be made by anyone but the individual him or herself.

TRADITION ELEVEN

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."

TRADITION TWELVE

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

WHY DO WE HAVE TO PAY?

One reason for holding a convention is that it is the natural thing to do. Almost any association of people takes time out now and then to observe its own development. An A.A. convention is not only a cause for celebration; but it also provides an opportunity to share the A.A. experience in a broader way. There are many conferences and conventions around the Florida area. One of the most common misconceptions of these gathers is that they are A.A. meetings, and since, "There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership." there should be no dues or fees to attend them.

Conventions require over two years of planning and preparation as well as money. Since most of the events are held in commercial businesses, like hotels, there is a charge for groups to use the facilities. Along with facilities' charges, the hotels will require the group to purchase their coffee from them, as well as the rental of meeting space. These are basic and necessary expenses. Also, it is only right that the committee cover the speakers' travel and lodging expenses. Other expense items include printing, coffee and entertainment. These are only a small sampling of the many expenses incurred.

Our Florida State convention is self-supporting. The cost of the event is paid through registrations. No baskets are passed. The idea for any convention is to break even. Therefore, the registration cost is usually nominal to attend the event compared to the weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible A.A. members, **WE PAY OUR OWN WAY.**

TRADITION SEVEN

"Every A.A. group out to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name badges must be worn at all times and are required for entry to convention activities. Lost name badges will be replaced for a cost of \$5.00 after verification of registration.

REGISTRATION HOURS

Wednesday: 4:30 PM to 9 PM

Thursday: 8 AM to 9 PM

Friday: 8 AM to 9 PM

Saturday: 8 AM to 8 PM

COFFEE

The largest single expense for the Convention is coffee. We have a special deal with the hotel to supply unlimited coffee. We ask that all coffee is to be in the coffee cups that are supplied. No filling of Mugs and large coffee thermoses. Please so that everyone can enjoy. The coffee will be in the Hospitality Suite, located in the Palm Beach Room. Hours that it will be flowing are. Wed: 5 PM till 9 PM, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be open from 8 AM until 10:30PM and will close during main speakers.

HOSPITALITY SUITE

The hospitality suite is located in the Palm Beach Room. Hours that it will be flowing are. Wed: 5 PM till 9 PM, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be open from 8 AM until 10:30PM and will close during main speakers. There will be snacks and groups will be donating food in this room. There will also be an activities going on in this room.

BANQUETS TICKET

Banquet tickets will be sold at the Banquet Table or On-site Registration we are able to sell tickets up to 24 hours before Banquet. The Banquets will be held in the Citrus Crown Ballroom. Open Seating. Doors open at 5:30 PM for Assisted seating and at 5:45 for all other Banquet ticket holders.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tickets will be available at the On-site registration or at the Ice Cream Social in the Hospitality Suite Immediately after the Speakers on Friday and Saturday night. (Palm Beach Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements will be made by the Voce of the Convention at the start of every Speaker Meeting. Submit requests for announcements at the On-Site Registration. There will be a message board in the Hospitality Suite and Lost and Found. (Palm Beach Room)

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special seating has been reserved during the Speaker Meetings for those with Special Needs. There will be an ASL Interpreter will be signing at all main Speaker Meetings. A limited number of listening devices will be available on a first come basis. Please contact On-Site Registration.

VOLUNTEER

Service opportunities are available throughout the convention. Please come to the Volunteer Table at the front lobby of the Convention Center.

MERCHANDISE

Only merchandise from the 55th Florida State convention will be available for sale. Please visit our Merchandise Display at the Table in Convention Lobby.

LEE'S CD'S

Lee will have CDs for sale in the Convention Lobby and will be recording the 55th Florida State Convention. Lee will record all of the Convention speaker and workshops along with the Longtimers Meeting. CDs of these meetings will be available for purchase following each meeting. In addition, several specially priced sets will be available.

Make sure you order your CD sets ahead of time so that they'll be ready before you leave on Sunday. Order forms are in your registration packet and at Lee's CD's. To purchase after the Convention Contact Lee: 877-902-5975.

SMOKING

The Doubletree Hotel is a nonsmoking facility. Please smoke only in the hotel's designated smoking areas. Away from the doors Please.

MEDITATION MEETINGS

Morning Meditation meetings will be held from 7 to 8 AM Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings in the Indian River Room.

