Founders' Day Herald

91st Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 12, 13, & 14, 2026 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

91st Anniversary Alcoholics Anonymous 1935-2026 Akron, Ohio

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Discussion of One Step Per Hour
Chaired by: Karen K.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m.
Tom H. – Akron, OH
"Stepping Out Of The Grave"
Chaired by: Doug P.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
"Six Tips To Surrender"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m.
Beth H. – Garden City, SC
"From I Got To" To "I Get To"
Chaired by: Greg E.

Serenity Singers • 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m.
Aaron Z. – Molalla, OR
"God Is Love"
Chaired by: Aaron K.

Junta en Español • 9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Orador: Psicologo Carlos Escamilla
Tema: Las Heridas Del Alma

The Last Call Discussion • 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2 buses continuously – Bierce Circle

A.A. Archives
Located in Akron Intergroup Office
(Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.
Bob D. – Las Vegas, NV
Chaired by: Jeanne R.

Grapevine Meeting • 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Grapevine And LaVina
"AA's Multimedia Message"
Presenter: Chris C.

Junta en Español • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Taller De La Vina

A.A. Long Timers Panel* • 11:00 a.m.
Topic: "A Design For Living"
Lillie H. – South Portland, ME
Avery M. – Atlanta, GA
Beth F. – Akron, OH
Chaired by: Jeanne R.

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
"Six Tips To Surrender"

A.A. & Al-Anon Dual Lead* • 12:30 p.m.
Speakers - David & Mary Ellen Y. – Rossiter, PA
"Never Give Up"
Chaired by: Jane M.

Junta en Español • 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Orador: Psicologo Carlos Escamilla
Tema: Despertar Espiritual

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m.
Carla R. – Tujunga, CA
"Spiritual Awakening/Human Experience"
Chaired by: Karen K.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.
Presented by: Gail L. – Akron, OH
Chaired by: Doug P.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m.
Tom T. – Staten Island, NY
"The Most Satisfactory Years of Your Existence Lie Ahead "
UA Infocision Stadium**
Chaired by: Juanita W.

**Stadium Weather Contingency Plan for Saturday Night - See Web Site

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE*
7:30 a.m.
Motorcycle procession and graveside memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Kevin G. – Massillon OH
Chaired by: Greg E.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.
Topic: "We Stood At The Turning Point"
Jimmy R. – Akron, OH
Annamarie T. – Naples, FL
Greg K. – Brooklyn, OH
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting* • 10:30 a.m.
Harold L. – St. Louis, MO
"When Opportunity Meets Preparation, God Will Do The Introductions"
Chaired by: Tony T.

AL-ANON FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Speaker • 1:00 p.m.
"History of Family Groups"
Vannoy S. - Denton, TX
Chaired by: Christina

Al-Anon Panal • 2:30 p.m.
Topic: "Two Programs, One Journey"
Larry V. – Kinsman, OH
Jack H. – Westlake, OH
Steve L. – Akron, OH
Chaired by: Susan

Al-Anon Sing Along • 4:00 p.m.

AL-ANON SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Daily Reader • 9:00 a.m.
"Page of the Day And Meditation"
Chaired by: Bonny

Alateen Panel • 10:00 a.m.
"Our Future of Recovery"
Chaired by: Gina S.

A.A. & Al-Anon Dual Lead* • 12:30 p.m.
Speakers - David & Mary Ellen Y. – Rossiter, PA
"Never Give Up"
Chaired by: Jane M.

Al-Anon Long Timers Panel • 3:00 p.m.
Topic: "Ask a Basket"
Regina – Cleveland Hts, OH
Martha G. – Pittsburgh, PA
Pat A. – Dover, OH
Vannoy S. – Denton, TX
Chaired by: Lynda M.

Al-Anon Speaker • 5:00 p.m.
Gordy B. – Seattle, WA
"Overcome Control Issues"
Chaired by: Jim K.

REGISTRATION

UA STUDENT UNION
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Package Plans must be picked up at designated dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room — Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

CLEAR BAGS REQUIRED
SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.

Name badges & ribbons must be worn for admittance to all meetings — NO EXCEPTIONS!

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FOUNDERS' DAY 2026

Please treat each meeting at Founders' Day as your own home group.

ABSOLUTES

AS A SAFETY MEASURE, THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON HAS IMPLEMENTED A CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR ALL FOUNDERS' DAY MEETINGS AND EVENTS. Approved bags include clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed a size of 12 inches wide by 12 inches high and 6 inches deep. Other approved bags include one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar), medical bags and small clutch bags approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap. Prohibited bags include backpacks, binocular cases, camera cases, fanny packs, large-printed bags, mesh bags, purses and tinted plastic bags. Again, this policy applies to ALL Founders' Day meetings and events. CLEAR BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE. MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.FOUNDERSDAY.ORG.

