

50th Annual Area 43 Convention

Celebrating 50 Years with Gratitude

Welcome to the 50th Annual Area 43 Convention. This year's theme is Celebrating 50 Years with Gratitude. We intend to celebrate this momentous occasion with some very special events. You will be able to choose from workshops and marathon meetings sure to inspire and rejuvenate, entertaining and enlightening big speaker meetings, a warm and welcoming hospitality suite and many other opportunities to celebrate our recovery and fellowship.

For newcomers, we offer a welcome and orientation session on Friday afternoon followed by a Red Ball meeting. Our Hospitality Suite is available for fellowship and refreshments throughout the weekend. Be sure also to stop into the movie room where recovery-based movies are playing for your entertainment pleasure! Start your day off with a yoga/meditation class on both Saturday and Sunday morning and celebrate your sobriety all through the night with our Marathon Meetings that run late night on Friday and Saturday night.

Back by popular demand is our talent show on Friday night featuring Karaoke for fun. Come and sing your favorite songs with your friends! Dance the night away on Saturday with joy and jubilation in true celebration of 50 years of Area 43 Conventions. And be sure not to miss the Sobriety Countdown for an extra special celebration before our speaker meeting on Saturday night!

A.A. Workshops

Creating a Spiritual Toolbox

Our presenter will share her experience with gathering and using the contents of her toolbox to maintain sobriety on a daily basis.

Gratitude As An Action

We can and should express our gratitude. How do we go about that in our daily lives both within A.A. and as citizens of the world? Our presenters will share their experiences with the balance of A.A. service, family and community life.

This Matter of Honesty

This Matter of Honesty is based on a Grapevine article written by Bill W. The workshop leaders will cover how important and vital honesty has been throughout their entire A.A. program. It is by seeking the truth that we are set free.

Fifty Years of NH Area 43 Conventions

A sharing of gratitude and memories from 50 years of NH State Conventions. The workshop leader will display memorabilia that is part of the NH Area 43 Archives, speak about the value of preserving our historical documents and items of significance and share anecdotes about NH Conventions over the years. There will be time for participants to share their special memories as part of this workshop.

Safety in the Halls and Our Group Conscience

This is an interactive workshop examining safety in the halls relying on our Traditions and utilizing our group conscience.

The Secret of A.A.

How has service changed you? If we told you what the workshop was about, it wouldn't be a secret! Come with an open mind and find out.

A Newcomer Asks

Everything you wanted to know about A.A. but were afraid to ask! The workshop leaders will reflect on their beginnings in our 12 step program and how they grew in understanding as they spent more time in the fellowship. An ask-it basket will be available where you can ask your question anonymously.

Living in the 4th Dimension

Living in the 4th Dimension is living in the now. Our workshop leader will show us how using Steps 10-12 can help us to stay in the present, keep our newfound sanity and be in touch with our spirituality.

50 Ways to Get Gratitude, 50 Ways to Show Gratitude

In this fully interactive workshop, participants will create posters displaying the many ways in which sober members of A.A. obtain gratitude in our way of life and simultaneously carry that gratitude into their journey one day at a time.

Emotional Sobriety

What is it? What does it look like and how does one obtain it? The workshop leaders will reflect on their journey and offer scenarios that will encourage participants to develop emotionally sober thoughts and actions.

A.A. Workshop Series

Our workshop series this year is entitled HOW It Works. The first workshop focuses on Recovery through the application of the 12 Steps in our lives on a daily basis. The second workshop brings to light the ways in which our program is brought to those who are still in the dark through the active work of local groups, districts and the area. And our final workshop in the series brings home to us the use of our 7th Tradition dollars around the world. Attend one or all of the workshops in this series and you're sure to gain a better understanding of HOW our program works!

HOW It Works – Recovery

“Abstinence from alcohol is only the beginning”. In this workshop we will be discussing life on the other side of that arch to freedom. Please join us as we talk about Personal Recovery through the 12 Steps.

HOW It Works – Local Services

How do we carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer? This workshop will outline the ways in which one can get started in the 12th step of our program, carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic which is essential in the growth of our fellowship and the way in which so many of us were introduced to A.A.

HOW It Works – Around the World

How is our 7th tradition dollar used to help A.A. grow around the world? In this country and all around the world, the Big Book is being translated, services are delivered to many who need it from our General Service Office, and the message of recovery and hope is carried to over 90 countries where recovering alcoholics are establishing their own service bodies. Join Bob W and Rich P for an enlightening sharing of the work that they do to bring A.A. to alcoholics everywhere.

Al-Anon Workshops - Mt. Pierce Room

Awareness - Coming Out of the Fog

Moving from surviving to living. I did the best with what I had, but now recovery has made me aware that there is a different way.

Acceptance - Becoming Grateful for Who I Am

Acceptance of self leads to acceptance of others.

Action - As I Give, I Receive

Gratitude in action; sponsorship, service work and the 12th step.

Humility - What does it mean to be humble?

I don't have all the answers as I once thought. Giving up the illusion of control/responsibility and being grateful for that burden being lifted through recovery.

A.A. Videos - Mt. Monroe Room

Welcome to the Video Room! The Area Archive committee has a wonderful collection of new and old videos. Stop by and stay as long as you like!

