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Events, Announcements and News March 28, 2020

**AN EMAIL WAS SENT OUT IN REFERENCE
TO THE CANCELLATION OF GENERAL
SERVICES 2020 INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION. THE INFORMATION IS ON THE
BOTTOM OF THIS EMAIL.**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
INTERGROUP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY
THRU FRIDAY 10am to 2pm.
ALL MEETINGS AT INTERGROUP OFFICE HAVE
BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

HEARTLAND INTERGROUPE

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www.heartlandintergroup.org

**THERE IS A NEW BUTTON ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE WEBSITE TO
PROVIDE INFORMATION IN REFERENCE TO REPORTING A REMOTE AA
MEETING. (This information will be added to the daily Intergrouper)**

**This can include parking lot meetings, outside meetings etc.
Please update for your meeting so others can go to a meeting if
needed.**

From CNN: For those struggling to stay sober, coronavirus shutdowns offer hope as well as temptation

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/25/health/alcoholism-coronavirus-sober-wellness/index.html><https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/25/health/alcoholism-coronavirus-sober-wellness/index.html>



ONLINE MEETINGS

www.aa-intergroup.org/
<http://www.tinyurl.com/FOBzoom>
<https://www.intherooms.com/home/>

If you cannot get to a meeting, please use the above links to attend an online meeting or call your friends, support group.

ONLINE MEETING SCHEDULE

<https://aachats.org/aa-meetings-online/>

Speaker Tape Websites

<https://www.aaspeaker.com/>
<https://hacoaa.org/archives/speakers/>
<https://www.recoveryaudio.org/>

Speaker Tape Apps

AA Audio Companion

Google Play-

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pitashi.audiojoy.aacompanionfree>

App Store-

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/aa-audio-companion-for-alcoholics-anonymous/id1191023628?mt=8>

AA Big Book Ultimate Companion

Google Play-

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pitashi.audiojoy.aabigbook>

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-big-book-ultimate-companion/id998807519?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

AA Speaker Tapes

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-speaker-tapes/id1335643834>

AA Speaker Tapes & 12 Steps

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-speaker-tapes-12-steps/id1018096090>

AA Speakers

Google Play (free)-

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.marnistek.aaspeakersfree&hl=en_US

App Store (\$1.99)-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-speakers-speaker-tapes/id898586463?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

AA Speakers Best of 2007

Google Play-

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abyteapps.aaspeakersbestof2007free&hl=en_US

Alcoholics Anonymous- Bill W.

Google Play-

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abyteapps.aaspeakersbillwfree&hl=en_US

Daily AA Speakers

Google Play-

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pitashi.dbaaspeakers>

App Store-

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/daily-aa-speakers-in-5-minutes/id1000523472?mt=8>

Daily Bread AA

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/daily-bread-aa-speakers/id1000523472?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

Joe and Charlie

Google Play-

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ibyteapps.joeandcharliefree&hl=en_US

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-joe-charlie-big-book-work/id1089811749?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

Speaker Tapes from Sandy B

App Store-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aa-sandy-b/id1071631421?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

**PLEASE SEND ANY UPDATES TO YOUR
OPEN MEETINGS ONLY TO**

officemanager@heartlandintergroup.org

**ONLINE ZOOM MEETINGS AND OUTDOOR MEETINGS BY
CITY**

AUBURNDALE

Thursday Night Men's Meeting suspended.

AVON PARK:

Back to basics suspended.

BOWLING GREEN:

24 Hour Group, 5207 Doyle Parker Avenue

Bowling Green, Florida 33834, **Saturday 7PM**

Contacts - Sally M. (863) 634-5290 a/o Roger (863) 577-1034.

DAVENPORT:

All meetings pertaining to **Out to Lunch Brunch** are suspended

FORT MEADE,

New Life Group, 214 1st Street SW, Fort Meade, **Tuesday/Thursday 630PM**

HAINES CITY

Heart of Florida meetings suspended

LAKELAND:

Christ the King, Monday-Friday 12 Noon, 6400 N. Socrum Loop Rd, Lakeland
Outside meetings will continue.

