

# AA National Convention 2020

## KZN, Durban

### Newsletter - June 2019

Dear friends of our wonderful fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, thank you for your generosity, enthusiasm, passion and unstinted support in preparation of National Convention 2020.



*"The scars we share become lighthouses for other people who are headed for the same rocks we hit"*

### CONVENTION THEME

Conference has approved the theme for Convention 2020 being

**A Vision of Hope** as well as the registration fee of R130 per person.



### COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION 2020

We are a mere 9 months away from the final planning in readiness to host the National Convention on behalf of GSO. This event comes to KZN every five years (Conference 2019 decision). To facilitate and co-ordinate all the requirements of hosting such a dynamic event we have a full committee consisting of 27 portfolio holders from the various AA groups in KZN.



### FUNDRAISING AND ACTIVITIES

**"Although the purpose of the Convention is to provide fellowship to AA members it has over time become the primary source of funds for GSO and as such is the main Fund raising event on the AA calendar in South Africa."** - AA Service Manual – SA National Convention Guidelines.

It is heart-warming to see our AA members rally around in their groups and districts supporting and hosting events for fellowshiping and fund raising. The fund-raising initiatives are on-going, and members are encouraged to support such events. We invite groups to propose ideas and concepts to be implemented that will assist the fund raising committee in meeting the budget.

Upcoming events are:

- **Founders Day Dinner Dance**  
Mountview Civic Centre - Verulam  
Starts at 6pm - R150 Ticket (Includes Supper)
- **Flavours of the World**  
Venue to be confirmed  
Starts at 6pm - R50 Ticket Includes 2 Meals

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

- **Italian Pizza/Pasta Evening**

La Pizza Pazza - Delcain Centre, Village Rd, Kloof  
Starts at 6:30pm - R180 PP for a 3 Course Dinner

03<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

- **AA Got Talent**

Strelitzia Secondary School - Lotus Park  
Starts at 6:30pm - R50 Ticket (Bring and share)

08<sup>th</sup> August 2019

- **Women of Worth Rally**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church - Westville  
Starts at 9:00am - R30 Registration (Refreshments and Lunch Provided)

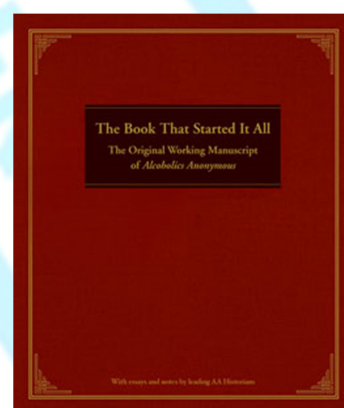
17<sup>th</sup> August 2019

- **Raffle**

### **The Book That Started It All**

#### **The Original Working Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous**

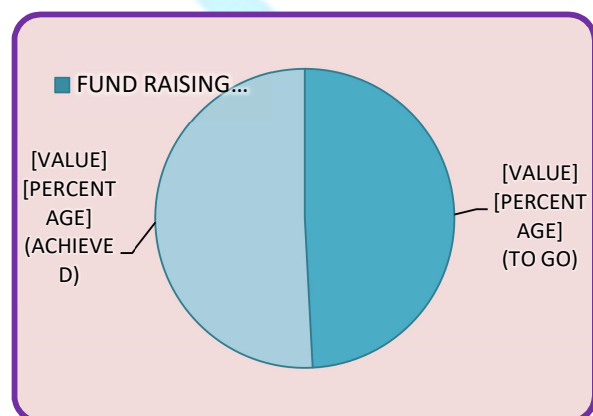
An extraordinary reproduction of the original working manuscript of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, with essays and notes by a panel of celebrated AA historians. *The Book That Started It All* offers fresh insights into the history and foundation of the revolutionary Alcoholics Anonymous program. Reproduced in this elegant gift edition with essays and notes by a panel of celebrated AA historians, the original working manuscript is the missing link in our understanding of what transpired between AA Founder Bill Wilson's first draft of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and the first published edition. In January 1939, Wilson and other AA founders distributed 400 copies of his typescript to everyone they could think of "who might be concerned with the problem of alcoholism," to test out the program. As the loan copies were returned, suggestions for revision were considered and written out in coloured pencil on one master copy that was eventually submitted for publication. The many changes made in black, green, and red on page after page are shown here in their original form, revealing the opinions, debates, and discussions that went into making the Big Book.



**Raffle booklets will soon be made available nationally, with the draw taking place at Convention 2020.**

Please support these initiatives, which will go a long way in helping us reach our Fund Raising target.

Thus far we have managed to raise funds to the value of R274 517-00 of the projected R540 000-00, that is set as a target. This equates to us achieving 51% of the target to date.



**Please contact the Fund Raising Coordinator, Vatsee N, should you wish to add new ideas or to volunteer your assistance in the organizing of events.**

**A further appeal is made to all groups and members, in keeping with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, to heed the call of Fund Raising which will ultimately ensure that our primary objective is maintained.**

## WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

We have made excellent progress thus far and our committees are diligently at work but some mandated activities can only be confirmed and executed towards the latter part of this year.



- Our venue **UKZN Westville Campus** has been provisionally booked but can only be confirmed in October 2019.
- The various sub committees will be hosting regular meetings and all members of the fellowship are encouraged to attend these meetings and volunteer yourself to serve in any of these committees.
- Please be advised that speaker nomination forms will be circulated to the fellowship. Please complete your nominations and submit these to the committee within the stipulated timelines.
- The Tea and refreshment committee is making an initial request for pledges towards the requirements of this portfolio. There will be a pledge list of items that is required by the refreshment team for catering purposes during Convention weekend. Individuals and groups who can sponsor items on the list are kindly requested to contact the convener and confirm their pledges. We would greatly appreciate if your Group could indicate to us which session they would like to service, or maybe a combination of groups could service a session. Should you wish to contribute kindly contact the Tea and Refreshment coordinator Ugan K on 084 418 0984 or via [ukander@gmail.com](mailto:ukander@gmail.com)

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## CONVENTION 2020 MONTHLY MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the Convention Committee is held on the third Saturday of the month at 14h:00 at Bob's Room, all members are welcome to attend.

## BANKING DETAILS

If you or your group wishes to contribute towards Convention 2020, you can do so by making payments directly into the following bank account: **Please ensure that you use the correct bank account as there have been some deposits going into the KZN Intergroup bank account.**

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous Convention 2020</b>
<b>Bank :</b>	<b>FNB</b>
<b>Branch Code:</b>	<b>250655</b>
<b>Account No.:</b>	<b>62762979725</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>Your name/group's name and description of payment, or Anonymous</b>

## WHY WE WERE CHOSEN

*God in HIS wisdom has selected this group of men and women to be the purveyors of His Goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon, He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate - He went to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.*

*Well might he have said to us - into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which had been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.*

*It must be used unselfishly. It carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demands upon your time can be too urgent, no case too pitiable, no task too hard, no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect, lack of appreciation will be common, ridicule will be your lot - your motives will be misjudged. Success will not always attend your efforts in your work with other alcoholics. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection. And remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact of you beyond your capabilities.*

*You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of MY gift.*

*If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and the scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would have been available.*

*You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world, and your long experience as drunkards has made, or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission you have made on the day of your entrance into AA, namely, that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into My keeping, that relief came to you...*

Convention 2020 PRO.