

2013 East Central Regional Forum

With our U.S./Canada General Service Board
of Alcoholics Anonymous

FIRST-TIME FORUM
ATTENDEES-WELCOME!

November 15-17, 2013

7 pm to 10 pm Friday

9 am to 9:45 pm Saturday

9 am to noon on Sunday

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Hilton Fort Wayne at the
Grand Wayne Convention Center
1020 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Group Code: **ECR**

There is no Registration Fee

We Are Coming Together To Share Experience On Several Topics:

- ❖ Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group?
- ❖ A.A. History—Boring or an incredible spiritual journey?
- ❖ How does support of G.S.O. help A.A.s worldwide?
- ❖ Does your home group use the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña as a Twelfth Step tool?
- ❖ The upside down triangle—How are the General Service Board, and the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards accountable to the Fellowship?
- ❖ How do I have a voice in A.A.?
- ❖ What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?

Purpose of this Forum

This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is "open" to A.A. members or to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous. Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the then Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees, the late Dr. Jack Norris.

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 the A.A. Grapevine. 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.

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the **East Central** Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

Registration Information:

- ❖ Registration is free.
- ❖ You can register online at **www.aa.org**—go to “Services for Members” and click on “Regional Forums” link.
- ❖ You do not have to register to attend, but, please register early to help us plan for setup.
- ❖ You are on your own for meals.
- ❖ All who register will receive a final report of all discussions at the Forum.
- ❖ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except sending the Final Report!

Hosted by the 14 areas of the East Central Region

Chicago, Illinois

Northern Illinois

Southern Illinois

Northern Indiana

Southern Indiana

Central Michigan

Southeast Michigan

Western Michigan

Central Southeast Ohio

Northeast Ohio

Northwest Ohio/

Southeast Michigan

Southwest Ohio

North Wisconsin/

Upper Peninsula Michigan

Southern Wisconsin

Schedule of Events

Friday

2:00-till closing

6:45-7:00 pm

7:00-8:30 pm

8:30-8:45 pm

8:45-9:15 pm

9:15-10:00 pm

Registration

Forum First-Timer Orientation

Welcoming and Introductory remarks by Board and Staff

BREAK

Video

General Sharing/Questions for Board and Staff

Saturday

9:00 a.m.-till closing

9:00-10:00 am

10:00-10:15 am

10:15-11:00 am

11:00-12:00 noon

12:00-1:30 pm

1:30-2:30 pm

2:30-3:15 pm

Registration

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña

Presentations

BREAK

General Sharing/Ask-It Basket

Delegates' Presentations

LUNCH

Presentations

General Sharing/Ask-It Basket Session

Saturday (continued)

3:15-3:30 pm

3:30-4:00 pm

4:00-4:45 pm

4:45-5:00 pm

5:00-7:00 pm

7:00-8:15 pm

8:15-8:30 pm

8:30-9:45 pm

BREAK

Presentations

Ask-It Basket/General Sharing Session

Video

DINNER

Workshops 1st Session

BREAK

Workshops: 2nd Session

Sunday

9:00-10:00 am

10:00-10:30 am

10:30-10:45 am

10:45-11:15 am

11:15—12:00 noon

Ask-It Basket/General Sharing Session

Sharing from First-Time Forum Attendees

Break

Past Trustees' Talks

Closing Remarks

Please cut here and send registration form to General Service Office



2013 East Central Regional Forum Registration Form*

Pre-Registration Encouraged!

Please, PRINT Clearly.

Register online at: www.aa.org

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number: _____

- Do you need an American Sign Language Interpreter? Yes ☐ No ☐
 - Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? Yes ☐ No ☐
 - Have you ever attended a Regional Forum previously? Yes ☐ No ☐
 - Do you want to receive the Final Forum Report electronically? Yes ☐ No ☐
- If yes, please provide your e-mail address below: _____

*Information collected is confidential and will only be used for communication about this Regional Forum.

Mail to G.S.O. to arrive by: **November 11, 2013**

General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station NY, NY 10163

Att: Regional Forums Desk

Hotel Reservation Information

Hilton Fort Wayne

at the Grand Wayne Convention Center

1020 South Calhoun Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802-3005

Reservations by phone:

(260) 420-1100

Single/Double: **\$104.00** plus tax

This is a Non-smoking Facility

Please mention Group Code: **ECR**

Link to Hotel Reservations Online: www.aa.org

Cutoff Date: **November 1, 2013**

REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

REGIONAL FORUMS: Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years, also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five. In 2012 the General Service Board agreed to discontinue Additional Regional Forums after completion of the eight region cycle in 2016.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The Host Contact is responsible for the initial contact with the hotel. Hotel arrangements and contract are handled by the Regional Forums Coordinator. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)

