

2019 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORUM

Houston, TX
October 11 - 13, 2019

A unique opportunity
for A.A. members to
share their experience,
strength and hope.

An invitation for you!

From the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES ENCOURAGED

What to EXPECT

First Timer Orientation

We especially welcome you if this will be your first Regional Forum. Before the Forum starts, there will be an orientation session which will include an informational handout.

Sharing Sessions/Ask-It Basket

What have you been wondering about? Come up to the mike, maybe others have been wondering too. Share your thoughts and ask your questions. If you don't want to come to the mike, you can write out your comment or question and drop it into the "Ask-It" Basket.

Presentations

You will hear presentations covering topics such as, A.A. Around the World, Self-Support and Carrying the Message. Each presentation features hand-outs and time for questions and answers. It's a great way to get to know members of the General Service Board, as well as Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

A.A. Grapevine / La Viña

Meet the Staff from A.A. Grapevine and La Viña, "our meetings in print," and learn how the magazines carry experience, strength and hope to A.A. members in a vast number of settings. You can learn how to contribute stories and participate as a Grapevine/ La Viña representative.

Workshops

The workshop topics come from recommendations made by Forum attendees the last time we were in your Region. Workshops may cover practical "how-to" topics as well as themes related to unity, recovery and service. At the end of the Forum we will ask you for ideas for the next Forum in your Region.

Our primary PURPOSE

First Time Forum Attendees

Those of you attending your first A.A. Regional Forum, are especially welcome! Come and meet other A.A. members and learn about the rich variety of service opportunities that our Fellowship offers.

Whether you are new to service or have been sober and active in A.A. service for years, the Regional Forum experience is a wonderful way to learn and share about our worldwide, life-saving Fellowship.

More than a Presentation

Presentations cover topics such as: A.A. Around the World, Who are Our Trustees and What Do They Do? Your General Service Office: How It Helps My Group Carry the A.A. Message? Self-Support, and much more. Most presentations feature hand-outs and time for questions and answers.

Workshops, we need your voice

Regional Forums provide a great opportunity for members to exchange group, district, area and regional experience. You will find that Area Delegates and committee members also come to listen and share their experience.

Spiritual Principles, Practical Experience

Communication—one alcoholic talking to another—is the vital link for all of us in A.A. Regional Forums create another important link in that chain. Whether it is a one-on-one chat during a coffee break, asking a question at the microphone during a Sharing Session, or just absorbing information, each member's attendance at these Forums helps to further our primary purpose—staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

FORUMS OFFER...

A meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic. Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

HOTEL

RESERVATIONS: Group discount codes for the hotels are online at, aa.org, under "Regional and Local Forums" and on each Forum's registration form.

Upcoming Forums

2019		
May 31-June 2	Northeast	Westchester Marriott Hotel Tarrytown, New York
July 12-14	East Central	Sheraton Detroit Metro Detroit, Michigan
August 16-18	West Central	Alerus Center Grand Forks, North Dakota
October 11-13	Southwest	Sheraton North Houston Intercontinental Houston, Texas
2020		
May 29-31	Western Canada	Glenmore Inn & Convention Centre Calgary, Alberta
August 20-23	Pacific	West Gate Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada
November 13-15	Eastern Canada	Ottawa Marriott Hotel Ottawa, Ontario
December 4-6	Southeast	Golden Nugget Biloxi Biloxi, Mississippi

Since 1975

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A. A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

REGIONAL HOSTS

2019

Northeast Region
East Central Region
West Central Region
Southwest Region

2020

Western Canada Region
Pacific Region
Eastern Canada Region
Southeast Region

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W.
The A. A. Service Manual, p. S1