



2015 International Convention July 2-5 — Atlanta, Georgia

Greetings Fellow Members,

The international convention is one of the greatest experiences we have as a fellowship. By the time you receive our newsletter Atlanta will be part of our archives. I would like to share with you the attendance in the past from previous conventions because I have a feeling that a new record maybe broken. The highest attendance was 56,000 in 1995 San Diego California and we might have more than 50,000 registrations by now. More to be revealed.

2010 San Antonio, Texas **Theme:** A vision for you **Attendance:** 53,000

2005 Toronto, Canada **Theme:** I am responsible **Attendance:** 44,000

2000 Minneapolis, Minn. **Theme:** Pass it on into the 21st century **Attendance:** 47,000

1995 San Diego, California **Theme:** AA everywhere- anywhere **Attendance:** 56,000

1990 Seattle, Washington **Theme:** 55 years 1 day at a time **Attendance:** 48,000

1985 Montreal, Canada **Theme:** 50 years of gratitude **Attendance:** 45,600

1980 New Orleans, **Theme:** The joy of living **Attendance:** 22,500

1975 Denver, Colorado **Theme:** It begin with me **Attendance:** 19,500

1970 Miami Beach, Florida **Theme:** Unity **Attendance:** 10,700

1965 Toronto, Canada **Theme:** Responsibility **Attendance:** 10,400

1960 Long Beach, California **Theme:** Recovery, Unity, Service **Attendance:** 8,900

1955 St. Luis, Missouri **Theme:** No theme **Attendance:** 3,500

1950 Cleveland Ohio **Theme:** No theme **Attendance:** 3,000

I will also like to share with you that I attended the delegate's reunion event on June 30 and July 1st where I was able to meet a lot of trusted servants from different states and different countries that served in previous panels. This event will take place in Toronto, Canada next year and the good news is that next year in 2017 it will be in San Francisco, California.

I send out to all of you guys a request for sharing stories that I receive from Mary Clare Lynch on the Literature desk and Joe Downey, chair trustees' literature committee on three of the literature advisory actions from the 65th General Service Conference which are stories to update "The AA for Woman", AA recovery experience from members with Mental Health Issues and from those who sponsor such members", Stories to update "AA for Gay and Lesbian Alcoholic" The deadline to submit your stories is October 15, 2015 Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Please email your sharing to: Literature@aa.org and put the title on the subject line of the message, you can also send it by regular mail to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

Our upcoming summer assembly will be a great opportunity to share the experience, strength, and hope. There are topics that will allow us to express our ideas and concerns about our fellowship and to have fun as we share our experiences.

I will continue giving my conference report to your districts. I've done 11 so far and I have 12 more to go. Thank you for your hospitality and for your love to our wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service

Raymundo L.