



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 Time Orientation

We especially welcome you if this will be your first Regional Forum. There will be an orientation session for first-timers right before the Forum starts, and we have a special first-timer handout just for you.

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, Directors, and 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. Usually some workshops cover practical "how-to" topics and others deal with 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.

REGIONAL **HOSTS**

2015

Northeast Region
West Central Region
Western Canada (Additional Forum)
Southwest Region
East Central Region

2016

Southwest Region (Additional Forum)
Eastern Canada Region
Western Canada Region
Pacific Region
Southeast 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 features 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**

As we all know, 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.

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.

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 Grapevine.

HOTEL

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

Up Coming Forums **2015**

May 29-31	Northeast	Albany Marriott Albany, New York
August 21-23	West Central	Parkway Plaza Hotel Casper, WY
September 11-13	'Additional' Western Canada	Westmark Hotel Whitehorse Whitehorse, Yukon
September 12-13	Local Forum	Venue TBD Timmins, Ontario, Canada
October 9-11	Southwest	Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis, MO
November 13-15	East Central	Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel Milwaukee, WI

2016

June 3-5	'Additional' Southwest	Double Tree by Hilton Denver Denver, CO
July 8-10	Eastern Canada	Airlane Hotel and Conference Centre Thunder Bay, ON
August 26-28	Western Canada	The Calvary Community Church Kamloops, BC
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Pacific	Hilton Waikoloa Village Hotel Waikoloa, Hawaii
December 2-4	Southeast	Orlando Marriott Lake Mary Orlando, FL

Since 1975

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