

70th Buffalo Fall Convention



Road of Happy Destiny

October 21, 22 & 23, 2011

Marriott Buffalo/Niagara

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for admittance to all panels,
speakers and events.

UNITY

“The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, “What a great thing A.A. might have been!””

-- *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, pg. 129

SERVICE

“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.”

-- *The AA Service Manual*,
Bill W., pg. S1

“Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves in the words ‘love’ and ‘service.’”

-- *Dr. Bob's Farewell Message*

RECOVERY

The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences* which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward God's universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.”

-- *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pg. 25

AA Program

Friday, October 21, 2011

- 4:30-5:30 pm BR 4/5
Early Bird Speaker
Rosemary T., Rochester, NY
Moderator: Heather D.
- 6:00-7:30 pm BR 4/5
"12 Spiritual Principles"
Moderator: Jon C.
Panel: Charlie B., Shawn D., Mike D.
- 8:00-9:00 pm BR 4/5
Opening Speaker
Dick S., Atlanta, GA
Moderator: Matt R.
- 9:30 pm-1:00 am BR 4/5
Dance
- 9:30 pm-1:00 am Salon C
2nd Floor
Alkathon

Saturday, October 22, 2011

- 9:00-10:00 am BR 4
Cleveland Panel - "12 Steps"
Moderator: Keith S.
Panel: Donald S., Harris M., Theresa B.
- 10:15-11:15 am BR 4
Beyond "Just Not Drinking"
Moderator: Mike S.
Panel: Al G., Mary Kate B., Tom C.
- 10:15-11:15 am BR 5
Service Outside the Homegroup
Moderator: Sally Ann C.
Panel: Scott T., Jack P., Winston F.
- 11:15-12:15 pm
Break
- 12:15-1:15 pm BR 5
The Key to Success
Moderator: Jerod I.
Panel: Pete E., Tina D., Zack F.

Saturday (continued)

- 1:30-2:30 pm BR 4
12 Points to Assure our Future
Moderator: John P.
Panel: Alex L., Bill S., Maureen M.
- 1:30-2:30 pm BR 5
Do I Belong to a Meeting or a Group?
Moderator: James C.
Panel: Jason D., Chris M., Kristine S.
- 2:45-3:45 pm BR 4/5
Speaker Meeting
Ernie R., Potomac, MD
Moderator: Tim C.
- 4:00-5:15 pm Salon C & D
What AA Does and Does Not Do
Rochester Public Information Committee
- 6:15 pm Grand Ballroom
Seating opens for Banquet
- 6:30-8:00 pm Grand Ballroom
Banquet
- 8:00-9:00 pm Grand Ballroom
Banquet Speaker
John H., Hilton Head, SC
- Alternate Speaker** Salon C&D (2nd floor)
Margaret H., Spirit of Hope
- 9:30-1:00 am Grand Ballroom
Dance
- 9:30 pm-1:00 am Salon C
2nd Floor
Alkathon

Locations

- Hospitality** - Salon E (2nd floor)
(Open: 3:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am Saturday, 8:30 am Sunday)
- Registration** - Main Hallway near Lobby
(Open: 1:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday)
- Souvenirs, AA and Al-Anon Literature, Grapevine, Coffee, Committees & Displays**
all located in Main Hallway
- Archives** - Salon B (1st floor)

Sunday, October 23, 2011

- 9:30-10:30 am BR 4/5
Emotional Sobriety
Moderator: J.D. H.
Panel: Leon S., Mary Beth C., Chuck B.
- 11:00 am BR 4/5
Spiritual Speaker
Mike L., Indianapolis, IN
Moderator: Jake J.
- Closing Remarks**
- Introduction of 2012 Chairperson**

Al-Anon Program

Our benefits are measured by our willingness to share them with others. For we know we can never give as much as we receive...

Service Manual, p.19

Thank you for letting us serve... Peace.

Friday, October 21, 2011

- 6:30-7:30 pm BR 2/3
Ice Breaker!
Hosts: Kim S., Paula J.
Topic: How Sweet It Is
COME HAVE SOME FUN!

Saturday, October 22, 2011

- 8:45-9:45 am BR 2
**Our Common Purpose:
"I'm Not So Different After All"**
Moderator: April K., Northside
Speakers:
Marge W., Beginning Today
Anda M., Northside
JT J., Northside

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Saturday, October 22, 2011

10:00-11:00 am BR 2

Awareness, Acceptance, Action

Moderator: Pam K.

Thursday, Cheektowaga

Speakers: Alex O., Monday, Cloverleaf

Diane W., Thursday, Cheektowaga

Karen N., Thursday, Cheektowaga

11:15 am-12:00 pm BR 2

The Three C's

Moderator: Marge W., Beginning Today

Speakers: April K., Northside

Donna M., Beginning Today

Marilyn H., Beginning Today

1:00-2:45 pm BR 2/3

Keynote Speaker, Hugs for Healing & Countdown

Moderator: Kim S., Williamsville Tues. PM

Alateen Speaker: Asia, Stars of Hope

Alanon Speaker: Lori F., Erie, PA

3:00-4:00 pm BR 2

An Opportunity to Serve Brings an Opportunity to Change

California-Style Meeting

Moderator: Paula J., Williamsville

Tues. PM

9:30 pm Salon D
(2nd floor)

Talkathon

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9:30-10:30 am BR 2

In My Higher Power's Hand

Moderator: Kim S.

Williamsville, Tues. PM

Speakers: Debbie O.,

Amherst, Serenity Seekers;

Becky L. Williamsville, Tues. PM

Alateen Program

Friday, October 21, 2011

6:00-7:00pm BR 2/3

Resentments

8:00 pm BR 3

Learning to Laugh at My Mistakes

Saturday, October 22, 2011

9:00 am BR 3

Taking Time for Myself

10:15 am BR 3

Grief

11:00 am BR 3

Friendship

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch

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6:00-10:00 pm Salon B
(1st floor)

Alateen Private Party

The 2011 Buffalo Fall Convention Committee would like to recognize the many committee members and volunteers that have given countless hours of work into the planning of the 2011 convention. We would like to extend to you our sincere appreciation and many thanks.

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