



# A Vision For You

## 75 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous

**JULY 1 – 4, 2010 • SAN ANTONIO, TX USA**

**Coordinated by A.A. World Services, Inc.**

### **SAN ANTONIO – IT’S BEYOND CONVENTIONAL!**

San Antonio is a city rich with history and wonder. A land of epic battles and flowing rivers, it is a melting pot of diverse cultures. Walk the lines drawn for independence when you visit the Alamo—one of five Spanish colonial missions. Stroll the cobblestone sidewalks of the River Walk to uncover an outdoor theatre with flamenco dancers and mariachis, nationally acclaimed museums, and sidewalk cafes that offer everything from authentic Tex-Mex to international cuisines.

### **MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS**

Beginning Thursday at midnight through early Sunday, Marathon A.A. meetings will be held in English, Spanish and French. A.A. topic meetings, workshops, panels, special interest meetings, and regional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. Sharing with members from around the world will energize you to carry the A.A. message back home!

### **A FIESTA OF A.A. BIG EVENTS**

Thursday night enjoy the “Party in the Park” right outside Halls C & D of the Convention Center in Hemisfair Park. Start in the park; hop on into the Convention Center and swing over to the Grand Hyatt San Antonio for dancing fun. Friday night we all come together in the Alamodome Stadium for the Flag Ceremony and Opening A.A. Meeting; Saturday night an Old-timers A.A. Meeting; and Sunday morning the Closing A.A. Meeting. There will be more dancing and fellowship opportunities at the Convention Center after the Friday and Saturday night A.A. meetings.

### **AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ACTIVITIES**

Al-Anon and Alateen have scheduled a variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops at the Marriott Rivercenter. In addition to the English program, there will be meetings in French, Spanish, and other languages. And, of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join the festivities at the Thursday night “Party in the Park,” the Big Meetings and more.

### **2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK**

#### *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*

The International Convention will introduce the soft-cover edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. This book, first printed in 1957, tells the history of A.A.’s beginnings, shares about the early growth of A.A. around the world, and recounts the historic 1955 International Convention in Cleveland, when the old-timers turned responsibility for A.A.’s future over to the entire membership. If you have never read this book, we hope that you will treat yourself to this fascinating chronicle.

This special International Convention souvenir edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* will be a cherished reminder of this incredible experience.

If you order the souvenir edition when you register, a copy will be waiting for you when you check in at the Registration Hall.

### **SPECIAL A.A. GRAPEVINE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION ISSUE**

Published for the 2010 International Convention, this special issue of the Grapevine celebrates the birth and world-wide growth of Alcoholics Anonymous from 1935 to the present. Drawn from 65 years of Grapevine stories, this richly illustrated magazine contains art and articles chronicling the growth of A.A. as it happened; pictures, talks, and reports from past Conventions; histories of the Preamble, Steps, and Traditions; articles by the co-founders and pioneers of the program and its distinguished supporters; stories of A.A.’s growth around the world; and cartoons, jokes, and anecdotes about the early days of A.A.

Copies of this special, 13th issue of the Grapevine are limited. Order when you register for the Convention to reserve a copy for you and your group. Magazines will be waiting for you when you check in at the Registration Hall.



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### PHYSICALLY-CHALLENGED GUESTS

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 San Antonio, if required. Please indicate on the registration form if you need special transportation and on the housing form if you require accessible accommodations. Wheelchairs and companion assistance are not provided – you will need to make your own arrangements.

### PASSPORT 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: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp\\_1305.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html).

### WEATHER!

With 300 days of sunshine a year, San Antonio is a warm destination year round. On average, July is the warmest month, with average highs around 96° degrees Fahrenheit and evening lows around 74° Fahrenheit. A.A. will be making its best effort to provide plenty of shade and water for attendees. As hot as it is outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors—the air conditioning will be on!

### OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ASL

A.A. is truly international, and meetings in languages including American Sign Language (ASL), French, Japanese, Spanish, and more, will be available Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Big Meetings in the Alamodome 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 sections set aside for this purpose.

## TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

### AIR TRAVEL\*

You may wish to take advantage of available flight discounts. American Airlines and Continental Airlines are offering special Convention fares. To obtain discount details or make reservation please contact:

Continental Airlines (800) 468-7022  
Z-code: ZFXC Event Code: AW07FY  
(both codes are needed for the discount)

American Airlines (800) 433-7300  
Event Code: A1860AA

### CAR RENTAL\*

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

National: Contact either [www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com) or (800) CAR-RENT (227-7368) reference ID # 3816027  
Budget: Contact either [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com) or (800) 561-5212 reference rate code VAA

### TRAINS\*

Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to San Antonio, TX for Convention attendees. To book your reservation call Amtrak at (800) 872-7245. Refer to Convention Fare Code X92W-961 when making your reservation. For more information the Amtrak Convention Letter is available to download at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Offer is not valid through the internet.

