





# Founders' Day Herald


## 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous


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

### 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 Panel • 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. 

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
#### 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.  
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\* 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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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](http://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!**

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