ARCHIVES

Be sure to visit the Archives Display in the Seminole Room. There will be a large display from various areas here in Florida. Enjoy.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment will be held in the Citrus Ballroom. Thursday night will be auditions for AA's Got Talent; Friday Night will be a great treat. Great Night of dancing and fun with a Live Band. Saturday Night will be AA's got Talent. A show you do not want to miss. If you have not registered, please do so before Thursday night.

GRAPEVINE/LITERATURE

Grapevine and Conference approved Literature will be for sale and on display. Please come by and check us out. The Literature Room will be across the North Tower elevator in the main lobby just down from Starbucks.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The I-Drive Trolley picks up in front of the Hotel Approximately every 30 minutes for all locations on International Drive including Sea World, Wet and Wild and the Outlet Malls plus other locations of interest for a cost of \$1.00. See Hot6el Concierge for other transportation needs.

MARATHON MEETINGS

Marathon Meetings begin on Wednesday at 12 AM and continue to run for 2 hours in room #****, located in the North tower of the Hotel. See schedule in back of program.

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN MEETINGS

The Al-Anon main meeting room will be in Pinellas Room. There will be scheduled meetings and there will be a main Al-Anon speaker this weekend. Alateen will be held next door Sarasota Room.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people in Sobriety will be part of this year's convention. They will have there own room. The Indian River Room. There will be meetings in this room and they will be having a pool Party on Saturday.

SPORTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Golf Tournament will be held at MetroWest Golf Course. The Shotgun start will be at 7:30 on Saturday morning. Transportation is not provided. It is just down the street. You can meet in the Lobby and go together. They will be providing lunch for you.

RUN / WALK

The 5K Run / Walk will meet Saturday at 7 AM at the covered area in front of the Convention Center entrance.

MEETING SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM	Registration Opens	Convention Center Lobby
8:00 PM	Speaker – Rose E. <i>Spring Hill, FL</i>	Universal Ballroom

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Morning Meditation	Indian River Room
9:00 AM	Chet P. - Orlando FL <i>Traditions Come Alive Workshop</i>	Universal Ballroom
10:30 AM	Doug R. & Carla R. - Tujunga, CA <i>Couples in Recovery Workshop</i>	Universal Ballroom
2:00 PM	Speaker – Chris C. <i>Coshocton, OH</i>	Universal Ballroom
4:00 PM	Speaker –Howard P. <i>Gilbert, AZ</i>	Universal Ballroom
7:00 PM	Auditions for the AA's got Talent	Citrus Ballroom
8:00 PM	Speaker – Adam T. <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	Morning Meditation	Indian River Room
9:00 AM	Fr. Tom W. - Oakland, CA <i>???? Workshop</i>	Universal Ballroom
10:30 AM	Sandy B. - Tampa, FL <i>Living in the Now Workshop</i>	Universal Ballroom
2:00 PM	Speaker – Carla R. <i>Tujunga, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom

4:00 PM	Longtimers Panel	Universal Ballroom
5:30 PM	Banquet Open Seating	Citrus Crown
6:00 PM	Friday Night Banquet	Citrus Crown
8:00 PM	Speaker- Doug R. <i>Tujunga, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom
9:30 PM	Ice Cream Social	Palm Beach Room
10:00 PM	Dance and Band	Citrus Crown

SATURDAY

7:00 AM	Morning Meditation	Indian River Room
9:00 AM	Howard P. - Gilbert, AZ <i>11 Step Prayer and Meditation Workshop</i>	Universal Ballroom
10:30 AM	Speaker –Ron W. <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom
12 Noon	Pool Party Hosted by YPAA	Pool
1:30 PM	Speaker –Ajit (AFG). <i>Irvine, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom
3:00 PM	Speaker – Line G. <i>Carlsbad, CA</i>	Universal Ballroom
4:30 PM	Site Selection	Universal Ballroom
5:30 PM	Banquet / Open Seating	Citrus Crown
5:45 PM	Saturday Night Banquet	Citrus Crown
7:30 PM	AA Skit- Main Ballroom "Wake up a Little Suzie"	Universal Ballroom
8:00 PM	Passing of Gavel/ Count Down	Universal Ballroom
8:30 PM	Speaker – Sandy B. <i>Tampa, FL</i>	Universal Ballroom
9:30 PM	Ice Cream Social	Palm Beach Room

10:00 PM AA's Got Talent Citrus Crown

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Ron W.- Los Angeles, CA Universal Ballroom
12 Step Reaching Out Workshop

10:30 AM Speaker – Fr. Tom W. Universal Ballroom
Oakland, CA

GBLT –Volusia Room

WEDNESDAY

10:00 PM Beth D. - *Beginning a part of AA as a whole*

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Kelly J -*The Principle of Participation*

