

Past Conference Speakers

1968	Bill O. Monroeville, PA
Arbutus O.	Abilene, TX
Bud R.	Clearwater, FL
Paul M.	Riverside, IL
Barry L.	New York, NY
1969	
Wesley P.	Pompano Beach, FL
Marguerite C.	Houston, TX
Buck M.	Midland, TX
Burton C.	Kilgore, TX
Gene F.	Memphis, TN
1970	
Jack F.	Tulsa, OK
Joanne F.	Savannah, GA
Jack C.	Lubbock, TX
Mary R.	Encino, CA
Cecil C.	Prince Albert, Sask.
1971	
Father Joe M.	Baltimore, MD
Bob E.	Houston, TX
Willye B.	Spring, TX
Paul F.	Indianapolis, FL
Clarence S.	Orlando, FL
1972	
Father Tom O.	Baltimore, MD
Aurelia W.	Louisville, KY
Louise A.	Memphis, TN
Johnny H.	Lakewood, CA
Art G.	Richmond, VA
1973	
Sam P.	Pittsburgh, PA
Ramona B.	Okmulgee, OK
Marge R.	Ashburnham, MA
Tommy L.	Luray, VA
John C.	Brownwood, TX
1974	
Bob M.	Denver, CO
Blanche D.	Odessa, TX
Esther R.	Pittsburg, PA
Hilary D.	St. Bernard, AL
Bill O.	Wichita Falls, TX
1975	
Bob C.	Los Angeles, CA
Neil L.	Wauika, OK
Sybille C.	Los Angeles, CA
Pete W.	Toronto, Ont
Al S.	Lake Worth, FL
1976	
Travis H.	West Monroe, LA
Louise M.	West Islip, NY
Leda H.	Batesville, IN
Sandy B.	Washington, DC
Eddie R.	Venice, CA
1977	
Barry L.	New York, NY
Paul L.	Louisville, KY
Marguerite C.	Houston, TX
Paul M.	Riverside, IL
Cecil C.	Prince Albert, Sask.
1978	
Yvonne N.	Edmond, OK
Elsa C.	Laguna Beach, CA
Julian B.	Luray, VA
Chuck C.	Laguna Beach, CA
Stan C.	Saskatoon, Sask
1979	
Franklin W.	Olive Branch, MS
Eloise W.	Olive Branch, MS
Mildred F.	Willowdale, Ont
Hugh B.	Alexandria, VA
Joe M.	Little Rock, AR
1980	
Chuck H.	Fairfield, CN
Martha C.	Virginia Beach, VA
Bunny B.	Nashville, TN
Clancy I.	Venice, CA
Bill D.	Metuchen, NJ
1981	
Bob B.	St. Paul, MN
Patricia G.	Lubbock, TX
Helen T.	New York, NY
Joe L.	Tyler, TX
Larry R.	Alexandria, VA
1982	
Ernie R.	Bethany Beach, DE
Malinda J.	Statesboro, GA
Kay S.	Akron, OH
Harold W.	Midland, TX
Ernie M.	Oshawa, Ont
1983	
John W.	Pompano Beach, FL
Marcy W.	Whitney, TX
Helen S.	Morristown, TN
Tom O.	Lake Providence, LA
Bob W.	Whitney, TX
1984	
Sybil C.	Los Angeles, CA
Nancy B.	Glen Burnie, MD
Craig S.	Fairlawn, OH
Bob C.	Los Angeles, CA
Stu B.	Glen Burnie, MD
1985	
Charlie P.	Maysville, AR
Sue S.	Shreveport, LA
Harriet H.	Miami, FL
Bill C.	St. Catherine's, Ont
John C.	Brownwood, TX
1986	
"Po Boy" R.	Conyers, GA
Elsa C.	Laguna Beach, CA
Dottie H.	Lakewood, CA
John V.	South Berlin, MA
Johnny H.	Lakewood, CA
1987	
Marie E.	Myrtle Beach, SC
Fran D.	Bessemer, AL
Jim D.	Bessemer, AL
Hillary D.	Cullman, AL
Mike R.	Van Nuys, CA
1988	
Alabama C.	N. Hollywood, CA
Barbara B.	Indianapolis, IN
Cloyd C.	Texarkana, AR
Stan C.	Saskatoon, Sask
John B.	Indianapolis, IN
1989	
Jack N.	Laurel, MD
