

16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ENGLISH SPEAKING AA CONVENTION  
With Al-Anon Participation

JANUARY 19-21, 2018



GROWING IN SOBRIETY

## WELCOME FRIENDS!

Here are a few directions and pointers which may be helpful during the convention.

\*Always wear your name badge while in the conference area. It is required for entrance to all meetings, events, and to park on site if you drive your vehicle.

\*Tickets to the Saturday dinner and the boat cruise are in the back of your name tag. Do not lose these. **These tickets are the same as cash and are NOT replaceable.**

\*The Hospitality Committee volunteers are wearing YELLOW T-shirts. They are here to help you with any questions you might have about the conference

\*There is a passport raffle. To participate **you must** bring your passport and tourist visa (small tab of paper given to you at the Airport) for photocopying. The winner receives "Full Registration to SUS 2019, tickets to The Thursday Night Pre-Convention Beach Dinner, The Saturday Night Banquet and The Monday Sober Cruise." Even if you don't want to join the raffle, PLEASE stop back with your passport and tourist card sometime during the convention. Once we prove that most of our attendees are from outside Mexico, the 16% tax on food and beverages, including COFFEE, will be avoided. This savings is approximately \$6/person.

\*While you are here, we hope that you will visit the Alano Club in "Old Town" located at Basilio Badillo # 329. There are daily AA meetings, 7 days a week, at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

\*Shop at the "Leave a Mark Tile" table and buy a commemorative tile. This is a way to support the Alano Club and leave your mark at the English speaking AA club in Puerto Vallarta. Your tile could have your name on it along with your sobriety date and/or where you are from with your local club's name. Or, you might want to have a tile made for someone who has passed on who made a difference in your life and your sobriety. The cost: \$50 USD or 900 pesos.

\*There are tickets still available for the Monday All-Day Sober Cruise. Join us and enjoy the beautiful waters of Banderas Bay. If we are fortunate, we will see some whales!

\*The speaker meetings are all being taped and available for sale

\*We have AA & Al-Anon literature, souvenir T-shirts, caps and coffee mugs for sale at the merchandise & literature tables all weekend long.

\*There are some great restaurants in the hotel. Also, across from the Westin Resort and Spa there is the Marina with many great dining venues and a beautiful area to take a stroll at any time.

\*Together we hope you have a weekend filled with wisdom, laughter and fun, as we GROW IN OUR SOBRIETY together!

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

- 1-7 PM        **REGISTRATION** – Pintores Terrace
- 2-3 PM        **ONE HOUR MEETINGS**  
AA: O’Gorman, Anguiano, & Cuevas (OAC) w/Perry B.  
AL-ANON: Morelos w/TBA  
LGBT: Hidalgo w/Jon S.  
OPEN WOMEN’S: Juarez w/Franky S.
- 3:30-5 PM    **WORKSHOPS**  
1. AA: “The Freedom of Living Steps 6 & 7”  
Room: Orozco; Facilitators - Faith H. & Leslie L.  
2. AA: “Relationships in Sobriety”  
Room: Siqueiros; Facilitators - Carey D. & Alvina D.  
3. Al-Anon: “Living the Traditions”  
Room: Rivera; Facilitators - June S. & Beccy P.
- 5:30-6:30 PM **ONE HOUR MEETINGS**  
AA: O’Gorman, Anguiano, & Cuevas (OAC) w/Rhonda  
AL-ANON: Morelos w/Renee  
LGBT: Hidalgo w/Charles S.  
OPEN MEDITATION: Juarez w/Ash D.
- 6:30-7:30 PM **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
- 7:30 PM        General seating opens for 8PM Speaker Meeting
- 8 PM         **SPEAKER MEETING** – Pintores Ballroom  
Welcome - Dave S ( 2018 Chairperson)  
AA Preamble - Margot M.  
How It Works - Irma L.  
12 Traditions/Speaker Introduction - Alex  
**SPEAKER: MARTY J**, Richmond, British Columbia
- 10-11 PM     **OPEN BEACH MEETING** – Las Pergolas w/Berend M.  
10-11 PM     **11<sup>th</sup> STEP MEDITATION MEETING** – Juarez w/Ash D.

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS – 2018

## Friday 3:30-5:00

### **1. AA “The Freedom of Living Steps 6 & 7”, Facilitators: Faith H. & Leslie L.**

This is an interactive workshop. We will share effective tools and healing exercises. There will be an open discussion of character defects and the need to freely let go of old destructive patterns and behaviors at a deep level. We'll discuss humility and what it looks like to strive to become who we want to be. How do we move out of ourselves toward a God of our understanding?

### **2. AA “Relationships in Recovery”, Facilitators: Carey D. & Alvina D.**

What does it really mean to "practice these principles in **ALL** of our affairs"? How do we live a spiritual life, especially with those nearest to us? And why does it seem that the hardest place to work this program is in our own homes? Carey & Alvina, a couple in recovery, will share what they've learned and experienced in their marriage and within their families.

