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67th Michigan State AA Convention

August 23, 24, 25, 2019 // Hosted by Area 33

Weekend Events and Activities:

Panel Discussions / Alkathon / Committee Display Tables / Sobriety Countdown / Archives Display / Al-Anon Archives / Big Book Jail Sale / Hospitality Room.

- ❖ Friday Night Ice Cream Social \$10.00
- Entertainment Friday and Saturday Night
- * Saturday Evening Banquet \$50.00

 Reserved seating for Saturday night speaker included.

 Please be sure to make your meal choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrées when filling out the registration form below.

Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Friday. The full program will be available online at **www.aa-semi.org** 10 days prior to the convention.

Hospitality and Coffee donations are welcome! Hospitality rooms, coffee and snacks are funded by donations.

Hotel Reservation Information:

The Crowne Plaza / 2 Washington Boulevard / Detroit MI, 48226

❖ Room rates are \$129.00 per night plus 15% tax. This is an exceptional price for one of the most trending areas in downtown Detroit.

The Crowne Plaza Detroit central reservation phone number is: (866) 710 7531. Be sure to reference the *67th Michigan State Convention* for the discounted room rate. *NOTE* :: The cut-off date for discounted hotel registration is July 23, 2019. Online registration for the convention will be available at www.michiganstateconvention.com

Keynote Speakers:

Fri 8:00 p.m. Bill N. / Buford, GASat 8:00 p.m. Laurie H. / Oaklawn, ILSun 11:00 a.m. Carlyle W. / Detroit, MI

AL-ANON Speaker:

Sat 2:30 p.m. Angela L. / Grosse Pointe Woods, MI *ALATEEN Speaker:*

Sat 4:00 p.m. TBD

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Registration Chair / Cherie H / registration@aa-semi.org

BOOK EARLY. Our block is 90 rooms but the hotel will consider extending that, if early registration warrants it. Rates at nearby hotels can range from \$250-\$400 per night.

Hotel valet parking for overnight guests is \$15.00 per night; day rate is \$10.00. Detroit City parking is free on Sunday. Plenty of nearby parking alternatives. Maps, links & info are available on our registration page: www.michiganstateconvention.com

Registration Form:	(Please print clearly)	NOTE: Registration at door	\$20.00 / Alateen \$5.00
Name		Register by 07.23.19	\$15.00
		Register after 07.23.19	\$20.00
Address		Alateen Registration	\$5.00
		Ice Cream Social	\$10.00
City		Banquet	\$50.00
		(with reserved speaker seating included)	
State Zip	Phone	Please select: Beef (Chicken Vegetarian
E-Mail		Hospitality Donation	
		Alateen Donation	
Additional forms available at www.aa-semi.org Detach and mail this form with check or money order payable to: 67th Michigan State Convention / PO BOX 721382 / Berkley, MI 48072		Coffee Donation	
		TOTAL ENCLOSED >	

The Backstory

Most associations like to take time out now and then to observe some phase of their development. Holding a convention is a natural thing to do.

In A.A., such an event is far more than a routine cause for celebration. A convention also sets up a useful opportunity to share the A.A. experience in a broader way. It's a common misconception that conventions are regular A.A. meetings. "There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership..." therefore, some feel there should be no fees to attend. Conventions are special events, not regular meetings. A large conference requires a substantial amount of planning, preparation and expense.

Michigan State Conventions are held in hotels, and there is a charge for the use of their facilities. Costs include travel and lodging for speakers, coffee, printing and postage, to name a few.

The Michigan State Convention is self-supporting.

Costs of the event are paid by registration fees. No baskets are passed. Cost is nominal compared to a weekend's entertainment elsewhere.

Our goal is to break even financially. Attendance is voluntary. As responsible A.A. Members, we pay our own way.

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The Michigan State Convention is excited to hold its 2019 gathering at **The Crowne Plaza.**

Formerly known as the Pontchartrain, the completely renovated **Crowne Plaza Detroit, Downtown River-front Hotel** is in the heart of Detroit, adjacent Cobo Hall and on the People Mover route with stops at Cobo Hall on one side and the Financial District on the other.

This is ground zero for the 2020 International Convention and a perfect location for walking around and experiencing the new and exciting revitalized Downtown Detroit.

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