Mickey H.	Oneonta, AL
Cloyd C.	Oklahoma City, OK
Jim H.	Oneonta, AL
Art G.	Mechanicsville, VA
1990	
Dennis H.	Pittsburgh, PA
Cathy C.	Meza, AZ
Eve M.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Sandy B.	Arlington, VA
Sam G.	London, KY
1991	
Karl G.	Johnstown, OH
Rose N.	Laurel, MD
Olivia W.	Midland, TX
Harold W.	Midland, TX
Tom W.	Dana Point, CA
1992	
Linda B.	Waldorf, MD
Larry G.	Memphis, TN
Sue D.	Yorba Linda, CA
Martha W.	Houston, TX
Keith D.	Yorba Linda, CA
Ray B.	Waldorf, MD
1993	
Gary P.	Wamego, KS
Mary "Shotgun" M.	Houston, TX
Arbutus O.	Brownwood, TX
Gerry N.	Silver Spring, MD
C.D. C.	Statesboro, GA
Polly P.	Fountain Valley, CA
1994	
Ed. C.	Falls Church, VA
Peggy M.	Bellevue, NE
Juana W.	Louisville, KY
Bob W.	Louisville, KY
Lyn W.	Laguna Hills, CA
Cora Louise B.	Leland, MS
1995	
Grace D.	Charleston, WV
Jack S.	Louisville, KY
Vandy S.	Los Angeles, CA
Jim S.	Los Angeles, CA
Paul M.	Riverside, IL
Nelda R.	Midland, TX
1996	
Shirley T.	Hueytown, AL
Bob B.	St. Paul, MN
Bo T.	Hueytown, AL
Donna W.	Greenville, SC
Sterling W.	Greenville, SC
Jerry J.	Dallas, TX
1997	
Brenda L.	Wayzata, MN
Paul A.	Forestville, MD
Sally M.	Dallas, TX
Shirley B.	Brecksville, OH
Albert M.	Dallas, TX
Tom B.	Brecksville, OH
1998	
Irene E.	Roanoke, VA
Bob D.	Las Vegas, NV
Kathy H.	Cincinnati, OH
Diana C.	Tulsa, OK
Craig S.	Kansas City, MO
Frank M.	Indian River Shores, FL
1999	
Frank D.	Beltsville, MD
Betty L.	Asheville, NC
Carlene B.	Burlington, NC
Mildred F.	Willowdale, Ont
Roy B.	Odessa, TX
Art G.	Mechanicsville, VA
2000	
Victor K.	Westminster MD
Bill A.	New York, NY
Grace D.	Dallas, TX
Leo H.	Peterborough, NH
Hal M.	Washington, DC
2001	
Cookie S.	New York, NY
Scott D.	Shelby Township, MI
Sue D.	Yorba Linda, CA
Jug G.	Richmond, VA
Keith D.	Yorba Linda, CA
Ernie M.	Peterborough, Ont
2002	
Stu B.	Severna Park, MD
Bob B.	St. Paul, MN
Walter H.	Raleigh, NC
Dottie H.	Lakewood, CA
Sandy B.	Tampa, FL
Ernie M.	Potomac, MD
2003	
Jeff W.	Durham, NC
Ino F.	Miami Beach, FL
Beverly B.	Lewisville, TX
Reino F.	Kyle, TX
Dick G.	Altamonte Springs, FL
Maureen S.	Annapolis, MD
2004	
Becky K.	Dayton, OH
Dave D.	Glen Burnie, MD
Charlene W.	Mabelton, GA
Helen M.	Atlanta, GA
Tom W.	Dana Point, CA
Buck M.	Charlotte, NC
2005	
Bob McK.	Greenville, SC
Jay P.	Myrtle Beach, SC
Pat R.	Oceanside, CA
Sister Ruth H.	Anderson, IN
Cliff R.	Oceanside, CA
Mary Nell N.	Oxford, NC
2006	
Dick R.	Deale, MD
Scotty A.	Austin, CO
Pat G.	Beltsville, MD
Dee K.	New York, NY
Jim R.	Peterborough, ONT
Ray M.	Kannapolis, NC
2007	
Beth H.	Cary, NC
Jimmy D.	Dallas, TX
Charlene W.	Smyrna, GA
Sharon C.	Hawthorne, CA
Gary K.	Sulpher Spring, TX
Ray M.	Kannapolis, NC