12:00 PM Candita R. - *Acceptance*

10:00 PM Addie M. - *Service*

FRIDAY

8:00 AM Karen V. - *Focus on our Primary Purpose*

12:00 PM Sundai B. - *History of Gays and Lesbians in AA*

10:00 PM Katie R. - *Coming Out of Recovery*

SATURDAY

8:00 AM *Came To Believe*

12 Noon *Tradition 3- Long Form*

11:00 PM *Sponsorship- What are the rules??*

Young People In AA – Indian River Room

Wednesday

11:00 PM Hang Together or Die Separately (Forward to second edition)

Thursday

11:00 AM Principles before personalities (12 tradition)

11:00 PM Speaker – Steve K.

Friday

11:00 AM Follow a few simple rules (Dr. Opinion)

12:00 AM Speaker – Aaron T.

Saturday

11:00 AM High road to New Freedom (Forward to second edition)

12:00 Noon Pool Party

4:30 PM Diago A. (Anonymity and the internet)

12:00 AM Speaker – Heidi

SPANISH MEETINGS – DUVAL ROOM

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Mi experiencia personal – Israel M.

10:00 AM Un Dia a la Vez meeting – Lisa R.

11:00 AM Taller de 12 Pasos (1 y 2) – Mario H.

2:00 PM Taller de 12 Pasos (3 y 4)

4:00 PM Taller de 12 Pasos (5 y 6)

6:00 PM Pelicula "Las huellas di la jornada".

10:00 PM La importancia di asistir a reunions – Lisa R.

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Tallde 12 Pasos (7 y 8) – Mario H.

11:00 AM ?Que estoy hacienda por mi recuperacion? – Lisa R.

2:00 PM Taller de 12 Pasos (9 y 10)

5:00 PM Taller de 12 Pasos (11 y 12)

9:00 PM Reunion con Orador Invitado – Ruben

10:00 PM Karaoke Night in Duval Room

SATURDAY

11:00 AM Trabajando los 12 pasos y apadrinamiento – Lisa R.
1:00 PM Taller de Tradiciones
4:00 PM Reunion con Oradora Invitada – Gracia
5:00 PM Pelicula y discussion: Dr. Pascasio Lopez MD
"El alcohol y los efectors en el cuerpo humano"

ALA-NON MEETINGS - PINELLAS ROOM

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Workshop – First Step in Recovery
9:00 AM Workshop – The Solution
12:00 PM Workshop – You Can't Make me Angry
12:00 PM Speaker – Drop the Rock
3:00 PM Speaker – Acceptance
6:30 PM Workshop – Double Winners
6:30 PM Workshop – Spanish
10:00 PM Workshop – Young People in Al-Anon.

FRIDAY

8:00 AM Workshop – What Can I Control?
9:00 AM Speaker – You Might be Right
12:00 PM Workshop – Alcoholism: The Family Disease
4:00 PM Speaker – Al-Anon and the Alcoholic

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Workshop – Fear
9:00 AM Men's Workshop – Relationships
9:00 AM Women's Workshop – Relationships
12:00 PM Workshop – Detaching with Love
12:00 PM Discussion Meeting
4:00 PM Workshop – Anger and Resentment
4:00 PM Workshop – Spanish

ALATEEN MEETINGS - SARASOTA ROOM

THURSDAY

6:30 PM Discussion Meeting

FRIDAY

4:00 PM Discussion Meeting

SATURDAY

12:00 PM Discussion Meeting

MARATHON MEETING – ROOM 1210

THURSDAY

12-2 AM The Central Experience

2-4 AM An Open Heart

4-6 AM Inner Voice

FRIDAY

12-2 AM I Wasn't Alone Anymore

2-4 AM Guiding Presence

4-6 AM Only One Reason

SATURDAY

12-2 AM The Belief Will Come

2-4 AM Source of Strength

4-6 AM Evidence Of A Miracle

SUNDAY

12-1 AM Saturday Night Live – Speaker Meeting

1-3 AM Total Surrender

3-5 AM A Lesson In Humility

GENERAL SERVICE

Service – the ultimate tool! Get involved and feel a part of.

General Service Area 14, North Florida
www.aanorthflorida.org

General Service Area 15, South Florida
www.area15aa.org

A.A. World Services
www.aa.org

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

**“ 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.”**

A.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 DEPENDS OUR LIVES,
AND THE LIVES OF THOSE TO COME.**

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ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**SEE YOU ALL IN
INNISBROOK, FLORIDA
2012**

THANK YOU

