

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

#### NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

#### East Rand Convention

Greetings AA Fellowship Nationwide,

Just a few weeks left! We are excited to host you!

This is our seventh and final update, designed to keep you, the member, informed about preparations for April.



Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), emphasized the importance of conventions as a way for the Fellowship to grow and maintain unity, advocating for a structure that allowed for shared experience and a sense of community.

# What is the purpose of a convention?

The purpose of an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) convention is to share experiences, strength, and hope, and to spread the message of recovery:

- <u>Share experiences</u> AA members share their experiences of recovery, and how they are living their lives today.

• <u>Spread the message</u> AA conventions spread the message of recovery to current and potential members.

• Renew and make friendships

AA conventions provide an opportunity for members to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Raise funds
 AA conventions can be a source of funding for the General Service Office (GSO).

AA conventions often have a theme and may include meetings, panels, and workshops. Some conventions also invite interested friends of AA, as well as members of the clergy, doctors, lawyers, social workers, and public health officials.

## Current News

- <u>Pre Registration Forms</u> have been made available contact our East Rand Office or Convention Chair Retha (083 795 2159)
- Fundraising is still ongoing and any form of donations are welcomed which can be paid over to our area for more information contact Convention Chair Retha (083 795 2159).
- <u>Donation Booklets</u> are available to help raise fund and can be collected from our East Rand Office. Contact Larry (011 425 1748)
- <u>Pledge Letters</u> are available should you wish to make a pledge monthly or once off to assist with fundraising.
- Accommodation list available by clicking on the following link: https://aaer.co.za/aa-convention-
- Program to follow within due course.



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As Chair person of the East Rand Convention 2025, I would like to extend a gratitude to each member for their unwavering support with the assistance of all donations, pledges and time given towards helping us making sure that Convention 2025 is a success.

We would not have been able to do it without you and this will surely and truly be a special moment to remember as the East Rand Area hosting Convention 2025.

As we look at the Unity aspect of our Fellowship, working together, we will continue to accomplish remarkable things!

I cannot wait to see each and everyone of you!

Best Wishes:

Retha B

Chair Person | East Rand Convention 2025



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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**







18 - 20 April 2025

- Shares from all over the country
- · Meetings Friday whole day
- · Afrikaans & German meeting on Saturday
- · Saturday evening entertainment
- · Sunday closing meeting
  - · Donation draw
  - Auction
- · Tea/coffee/sandwiches during breaks on tap
- · Food vendors on premises
- · Memorabilia for sale
- · Literature for sale
- · Archive display

Registration opens at **07h00 Friday 18 April 2025** Registration fee R130pp

Wordsworth High School

1st Meeting on Friday starts at 09h00

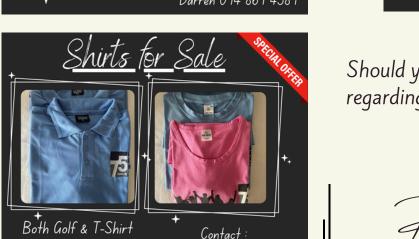
Convention will conclude around midday on Sunday 20 April 2025

Pre-registration available AA Office 011 421 1748 | aaeastrand@gmail.com

# Mugs & Shirts for Sale



R 50.00 each



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Should you require any further information regarding the Convention please feel free to contact the Chair

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