2008	
Bob G.	Beltsville, MD
Dawn T.	Amherst, MA
Doreen D.	Concord, MA
Carol M.	Newport Beach, CA
Jack C.	Hagerstown, MD
Paige W.	Rocky Mount, NC
2009	
Wendy B.	Ambler, PA
Paul A.	Mathews, VA
Sally M.	Dallas, TX
Jessamy M.	Seattle, WA
Ray H.	Peterborough, ONT
Jim F.	Kenansville, NC
2010	
Gordon R.	Greensboro, NC
Katherine T.	Harkers Island, NC
Stephanie B.	Granite Shoals, TX
Joy H.	Shawnee, KS
Willard M.	Austin, TX
Jim T.	Durham, NC
2011	
Cathy F.	Northern Ireland
Jim B.	Northern Ireland
Kathy H.	Cincinnati, OH
K.C. C.	Los Angeles, CA
Sharon C.	Los Angeles, CA
Stan C.	Saskatoon, SK
2012	
Greg T.	South Deerfield, MA
Steve C.	Shawnee, OK
Cordi M.	Tulsa, OK
Chris C.	Coshocton, OH
Bill C.	Greensboro, NC
Ann J.	Charlotte, NC
2013	
Jack V.	Burgaw, NC
Dave N.	Annapolis, MD
Tricia R.	Odessa, FL
Kim R.	Frederick, MD
Clark R.	Odessa, FL
Glenn V.	Durham, NC
2014	
Bill S.	Gloucester, NC
Rick L.	Elmendorf, MD
Lisa McD.	Montreal, NC
Rainer L.	New York, NY
Deborah K.	Durham, NC
Dawn H.	Mount Airy, MD
2015	
Sarah N.	Durham, NC
Mary T.	Tampa, FL
Katie C.	Frederick, MD
Liz D.	Burgaw, NC
Stuart R.	Irving, TX
Birk S.	Frederick, MD
2016	
Lauren C.	Chapel Hill, NC
Chuck T.	New Windsor, MD
Palmer G.	Miami, FL
Becky K.	Beaver Creek, OH
Tim H.	Louisville, KY
Bruce B.	Idaho Falls, ID
2017	
Beth H.	Cary, NC
Jimmy D.	Dallas, TX
Charlene W.	Smyrna, GA
Sharon C.	Hawthorne, CA
Gary K.	Sulpher Spring, TX
Ray M.	Kannapolis, NC
2018	
Jimmy S.	Deep Run, NC
Mary Jane R.	Nashville, TN
Patsy A.	Durham, NC
Carol R.	Sanford, NC
Mike M.	Brunswick, MD
Suzy W.	Raleigh, NC
Tom K.	Durham, NC
2019	
Gordon R.	Greensboro, NC
Katherine T.	Harkers Island, NC
Stephanie B.	Granite Shoals, TX
Joy H.	Shawnee, KS
Willard M.	Austin, TX
Jim T.	Durham, NC
2020	
Dawn T.	South Deerfield, MA
Libba M.	Greensboro, SC
Paula S.	Raleigh, NC
Greg T.	South Deerfield, MA
Mike B.	Hillsville, VA
Bob M.	Greensboro, SC
2021	
Conference Cancelled	COVID-19
2022	
Conference Cancelled	COVID-19
2023	
Jack V.	Burgaw, NC
Dave N.	Annapolis, MD
Tricia R.	Odessa, FL
Kim R.	Frederick, MD
Clark R.	Odessa, FL
Glenn V.	Durham, NC
2024	
Bill S.	Gloucester, NC
Rick L.	Elmendorf, MD
Lisa McD.	Montreal, NC
Rainer L.	New York, NY
Deborah K.	Durham, NC
Dawn H.	Mount Airy, MD
2025	
Sarah N.	Durham, NC
Mary T.	Tampa, FL
Katie C.	Frederick, MD
Liz D.	Burgaw, NC
Stuart R.	Irving, TX
Birk S.	Frederick, MD
2026	
Sarah N.	Durham, NC
Mary T.	Tampa, FL
Katie C.	Frederick, MD
Liz D.	Burgaw, NC
Stuart R.	Irving, TX
Birk S.	Frederick, MD
2027	
Sarah N.	Durham, NC
Mary T.	Tampa, FL
Katie C.	Frederick, MD
Liz D.	Burgaw, NC
Stuart R.	Irving, TX
Birk S.	Frederick, MD
2028	
Sarah	