Anniversary Group/Banana Group, Saturday 10am

<http://us04web.zoom.us/j/3858002534>

Contact: Luis T 863-698-5190

MULBERRY:

Rigorously Honest Group, 1400 E Canal St, Mulberry FL **Monday 7pm**

Meeting in the sanctuary.

Mulberry Group, 306 North Church St, Mulberry, FL **Friday 8PM**

Meet in the parking lot.

LAKELAND:

Get in the car, 4204 S Florida Ave, Suite H, Lakeland **Tuesday 7pm**

<http://us04web.zoom.us/j/9137408287>

Contact: Mary D 863-660-3825 Brennan 850-933-4030

SEBRING

Broken Glass, Woman's Meeting **Thursday 6PM** is still meeting (3/19/2020)

WINTER HAVEN

Serene at 6 at 9AM, **Monday 9AM**, 401 North Lake Howard Dr, Winter Haven, FL
24 hours book

The meeting is M-F bring your own folding chair, hand sanitizer and coffee. All are welcome.

The Nooner, **Monday thru Friday 12PM**, 401 North Lake Howard Dr, Winter Haven FL

I will be at the dock by Winter Haven fellowship every day of the week at noon. I am hoping to find some like minded individuals who would like to open their lives to a new chapter in meditation.

AA Grapevine Free Access

Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

Due to the current changing health situation, many AA meetings across the U.S. and Canada are finding it safer to close. To help members during this time, we are giving everyone [free access](http://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help) to all of our 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (The audio to Grapevine's stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. We have also included a link to our Youtube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information.

To enter, visit:

www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help

This is to let everyone know that has involvement
with the Area Meeting coming up in Boca Raton
April 3-5, 2020, the meeting has been

CANCELLED.

Do not forget to cancel your hotel reservations.

(3/17/2020)

**IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT CV OUTBREAK AND
INFORMATION PROVIDED FROM THE CDC, THERE
MAY BE TIMES THAT THE HEARTLAND INTERGROUP
OFFICE MAY BE CLOSED. PLEASE CALL(863-688-0211)
AHEAD OF TIME BEFORE COMING DOWN.**

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE
(www.heartlandintergroup.org) FOR THE UP TO DATE
SUSPENDED MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES, UNDER
NEWSLETTER. CLICK THE LATEST INTERGROUPER
(USUALLY THE TOP ONE). ANY CHANGES IN YOUR
MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR PHONE
CALL (863)688-0211.**

THIS MEETING LIST WILL BE UPDATED DAILY AND SENT OUT DAILY.

IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS TO DECIDE IF THEY WILL BE OPEN OR NOT.



**International Convention
Alcoholics Anonymous**

July 2-5, 2020 | Detroit, Michigan

Love and Tolerance is Our Code • L'amour et la tolérance, voilà notre code • El amor y la tolerancia son nuestro Código

**2020 International Convention, July 2-5, Detroit, Michigan, is Canceled
Announcement by Michele Grinberg, Chair of the General Service Board of A.A.**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, July 2-5.

We know that this is a disappointment to our Fellowship, as every five years we look forward to celebrating sobriety, the Alcoholics Anonymous program of hope and recovery, and meeting dear friends, old and new, from around the world.

Planning for the International Convention started in 2008 when Detroit was chosen to host the 2020 event. From the moment the city was selected, local leaders extended a warm welcome to A.A., and the event was representative of Detroit's own rebirth as a great convention city. The excitement shown by the A.A. community and the people of the greater Detroit area was seen throughout the 12-year planning process. We experienced a phenomenal response from local A.A. members ready to volunteer and welcome members from all over the world to the International Convention. The appreciation and welcome we received from the Detroit community, including their desire to share the city with the A.A. Fellowship, has been especially warm and overwhelming.