*\* 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.*

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL

The San Antonio International Airport (SAT) is approximately 10 miles from downtown.

**Shuttle:** There is a shared ride shuttle service at the airport. Charges: \$18.00 ticket per person to downtown hotels or \$32.00 for a round trip ticket. Service to other areas charged by zone. Major credit cards are accepted. To make reservations call: (210)281-9900. For more information visit [www.saaairportshuttle.com](http://www.saaairportshuttle.com). Make reservations online, and save an additional \$2.

**Taxi:** Taxi cabs are available curbside outside of baggage claim at Terminals 1 & 2. If you need assistance, please contact an Airport Ground Transportation Agent wearing an airport badge. Fares to San Antonio downtown areas are approximately \$25.00 (U.S.) per taxicab. (2 – 6 people may share a cab at no extra cost!)

### GETTING AROUND IN SAN ANTONIO

Many hotels in this Downtown Core are within a walking distance of the Convention Center. In order to keep the registration fee affordable, no door-to-door shuttle bus service will be available in the Downtown Core. There will be identified stops for a downtown loop shuttle for those needing transportation. A limited-schedule bus shuttle will run between the Convention Center/Stadium area and hotels and motels outside the Downtown Core of hotels, e.g., airport hotels.



# A.A. 2010 International Convention

## JULY 1 - 4, 2010 • SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

### REGISTRATION FORM [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) Fax: (514) 228-3154

REGISTRATION OPENS  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

PRE-REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE IS:

**MAY 14, 2010**

#### 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		NICKNAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY	
E-MAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION			
		<input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> 1 YR. OR LESS	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
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING AND NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT <input type="checkbox"/> I USE A WHEELCHAIR/WALKER/CRUTCHES AND WILL NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT				
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, SEND ME INFORMATION ON LOCAL TOURS IN SAN ANTONIO					

#### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NICKNAME ON BADGE	
CITY					
CITY		ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY	
E-MAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION			
		<input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE: _____	
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#### B. PAYMENT (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

##### Preregistration Fee is:

- \$95 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$120 CAD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Souvenir Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*

- \$7 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$9 CAD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Grapevine Special 2010 International Convention Issue

- \$4 USD PER ISSUE X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$5 CAD PER ISSUE X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD

#### CREDIT CARD

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD

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

- VISA     MASTERCARD     AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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.

#### IMPORTANT:

Non-US Citizens who register for the 2010 International Convention are responsible for having the appropriate documentation to enter the US. See Passport Information for additional details.

*\*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.*



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### REGISTRATION BY WEB, MAIL OR FAX

Registration opens September 1, 2009.

**Preregistration Fees:** \$95 USD or \$120 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: (514) 228-3154 (credit card only)

Mail: 2010 International Convention  
(check, money order or credit card)  
c/o Laser Registration  
1200 G St NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20005-6705

Once registered, your confirmation will be emailed to you, along with a link to the Housing Reservation Web site. 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.

On-site fees will apply to registrations postmarked or received after May 14; forms received after that date may not be processed, so plan to register on-site at the Convention Center (Preregister to avoid waiting in long lines). The on-site registration fee is \$110 USD.

If you register by the May 14, 2010 deadline, your badge(s) will be mailed to you. Bring your badge with you to San Antonio; it is your proof of registration! When you arrive in San Antonio, come to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center to pick up your badge holder and Convention Program. 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 14, 2010**. No exceptions. There is a \$5 USD or \$7 CAD administrative processing fee for cancellations which will be deducted from the refund. Allow 6 weeks for processing. Written requests and badges should be mailed to:

2010 International Convention Refunds  
c/o Laser Registration  
1200 G St NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20005-6705

### HOUSING INFORMATION

Housing reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be included with your registration confirmation. Because of the number of hotel rooms available in San Antonio, housing for the 2010 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 e-mail 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.

### REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. Registration payment must accompany all mailed or faxed registration forms.
2. Mailed pre-registration forms must be postmarked, and faxed forms must be received, by May 14, 2010. After that date, the on-site rate of \$110 USD will be charged.
3. Any changes to registration information already processed must be made in writing before May 14, 2010, 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 May 14, 2010 will be subject to a \$5 USD / \$7 CAD processing fee.
5. Substitutions after May 14, 2010 must be made on site and will be subject to a \$15 USD processing fee. Note: You must have the original attendee's badge to make on site 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 San Antonio.
7. Registration questions? Call (514) 847-2214 (English), (514) 228-3160 (French), (514) 847-2976 (Spanish), or e-mail: [2010IC@laser-registration.com](mailto:2010IC@laser-registration.com)
8. Convention related questions? Call G.S.O. at (212) 870-2110.

**Convention Dates: July 1 – 4, 2010**

**Pre-Registration Deadline: May 14, 2010**

**Registration & Housing Bureaus Opens: September 1, 2009**