Yoga and Meditation - Mt. Cleveland Room

Start your morning with an hour of gentle yoga and meditation. An experienced yoga teacher will lead this workshop on both Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7:45am-8:45am. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

Marathon Meetings - Pinkham-Crawford Notch Room

There will be marathon meetings on Friday and Saturday throughout the Convention. We have listed on the days/nights and time below. No matter when you are at the Convention, there is always the Fellowship to be found!

Friday into Saturday

Starts at	Ends at
Fri 10:00pm	– 11:15pm
Fri 11:30pm	– 12:45am
Sat. 1:00am	– 2:15 am
Sat. 2:30am	– 3:45 am
Sat. 4:00am	– 5:15 am
Sat. 5:30am	– 6:45 am
Sat. 7:00am	– 8:15 am

Saturday into Sunday

Starts at	Ends at
Sat. 11:00am	– 12:15pm
Sat 2:00pm	– 3:15 pm
Sat. 6:00 pm	– 7:15 pm
Sat. 10:00pm	– 11:15 pm
Sat. 11:30 pm	– 12:45 am
Sun. 1:00am	– 2:15 am
Sun. 2:30am	– 3:45 am
Sun 4:00am	– 5:15 am
Sun. 5:30am	– 6:45 am
Sun. 7:00am	– 8:15 am

Friday

		Mt Pierce
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Welcome and Orientation	Mt Pierce
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Red Ball Meeting	Mt Pierce
6:15pm – 7:45pm	Red Ball Meeting	Presidential Ballrooms
6:15pm – 7:30pm	Buffet Dinner (Tickets Required)	Presidential Ballrooms
8:00pm – 9:15pm	A.A. Speaker Meeting	Presidential Ballrooms
9:30pm	Ice Cream Social	Presidential Ballrooms
9:30pm – 11:30pm	Talent Show - Join the FUN!!!	Pinkham-Crawford Notch
10:00pm– 8:15am	Marathon Meeting starting at 10pm. Each meeting runs 1 hour 15 minutes with a 15-minute break between meetings. Last meeting starts at 7am. Sign up and get in on the action!!	

Saturday

7:45am – 8:45am	Yoga & Meditation	Mt Cleveland
9:00am – 10:15am	A.A. Workshop: How It Works - Recovery	Mt Lincoln
9:00am – 10:15am	A.A. Workshop: Gratitude In Action	Mt Adams
9:00am – 10:15am	A.A. Workshop: Creating a Spiritual Toolbox	Mt Jefferson-Madison
9:00am – 10:15am	Al-Anon Workshop: Awareness - Coming Out Of The Fog	Mt. Pierce
10:30am – 12:00pm	A.A./Al-Anon/Alateen Speakers	Presidential Ballrooms
1:30pm – 2:45pm	A.A. Long-Timers Meeting	Mt Lincoln
1:30pm – 2:45pm	A.A. Workshop: The Secret of A.A.	Mt Adams
1:30pm – 2:45pm	A.A. Workshop: 50 Ways to Get & Show Gratitude	Mt Jefferson-Madison
1:30pm – 2:45pm	Al-Anon: Acceptance - Becoming Grateful for Who I Am	Mt Pierce
3:00pm – 4:15pm	A.A. Workshop: How It Works - Our Local Services	Mt Lincoln
3:00pm – 4:15pm	A.A. Workshop: Safety in the Halls and Our Group Conscience	Mt Adams
3:00pm – 4:15pm	A.A. Workshop: This Matter of Honesty	Mt Jefferson-Madison
3:00pm – 4:15pm	Al-Anon Workshop: Action - As I Give, I Receive	Mt Pierce
4:30pm – 5:45pm	A.A. Workshop: How It Works - Around The World	Mt Lincoln
4:30pm – 5:45pm	A.A. Workshop: Living in the 4th Dimension	Mt Adams
4:30pm – 5:45pm	A.A. Workshop: 50 Years of NH Conventions	Mt Jefferson-Madison
4:30pm – 5:45pm	Al-Anon Workshop: Humility- What Does it Mean to be Humble?	Mt Pierce
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Red Ball Meeting	Mt Pierce
6:30pm – 7:45pm	Plated Dinner (Tickets Required)	Presidential Ballrooms
8:00pm – 8:15pm	Sobriety Countdown	Presidential Ballrooms
8:15pm – 9:45pm	A.A. Speaker	Presidential Ballrooms
9:45pm – 10:00pm	Raffle Drawing	Presidential Ballrooms
10:00pm - 12:00am	Dance - Come Let Loose!!!	Presidential Ballrooms
Throughout the Day	Marathon Meeting starting at 10pm. Break up your day and night and sit in on Marathon Meeting. See the posted schedule board for more information. Sign up and get in on the action!!	Pinkham-Crawford Notch

Sunday

7:45am – 8:45am	Yoga & Meditation	Mt Cleveland
9:00am – 10:15am	A.A. Workshop 1: A Newcomer Asks	Mt Adams
9:00am – 10:15am	A.A. Workshop 2: Emotional Sobriety	Mt Jefferson-Madison
10:30am – 11:30am	A.A. Speaker	Presidential Ballrooms
11:30am - 11:45am	Closing	Presidential Ballrooms