



# 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 2-5, 2020 | Detroit, Michigan

**Love and Tolerance Is Our Code**

## DISCOVER DETROIT

Detroit is open for business – thriving and ready to welcome us! The Cobo Center and the Ford Field Stadium are state-of-the-art facilities in downtown Detroit, where all our meetings will take place. The downtown area has been rejuvenated with new apartment buildings, condos and restaurants. It is full of new businesses that are finding homes in historic neighborhoods and restored buildings. First-class restaurants and amenities are transforming the area into a vibrant hub of activity. The convention center has been entirely renovated and the riverfront is completely revitalized. Downtown Detroit is breaking stereotypes by being one of the safest among Midwestern convention cities.

Also known as the Motor City and the birthplace of the Motown sound, Detroit has a rich history and a lively cultural and musical scene where you can find a myriad of fun and interesting things to do.

## MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE MEETINGS!

Beginning Thursday at midnight through early Sunday, marathon A.A. meetings will be held in English and Spanish. A.A. topic meetings, workshops, panels, special interest meetings, and regional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at the Cobo Center. Sharing with members from around the world will energize you to carry the message back home!

## A.A. EVENTS IN THE MOTOR CITY!

Hart Plaza, located next to the Cobo Center, will host Thursday evening's Party in the Park. Friday night we all come together in the Ford Field Stadium for the Flag Ceremony and Opening A.A. Meeting; Saturday night for an Oldtimers A.A. Meeting; and Sunday morning for the Closing A.A. Meeting. There will be more dancing and fellowship opportunities at the Cobo Center after the Friday and Saturday night A.A. Meetings.

## AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ACTIVITIES

A variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops for Al-Anon and Alateen, are scheduled at the Marriott Hotel at the Renaissance Center. There will be meetings offered in French and Spanish, along with the English program. And, of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join the festivities at the Thursday night Party in the Park, the Big Meetings and more.

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## 2020 INTERNATIONAL A.A. CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The 2020 International Convention Souvenir book, *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: From the Archives*, is a celebration of A.A.'s history told in informative short passages and stunning archival images from the General Service Office's Archives Department and more: a compact, portable and attractive book for anyone interested in the origins of our Fellowship. This little book provides inspiration with a sense of meaningful connection to A.A.'s forerunners and current international presence.

Having the 2020 International A.A. Convention in the Midwest provides an opportunity to connect with A.A.'s history, much of which centers in the region. The book also includes a section of updates on A.A. around the world.

There will be pages at the back of the book offering space to record the names and addresses of your newly discovered friends from the International Convention.

If you preorder the International Convention souvenir book when you register prior to May 15, 2020, you will receive the book in the mail. If registering after May 15, 2020, the book will be available for pick-up at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

## A.A. GRAPEVINE'S 2020 CONVENTION COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

To celebrate the 2020 International Convention, AA Grapevine has published a special commemorative edition of the book entitled *Grapevine Daily Quote*. This collection of quotes from Grapevine shows how, in recovery, A.A.s share their experience, strength and hope. The quotes – contributed by A.A. members, with many written by our co-founders – were selected by the Grapevine staff. Listed on the bottom of each page is the Grapevine book in which the quote can be found. We hope you enjoy these passages and utilize them in your daily life.

If you preorder the AA Grapevine International Convention commemorative book when you register prior to May 15, 2020, you will receive the book in the mail. If registering after May 15, 2020, the book will be available for pick-up at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

## CONVENTION APP

A 2020 International Convention app will be available for download for mobile devices. This will give attendees instant access to the Convention program, schedule changes, maps of the Convention Center and Detroit area, updates and alerts, and more. Print programs will still be available for attendees.

**Convention Dates: July 2-5, 2020 | Advanced Registration Deadline: April 15, 2020 | Registration Opens: September 9, 2019**



## 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION | ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

### INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

Every effort has been made to assure your participation, as well as to be in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Special transportation will be available to you in Detroit, if required. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to be contacted regarding your needs for transportation and/or housing. Wheelchairs and companion assistance are not provided; you will need to make your own arrangements.

### TRAVEL VISA

Persons visiting from countries outside of the United States must have a valid passport. Other documentation, such as visas, may be required. Check with the nearest U.S. Consulate well in advance of travel. For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department website: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>.

### WEATHER

Daily high temperatures in July in Detroit are around 82°F, rarely falling below 73°F or exceeding 91°F. The highest daily average high temperature for July is 83°F.

While summer temperatures in Detroit are fairly comfortable, the Convention will make its best effort to provide plenty of shade and water for attendees. As hot as the summer temperatures can be outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors – the air conditioning will be on!

### OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ASL

As a truly international gathering, meetings in multiple languages – including American Sign Language (ASL), French, Spanish and more – will be available Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Big Meetings in the Ford Field Stadium will be simultaneously interpreted into several languages based on need and cost. ASL interpretation will be provided at the Big Meetings; look for the seating section set aside for this purpose.

## TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

### AIR TRAVEL\*

You may wish to take advantage of airline flight discounts available through SkyTeam (participating Alliance Network for our event), which is offering special Convention fares from around the world. SkyTeam comprises 20 international airlines: Aeroflot, Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeroméxico, Air Europa, Air France, Alitalia, China Airlines, China Eastern, Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Garuda Indonesia, Kenya Airways, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Korean Air, Middle East Airlines, Saudia, TAROM, Vietnam Airlines and Xiamen Air.

To book your travel now, visit [www.skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings](http://www.skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings), click on Attend Your Event in the left bar and enter your Event ID, 4022S.

### CAR RENTAL\*

As with airlines and hotels, car rentals are available at standard discount rates.

**Budget:** Contact either [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com) or 1-800-842-5628 reference BCD #Z727996

**Avis:** Contact either [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) or 1 (800) 331-1600 reference AWD number X227399.

### CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

We have many hotel rooms within walking distance of the Cobo Center! No door-to-door shuttle bus service will be available in the Downtown Core; however, there will be identified stops for a downtown loop shuttle for those needing transportation. Scheduled bus shuttles will run between the Convention Center/Stadium area and hotels and motels in the convention room block outside of the Downtown Core.

### SAFETY TIPS

The staff and volunteers of the 2020IC are committed to the safety and security of its guests throughout the entire event. Here are some recommendations to ensure that the 2020IC experience is a pleasant and safe one:

- Know Your Surroundings
- Carry Important Documents
- Use The Buddy System
- Be Discreet
- Use the 2020IC Resources
- Be Medically Prepared
- See Something, Say Something

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL

#### TAXI OPTIONS

Fares range from \$45-\$55 based on traffic conditions from the airport (both terminals) to downtown Detroit.

Airport to suburban areas (Dearborn, Southfield, Warren) \$35-\$45.

#### From McNamara Terminal

Taxi and luxury sedan services dispatch in the middle of the Ground Transportation Center, located on Level 4. Upon arrival in Detroit, and once all baggage has been claimed, follow signs to Ground Transportation to catch a ride.

#### From North Terminal

Taxi and luxury sedan services dispatch from the upper level of the Ground Transportation Center. Upon arrival in Detroit, and once all baggage has been claimed, follow signs to Ground Transportation on Level 4 to catch a ride.

#### RIDESHARE

Rideshare service apps are an available option to book a ride to and from Detroit Metro Airport. Passengers can only meet their driver at the terminal's Ground Transportation Center within the designated rideshare area.

Once across the skybridge, rideshare signs will guide passengers to the designated rideshare areas of McNamara or North Terminal's Ground Transportation Center.

**McNamara Terminal:** Rideshare is located on Level 4 of the parking garage.

**North Terminal:** Rideshare is located on Level 1 of the parking garage.

*\*As with Convention rates at hotels, the Fellowship can take advantage of volume discounts offered as standard business procedure by other vendors. These are participating companies, and the business relationship does not imply endorsement.*



# AA 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 2-5, 2020 | Detroit, Michigan

3 WAYS TO REGISTER • Online: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) • Fax: (508) 743-3605 • Mail

REGISTRATION OPENS  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

ADVANCED DEADLINE IS:  
**APRIL 15, 2020**

## A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

• No badge required for children 12 years and younger • Both sides of this form may be duplicated • See reverse side for cancellation policy.

### MAIN ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
CITY		ST/PROV		COUNTRY	
EMAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION			
		<input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL	
		PHONE: _____			
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)		1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA		2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN		4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH		2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE		4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES		2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP		1. <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 1 YR.		2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20	
		5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20			
AGE GROUP		1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15		2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55	
		5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65		6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65	
ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE ON-SITE		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT AVAILABLE			
EMERGENCY CONTACT		TELEPHONE			

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM AAWS, INC. AND AA GRAPEVINE, INC. AFTER THE 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
CITY		ST/PROV		COUNTRY	
EMAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION			
		<input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL	
		PHONE: _____			
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)		1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA		2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN		4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH		2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE		4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES		2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP		1. <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 1 YR.		2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	
		3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20	
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		5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65		6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65	
ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE ON-SITE		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT AVAILABLE			

## B. PAYMENT- Onsite transactions will be in U.S. funds only, credit card or cash (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

### Advanced Registration Fee is:

- \$115 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$140 USD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$150 CAD (WHEN USING CANADIAN CHECKS) PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$185 CAD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2020 International Convention Souvenir Book (Optional)

- \$12.00 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$16.00 CAD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Grapevine 2020 Convention Book (Optional)

- \$11.50 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Grapevine One Year Print Subscription/English Only (Optional)

- \$28.97 USD USA  \$35 USD CANADA  \$42 USD FOREIGN QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Grapevine One Year Online Subscription/English Only (Optional)

- \$34.97 USD ALL QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### La Viña One Year Print Subscription/Spanish Only (Optional)

- \$11.97 USD USA  \$14 USD CANADA/FOREIGN QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT CARD

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMERICAN EXPRESS  DISCOVER

All credit card charges will be displayed and charged in US dollars. Daily exchange rates will apply for all non-US credit cards.