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Evening

8:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Kristin R.
Greensboro, NC
Speaker Amy S.
High Point, NC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Morning

8:30 a.m. PDR Room 1 & 2
Chairperson Tom K.
Durham, NC
Open Discussion Meeting

10:30 a.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Jose S.
Graham, NC
Speakers from the Audience

Afternoon

3:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Dale C.
Boone, NC
Speakers Old Timers
David L. Durham, NC
Sally B. Cedar Point, NC
Lewis C. Durham, NC

Evening

8:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Elizabeth P.
Raleigh, NC
Speaker Heather P.
Sante Fe, NM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Morning

8:30 a.m. PDR Room 1 & 2
Chairperson Suzie W.
Raleigh, NC
Open Discussion Meeting

10:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Amy H.
Galax, VA
Speaker Pauline M.
Cape Carteret

12:00 Noon Grand Ballroom 5
Ticketed Lunch Buffet
Must have Pre-Purchased tickets!!
Check registration desk for availability.

Afternoon

2:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Margaret G.
Newport, NC
Speaker Harriette B.
Durham, NC
4:00 p.m. PDR 1 & 2
Chairperson Jana L.
Wilmington, NC
Open Discussion Meeting

Evening

8:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Jeff W.
Durham, NC
Speaker Tim H.
Louisville, KY
9:30 p.m. - 12:00 midnight Grand Ballroom 5
Karaoke YOU!!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Morning

8:30 a.m. PDR 1 & 2
Chairperson Scott G.
Carolina Beach, NC
Open Discussion Meeting

10:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom
Chairperson Randy T.
Harkers Island, NC
Speaker David H.
Broomfield, CO

Mid-Winter Conference

The Mid-Winter Conference is not intended to be an "official" or business function. It is designed to "provide but a pleasant interlude" for those who travel the road of happy destiny.

We hope that you enjoy a relaxed and sociable weekend and that the conference brings you fellowship and inspiration in equal measure. Again, enjoy yourself, **You Are Welcomed!**

Sincerely, Board of Directors

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How It Began...

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Up until 1968 no AA Conventions were held from November to April anywhere in the Southeast nor, in fact, anywhere east of the Mississippi. Consequently, many AA friends from different states eagerly looked forward to attending the conferences and weekend gatherings in the months they were available, but felt their absence during the other months.

One weekend in early 1967, several members from Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Chapel Hill and Burlington got together for a casual "no frills" weekend of relaxation and fellowship. Accordingly, they booked the entire top floor of the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham. This was an all-suite floor including the Presidential Suite, with each suite renting for \$8.00 per night. As they were socializing, they decided to have an AA meeting and before their weekend was over, this one meeting had been expanded to three. This sparked the idea for a weekend conference to fill the gap in such get-togethers during the cold, wintry months. The Jack Tar Hotel in Durham seemed like a good place for such a conference, so the group unanimously agreed to meet again later that year to plan the event.

In October 1967, the group of eight men assembled at the Jack Tar to work out details for the new conference. They decided to recruit a dynamic young woman AA member they had met from the hotel staff, apparently believing - *it never hurts to have an "inside" source*. This rounded out the nine member planning group that served as the first Board of Directors and paved the way for the Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference to come into being over the weekend of January 19-21, 1968.

The fledgling Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference continued to be held at the Jack Tar Hotel annually from 1968 until the hotel was demolished in 1973. Totally in keeping with our experiences today, the early conferences were not without controversy. When the hotel announced a fifty cent increase to the \$6.00 single/\$8.00 double room rates, an immediate outcry was heard and one of the Board members was dispatched immediately to work with the hotel and negotiate a reduction in this drastic increase.

The conference subsequently moved to Greensboro, to Winston-Salem, to Raleigh for one year, back to Winston-Salem then back to Raleigh from 1991 to 2020. After a two year hiatus, we went back to where we started - in Durham and in 2025, moved back to Raleigh. Today we enjoy many conferences throughout the year in the U.S., many of them patterned after the Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference.

On February 8th, 2023, we lost our last original member of the Board of Directors. We are eternally grateful for Dave C. and his faithful service to the Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference. With your active support and participation the current Board of Directors is committed to assuring that the Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference continues to enrich our fellowship as it has since 1968 in the spirit of Love and Service.