For many weeks, the General Service Board, directors, management team and planning partners for the International Convention have been monitoring the public health announcements in real time as daily life continues to change for every citizen across the globe.

This is not a decision that is taken lightly. However, because of our numerous concerns related to the health and safety of our attendees, especially if 50,000 of us were to gather in Detroit in early July, we are confident it is the correct decision at this time. It has become clear that proceeding with a Convention of this magnitude in Michigan at that time is an unacceptable safety risk because of the uncertainty of the disease spread and containment. These are unprecedented times, impacting travel possibilities and requiring restrictions on large mass gatherings. For all of us, the health and well-being of our community comes first.

Due to the size and scale of the International Convention, the necessary contracts and work which must be started now, as well as travel arrangements, hotel availability, and Michigan's Statewide shutdown creating more uncertainty and inability to move forward on convention production, we are called to make a decision now.

We want to share clearly that we have made this determination based on the facts available today and, most importantly, based on the sense of responsibility and genuine care we feel for all our attendees, as well as for the citizens of Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Canada.

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We have thought long and hard in these past few weeks, consulting in depth with our planning partners, staff and the Detroit community before making this decision. Our theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code" has never felt truer, nor more important in these times of uncertainty. We remain grateful for your love and support. We look forward to a large and happy gathering of our Fellowship in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2025.

While the decision to cancel our International Convention is a difficult one, it is important to remember that Alcoholics Anonymous is not a place or an event; it exists in the hearts, minds and help freely offered. A.A. groups and members across the globe continue to focus on our primary purpose of carrying a message of hope and recovery; and with our shared code of love and tolerance, may we continue for so long as we are needed.

Sincerely,



Michele Grinberg
Chair, General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please click the following link for information regarding [the 2020 International Convention registration cancellation process.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions About the Cancellation Process for the 2020 International Convention

Q: Will my registration be refunded?

A: Yes, registration fees will be refunded in full within 6 weeks. The \$5 cancellation fee will not be charged.

We ask for your patience and request that you not call the registration company directly until at least 6 weeks have passed to allow time for refunds to be processed.

Credit Cards: If you paid with a credit card, that card will be credited directly. If you no longer have the credit card used during registration, you will be refunded by check.

Checks/Money Orders: If you paid with a check or money order, a refund check will be processed and mailed to your address.

If you canceled your registration and were charged the \$5 cancellation fee, the charge will be refunded to you.

Q: Will my hotel reservation be canceled and deposit refunded?

A: Yes, your reservation will be canceled by the Housing Bureau and you will receive a confirmation of the cancellation. If the hotel has charged their deposit, you should receive a refund of the full deposit by April 30, 2020. If you do not receive your refund by April 30, 2020, please contact the hotel directly. Their phone number is listed on your hotel confirmation email. If you need additional support, please email 2020ichousing@sxsw.com or call 1-512-872-2159.

Q: What about my airfare?

A: Please contact your airline carrier about canceling your ticket.

Q: I rented a scooter or wheelchair, will that reservation be canceled and refunded?

A: Yes, your reservation will be canceled and refunded within 8-10 weeks.

Q: I signed up to be a volunteer. Do I need to do anything about the shifts I signed up for?

A: No, all shifts will be canceled.

Q: Were all 2020 International Convention ancillary events slated to take place in Detroit canceled?

A: All events scheduled as part of the agenda of the International Convention have been canceled including the AI-Anon portion of the International Convention and the Thursday evening Party in the Plaza.

Q: What happens to the souvenir book I purchased?

A: If you purchased one or more souvenir books while registering, the credit will be added to your total refund.

Q: What happens to the subscription I purchased?

A: If you purchased a subscription while registering, the subscription has been processed and you should already be receiving *Grapevine* or *La Viña* magazine.



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Any questions can be emailed to the office manager at:

****officemanager@heartlandintergroup.org***

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