

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 N. Midland, TX Burton C. Kilgore, TX Gene F. Memphis, TN 1970 Jack F. Tulsa, OK Joannie 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, IN 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. Pittsburg, 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. Waurika, OK Sybill 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 Hilary D. Cullman, AL Mike R. Van Nuys, CA 1988 Alabam C. N. Hollywood, CA Barbara B. Indianapolis, IN Joe H. 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 Juanita 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 Vanoy 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 Grayce A. Dallas, TX Grace D. Charleston, WV 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 R. Potomac, MD 2003 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 2004 Nancy K. Elkridge, MD George McS. Sarasota, FL Louise B. Petersburg, VA Tammy F. Millbrook, AL Ed C. San Antonio, TX Bill C. Browns Summit, 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 Bob G. Beltsville, MD Dawn T. Amherst, MA Doreen D. Concord, NC Carol M. Newport Beach, CA Jack C. Hagerstown, MD Larry J. Dallas, TX 2008 Wendy B. Ambler, PA Bob E. Mathews, VA Ellen C. Addison, TX Jessamy M. Seattle, WA Ray H. Peterborough, ONT Jim F. Kenansville, NC 2009 Linda A. Pilot Mountian, NC Jimmy D. Dallas, TX Yvonne H. Santa Monica, CA Joanie M. Houston, TX Bobby C. Philadelphia, PA Craig S. Myrtle Beach, SC 2010 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 2011 Greg T. South Deerfield, MA Steve C. Shawnee, OK Cordi M. Tulsa, OK Chris C. Coshocton, OH Bill C. Greensboro, NC Ann H. Charlotte, NC 2012 Abby E. Wallace, NC Paul A. Cheltenham, MD Mary Ann R. East Windsor, CT Allyn S. Bryn Athyn, PA Lyn W. Laguna Hills, CA Sam G. London KY 2013 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 2014 Amy M. Rocky Mount, NC Sterling W. Greenville, SC Dee M. Roanoke, VA Lee N. Wilson, NC Stu B. Severna Park, MD Nancy K. Elkridge, MD 2015 Mel H. Warsaw, NC Sammie G. Powhatan, VA Christine P. North Beach, MD Joanie M. Houston, TX Scotty A. Austin, CO Victor K. Ijamsville, MD
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General Information

Mid Winter Action Committee (MWAC)

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BADGES

All registrants will be given official Conference badges at time of registration or upon picking up advanced registration. Please wear your badge when attending Conference functions. No one will be admitted to meetings or karaoke without a Conference badge.

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom. No registration during the meetings; however, the registration desk will be open at the following times:

Thursday, January 29.....	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday, January 30.....	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 31....	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

All meetings will begin promptly at times listed in this program. Speaker meetings will be held in the Grand Ballroom. Discussion meetings will be in the rooms listed in this program.

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee will be served in the Pre-Function area on Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CONFERENCE KARAOKE

The music will begin at 9:30 p.m. and last until 12:00 midnight. This feature is for your enjoyment and is paid for by your registration fee.

NEXT CONFERENCE

The **Fifty-eighth Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference** will be announced in the Summer of 2026.



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

**January 29, 30, 31,
February 1, 2026**

HILTON
Raleigh North Hills
RALEIGH, NC

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
ChairpersonTom 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
ChairpersonAmy 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
ChairpersonJeff W.
Durham, NC
Speaker..... Tim H.
Louisville, KY

9:30 p.m. - 12:00 midnight Grand Ballroom 5
KaraokeYOU!!!

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
ChairpersonRandy 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

The Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference is operated by a 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 week-end 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 fledging 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.