

# 2008 Pacific Regional Forum

**With our U.S./Canada General Service Board  
Of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**August 29, 30, and 31, 2008**  
**7pm to 10pm Friday**  
**9am to 9:45pm Saturday**  
**9am to noon on Sunday**



**Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center**  
**322 N. Spokane Falls Court**  
**Spokane, WA 99201**  
**(509) 455-9600**

**There is no Registration Fee**

## **We Are Coming Together To Discuss:**

- ❖ Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group?
- ❖ A.A. History-Boring or incredible spiritual journey?
- ❖ How does support of G.S.O. help A.A.s worldwide?
- ❖ Does your home group use the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña as a Twelfth Step tool?
- ❖ The upside down triangle-how are the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards accountable to the Fellowship?
- ❖ How do I have a voice in A.A.?
- ❖ What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?
- ❖ 2008 Conference Theme -  
Communication and Participation -  
The Key to Unity and Self-support.

## **Purpose of this Forum**

This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is "open" to A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A. Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the late Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees, Dr. Jack Norris.

Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office Staff and the A.A. Grapevine. Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the Pacific Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

For more information please contact G.S.O. @ 212-870-3400, see G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or your local rep: Mike M

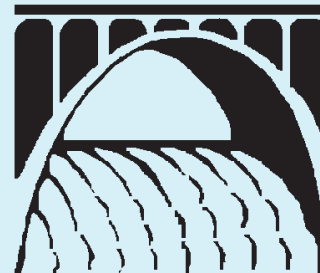
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**Registration Information:**

- ❖ Registration is free.
- ❖ You can register online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Go to "Services for Members" and click on "Regional Forums" link.
- ❖ You do not have to register to attend.
- ❖ But, please register early to help us plan for setup and food requirements. (Meals will not be free. There are a few restaurants nearby and we may have food on-site.)
- ❖ All who register will receive a final report of all discussions at the Forum.
- ❖ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except sending the final report!

**Hotel Information:**

Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center  
 322 N. Spokane Falls Court  
 Spokane, WA 99201  
 (509) 455-9600  
 Fax: (509) 455-6285  
 Single/Double Rate: \$105.00 plus tax  
 Please mention: 2008 Pacific Regional Forum



**Hosted by the 15 areas of the Pacific Region**

Alaska	San Diego-Imperial California	Oregon
Arizona	Mid-Southern California	Utah
California Southern	Hawaii	Western Washington
California Northern Coastal	Idaho	Washington Area East
California Northern Interior	Nevada	Central California

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday**

2:00–till closing	Registration
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Welcoming and introductory remarks by Board and Staff
8:30–8:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
8:45–9:15 p.m.	Video
9:15–10:00 p.m.	General Sharing/Questions for Board and Staff

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00–10:00 a.m.	A.A.W.S. and Finance Presentations
10:00–10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:15–11:00 a.m.	Delegates' Presentations
11:00–12:00 noon	General Sharing/Ask-It Basket
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch

**Saturday (continued)**

1:30–2:30 p.m.	A.A. Grapevine Presentations
2:30–3:30 p.m.	General Sharing Session
3:30–3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:45–5:00 p.m.	General Sharing Session/Ask-It Basket
5:00–7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00–8:15 p.m.	Workshops
8:15–8:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
8:30–9:45 p.m.	Workshops

**Sunday**

9:30–10:30 a.m.	Ask-It Basket/General Sharing
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45–11:30 a.m.	Past Trustees' Talks
11:30–12:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Please cut here and send registration form to  
Regional Forums, General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163.



## 2008 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FORM\*

Pre-Registration Encouraged!

Please, PRINT Clearly.

Register online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you need an American Sign Language Interpreter?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- Have you ever attended a previous Regional Forum?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- Do you want to receive the Final Forum Report electronically?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please provide your e-mail address:  
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Mail to G.S.O. to arrive  
by August 22, 2008:  
Regional Forums  
General Service Office  
P.O. Box 459  
New York, N.Y. 10163

\*Information collected is confidential and will only be used to send you a final report.

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### Reservation Information— Pacific Regional Forum

August 29-31, 2008

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(509) 455-9600, FAX: (509) 455-6285

Mail to hotel to arrive by  
July 25, 2008:  
Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center  
322 N. Spokane Falls Court  
Spokane, WA 99201  
Attention: Reservations

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please state number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Single/Double \$105.00 plus tax per night

I prefer a  "smoking"  "non-smoking" guest room

Please indicate number of guests in room \_\_\_\_\_ Please specify one or two beds \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Regional Forums and Special Forums

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

**REGIONAL FORUMS** Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

**LOCAL FORUMS** In October 2006, the concept of Local Forums was approved by the General Service Board. The purpose of Local Forums is to bring Forum information to A.A. members in remote, sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or underserved A.A. communities. Any A.A. community or service entity may request a one-and-a-half or two day Local Forum. Unlike Regional Forums, the responsibility for Forum expenses such as meeting room rental and miscellaneous expenses are assumed by the Local Forum Committee. The General Service Board will send two participants, one from the Board and one from the General Service Office or Grapevine office and display literature at Board expense. Like Regional and Additional Forums, Board participation in Local Forums requires the approval of the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums. The Regional Forums Coordinator works closely with the Local Forum organizing committee to create an agenda that is responsive to local needs.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