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

CARDHOLDER NAME

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE\*

CARDHOLDER ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE (please include country code)

Your signature authorizes your credit card to be charged for the total payment due. AA World Services, Inc. reserves the right to charge the correct amount if different from the total listed above.

### CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD. Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention" International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. **WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.**

To mail completed form with payment, send to: 2020 International Convention, ICAA0720 • c/o Convention Data Services • 7 Technology Park Drive • Bourne, MA 02532

### TRAVEL VISA INFORMATION:

Persons visiting from countries outside of the United States must have a valid passport and may require other documentation such as visas. Check with the nearest U.S. Consulate well in advance of travel. For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department website: [travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

\*I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a charged-back credit card payment, or to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.

Note: Your credit card statement will read: 2020 International Convention



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### REGISTRATION BY WEB, MAIL OR FAX

Registration opens September 9, 2019.

#### Advanced Registration Fees:

\$115 USD or \$150 CAD (Canadian residents only).

**Payable by:** Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

International checks and money orders (except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. NOTE: We cannot accept travel agency checks for multiple registrations.

You may register online through [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Look for the logo with International Convention information, including the link to registration.

Or fill out and mail or fax the registration form with full payment to:

Fax: (508) 743-3605 (credit card only)  
Mail: 2020 International Convention  
(check, money order or credit card)  
c/o Convention Data Services  
7 Technology Park Drive  
Bourne, MA 02532

Once registered, your confirmation will be emailed to you, along with a link to the Housing Reservation website. If your preferred method of communication is mail, please allow one to two weeks to receive your registration confirmation and housing packet in the mail.

**The registration fees after April 15, 2020 will be \$140 USD or \$185 CAD.** All attendees who register either via mail or online by May 15, 2020, will receive their badge and purchases in the mail prior to the International Convention.

Registration forms sent via mail and received after May 15, 2020, may not be processed. Please plan to check in at the Onsite Registration Counters at the Cobo Center. We encourage you to register by May 15 to avoid long lines.

After May 15, 2020, online registration will remain open, and we urge attendees to preregister before arriving in Detroit. Badges and purchases will be picked up at Cobo Center when you arrive at the International Convention.

If you have questions regarding the status of your mailed-in registration, please contact (508) 743-8507. The Registration Hall opens Wednesday morning.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing. Refunds will be made only upon receipt of your written request enclosing your badge(s), and if received by May 15, 2020. No exceptions. There is a \$5 USD or \$7 CAD administrative processing fee for cancellations, which will be deducted from the refund. Allow six (6) weeks for processing. Written requests and badges should be mailed to:

2020 International Convention Refunds  
c/o Convention Data Services  
7 Technology Park Drive  
Bourne, MA 02532  
email: [ICAA@xpressreg.net](mailto:ICAA@xpressreg.net)

### HOUSING/HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be included with your registration confirmation. Housing for the 2020 International Convention will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, you must be registered for the Convention before you may make your reservations. Once we have received your registration form and payment, you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration. If online, a link to the Housing Reservation Website will be sent to your email address along with your registration confirmation. You will then be able to complete your hotel reservation online.

If you register by mail or fax, housing information will be sent to you by postal mail. Complete your housing and deposit information and send it to the address indicated on the Housing Reservation Form. Your hotel reservation will be processed and a confirmation mailed to you.

Please take into consideration that individual members will be able to book up to four (4) rooms. If you are traveling in a group and need more than four rooms, more than one member in your group would need to register and book the necessary hotel rooms.

For large groups requiring ten (10) rooms or more, there is a separate procedure. For information on this procedure, please contact the International Convention coordinator at G.S.O. at [2020ic@aa.org](mailto:2020ic@aa.org).

While we are trying to meet everyone's needs, we attempt to ensure fairness for the entire Fellowship so that single attendees and attendees traveling in a group have equal access to hotel arrangements for the Convention.

### REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. Registration payment must accompany all mailed or faxed registration forms.
2. Mailed preregistration forms must be postmarked, and faxed forms must be received, by April 15, 2020. After that date, the rate of \$140 USD will be charged.
3. Any changes to registration information already processed must be made in writing before April 15, 2020, or onsite. All changes must be made by the current registrant on file. No charges will be assessed for corrections to badge information excluding substitutions (see below).
4. Substitutions made on or before April 15, 2020, will be subject to a \$5 USD / \$7 CAD processing fee.
5. Substitutions after April 15, 2020, must be made onsite and will be subject to a \$15 USD processing fee. Note: You must have the original attendee's badge to make onsite substitutions.
6. Replacement of lost or forgotten badges will be subject to a \$15 USD reprint fee. Your badge will be mailed to you. Remember to bring it with you to Detroit.
7. Registration questions? Call (508) 743-8507. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: [ICAA@xpressreg.net](mailto:ICAA@xpressreg.net)
8. Convention-related questions? Call G.S.O. at (212) 870-2020.

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**Advanced Registration Deadline: April 15, 2020**

**Registration & Housing Bureau Opens: September 9, 2019**