### **3. Al-Anon “Living the Traditions”, Facilitators: June S. & Beccy P.**

An interactive workshop looking at the first 5 Al-Anon traditions and how we apply these traditions to life's many challenges in family, work and community allowing us to be our best selves.

## **Saturday 3:00-4:30**

### **1. AA “History of AA”, Marty J.**

A look at AA through the eyes of some of the original members. This workshop will be enlightening. We will come to understand the founders' points of view regarding early AA.

### **2. AA “Progress Not Perfection”, Facilitators: Rose M. & Molly G.**

This workshop will incorporate the idea of progress not perfection. We will look at spiritual progress which occurs in early sobriety as well as the transformation which happens over decades of sobriety. Many spiritual awakenings happen over time through practicing the steps, and are of the educational variety.

### **3. AA “12 Step Workshop”, Facilitator: JoAnn O.**

This workshop looks at the “ins & outs” of facilitating twelve step studies. JoAnn O, longtime member of AA, has facilitated over forty 12 step studies. This will be an opportunity to learn how to do this yourself. You will have the chance to ask questions and there will be an open discussion with the audience. Common questions are: “ what study guide or model to use, which literature is most effective, how long it typically takes, whether it should be a time for sharing as well, and whether the study should be open or closed”.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

- 7-8 AM **OPEN BEACH MEETING** - Las Pergolas w/Jeanette
- 7-9 AM **YOGA FOR 12 STEP RECOVERY** -Juarez w/Nicole  
Weaves together practical tools of program with yoga!  
(Space Limited)
- 8 AM-8 PM **REGISTRATION** - Pintores Terrace
- 8-9 AM **ONE HOUR MEETINGS**  
AA: O’Gorman, Anguiano, & Cuevas (OAC) w/Cathy M.  
AL-ANON: Morelos w/Susan E.  
LGBT: Hidalgo w/John GK
- 9:30-11:30 AM **AA & AL-ANON** - “Growing in Sobriety”  
**SPEAKER/SPOUSE PANEL** Pintores Ballroom  
Welcome: Daniel R.
- 11:30 AM-1 PM **LUNCH at LEISURE/FREE TIME**
- 1-2:30 PM **AL-ANON SPEAKER MEETING** - Pintores Ballroom  
Welcome & Al-Anon Countdown - Alice A.  
Al-Anon Preamble - Debaura H.  
12 Traditions - Mena E.  
**SPEAKER: VANNOY S**, Justin, TX
- 3-4:30 PM **WORKSHOPS**
1. AA: “Spiritual Awakening...Progress Not Perfection”  
Room: Orozco; Facilitators - Rose M. & Molly G.
  2. AA: “History of AA”  
Room: Siqueiros; Facilitator - Marty J.
  3. AA: “12 Step Workshop”  
Room: Rivera; Facilitator - JoAnn O.
- 5-6 PM **ONE HOUR MEETINGS**  
AA: O’Gorman, Anguiano, & Cuevas (OAC) w/Kevin S.  
AL-ANON: Morelos w/Bobbie G.  
LGBT: Hidalgo w/Bob W.
- 6-7:30 PM **SUNSET BANQUET** (Ticket required) – Arrecifes Terrace
- 7:30 PM General seating opens for 8PM Speaker Meeting
- 8-9:30 PM **SPEAKER MEETING** – Pintores Ballroom  
Welcome- Dave S.  
AA Countdown - Pat P.  
AA Preamble - Richard H.  
How It Works - Cynthia W.  
12 Traditions/Speaker Introduction - Peter M.  
**SPEAKER MARI G.**, Toronto, Ontario
- 9:30 PM **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - Pintores Terrace & Foyer
- 10-11 PM **OPEN BEACH MEETING** – Las Pergolas w/Berend M.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

7-8 AM           **OPEN BEACH MEETING** – Las Pergolas w/Kathy Jo  
                      **RESTORATIVE YOGA** – Juarez (Space Limited) w/Karin

8-9 AM           **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – Pintos Terrace & OAC

9-10 AM          **SPIRITUALITY MEETING** – Pintos Ballroom w/Cal F.

10:30 AM         **SPEAKER MEETING & CLOSING** - Pintos Ballroom  
Welcome - **Dave S.**  
AA Preamble - Wendy J.  
How It Works - Charles S.  
12 Traditions/Speaker Introduction - Dave H.  
**SPEAKER BRIAN P., Dallas, TX**  
A Vision for You - Kathleen P.

***SOBER CRUISE: Monday, January 22, 9:30 AM - 6 PM***

*Meet at the Cruise Ship Marina at 9:30 AM*

*Tickets: \$40 USD at Convention Registration Table or \$45 USD at the dock.*

**Statement of Anonymity**

The long form of AA's Tradition 11 says: *"Our names and pictures as AA members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed." What you see here stays here and any disclosure or photo of anyone's affiliation with AA or this conference on facebook or any other social media, must first receive their consent.*

**HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! January 18-20, 2019; for info: [www.aapvconvention.com](http://www.aapvconvention.com)**