All pre-registration packets must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Picture I.D. is required.

2026 Name badges & ribbons must be worn ON CAMPUS and for admittance to all meetings.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All rooms, buildings, and stadium at The University of Akron are non-smoking.
NO VAPOR/E CIGARETTES permitted in ANY building.

Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.
University police will ticket and tow all unauthorized vehicles parking in handicap spaces.
Violators will incur a fine of $250

No animals or campfires allowed in R.V. area.

NO ANIMALS ON CAMPUS, POLICE WILL ENFORCE.

NO hover boards, skateboards, or roller blades permitted on campus.

No motorcycles allowed on the grass.

No beach balls at any meeting.

The Sunday morning motorcade to Dr. Bob's grave site is a conference event and as such, you must be registered to participate.

Credit cards will now be accepted for both onsite registration and in the literature room.

SPECIAL NEEDS

All meetings are wheelchair accessible.
Wheelchairs are not available on campus. You may bring your own.
Please contact the Founders' Day Committee with any special needs by May 15, 2026.

ACCOMMODATIONS

No incoming calls accepted at dorms.
No entry to RV sites until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. A permit is required prior to set-up.
No camping tents allowed.

FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BIG MEETING, WE WILL ALL BE UNITED TOGETHER ON THE WEST SIDE ONLY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON INFOCISION STADIUM. STADIUM WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN - SEE WEB SITE. **NO BEACH BALLS!**

THIS IS AN OPEN AIR STADIUM SO PREPARE ACCORDINGLY.

NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.
$35.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!

Founders' Day Registration Form | online at www.foundersday.org

Everyone must be registered, including children. All registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2026 . NO EXCEPTIONS!

Name (please print clearly) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail address* _____

* If you provide an e-mail address, you will get confirmation via e-mail only!

◯ **Check for special needs - handicapped.**
Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.

◯ **Hearing Impaired- ASL Interpreter Requested**

All beds are at a fixed height of 42 inches. The University of Akron **CANNOT** adjust bed height.

INDIVIDUAL FORMS REQUIRED FOR EACH PACKAGE PLAN

Rooming with: _____

_____

Onsite registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Basic Registration $45 x QTY = $_____ TOTAL

(Basic Registration will be $45 on site conference weekend)
INCLUDES ADMISSION TO ALL MEETINGS.
MUST have a picture I.D. for pickup.

Package Plan A $350 = $ ONE ONLY

Sex: M◯ F◯

BASIC REGISTRATION INCLUDED.
Includes admission to all meetings, meals, room, and bus tour.
Report directly to designated dormitory to pick up weekend package and room key.
You must have a picture I.D. to pick up your reservation package.
All rooms and buildings at the university are non-smoking.

Package Plan B $250 = $ ONE ONLY

Sex: M◯ F◯

BASIC REGISTRATION INCLUDED.
PLAN B DOES NOT INCLUDE MEALS.
Includes all items in Package Plan A ***except*** meals.

MEALS		QTY	TOTAL
	Meals can be purchased through Pre-Registration Only. NOT available for purchase at the event.		
SATURDAY	Breakfast	$25 x _____	= $_____
	Lunch	$30 x _____	= $_____
	Dinner	$40 x _____	= $_____
SUNDAY	Breakfast	$25 x _____	= $_____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS — ◯Diabetic ◯Vegan ◯Vegetarian ◯Gluten-Free

MOTORHOME SITE FEES		QTY	TOTAL
NO TENT CAMPING!	RV Site Tag (no hook-ups available)	$40 x _____ per site/whole weekend	= $_____

Each RV must have a **Site Tag** to set up.

ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR FIRES!

REGISTRATION TOTAL $_____

PAYMENTS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY.
MAKE CHECKS / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:

Akron Intergroup
PO Box 12
Akron, OH 44309-0012

REFUNDS requested in writing only by mail or email and postmarked / received prior to May 15, 2026.
treasurerfd@akronaa.org

PAYMENT METHODS FOR MAIL IN REGISTRATION:

◯ CHECK ◯ MONEY ORDER

All Credit Card payments must be made online at www.foundersday.org.
Click on the Founders' Day link and follow the instructions.

Mobile App

Download the guidebook app for Founders' Day 2026!

his app will serve as a companion to the printed program, offering a variety of useful features, including:

- ***Real-time notifications for inclement weather or other unexpected updates.***
- ***Digital access to the event schedule and campus maps.***
- ***Details about historical sites, donation opportunities, and on-campus dining options.***

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