

# News Sheet



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*First things First*

*A Day at a Time*

*But for the Grace of God*

*Keep it Simple*

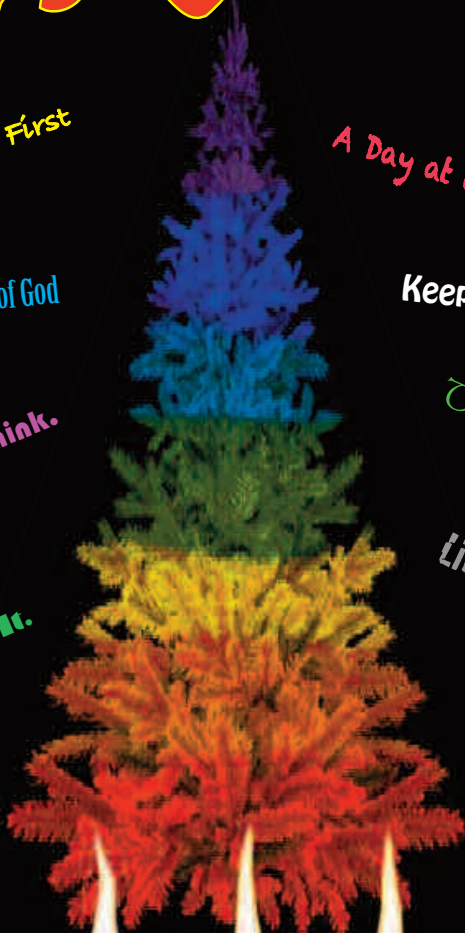
*Think. Think. Think.*

*This too shall pass*

*Easy Does It.*

*Live and Let Live*

*Let Go, Let God*



The blessings of peace  
The beauty of hope  
The spirit of love  
The comfort of faith

May these be your gifts this Christmastime.



## APPROVED FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS AND ONE DAY EVENTS



### ALL IRELAND CONVENTION 2018

<b>20th-22nd April 2018</b>	61st All Ireland Convention	The Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Tel: 052 6188700 <b>Theme: AA Singleness of Purpose</b>
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### FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS IN IRELAND

DATES	AREA	VENUE/THEME
24th-26th November 2017	Mayo Area Convention	Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo. Opening Meeting 20.30 on 24th, Closing Meeting 12.30 on 26th. <b>Theme: 'Conscious contact'</b>
4th-6th January 2018	Galway West Area Convention	Galway Bay Hotel, Galway City <b>Theme: "A Design for Living"</b>
12th-14th January 2018	Wexford Area 14 2018 Convention	The Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford. <b>Theme: 'I can't, We can'</b>
2nd-4th March 2018	Sligo/North Leitrim Area 2018 Convention	The Clayton Hotel, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo. <b>Theme: Live and Let Live</b>
9th-11th March 2018	Mullingar Convention, 50th Anniversary Celebration	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Email: <a href="mailto:mullingarconvention18@gmail.com">mullingarconvention18@gmail.com</a> . <b>Theme: Steps to Freedom</b>

### ONE DAY EVENTS IN IRELAND

DATES	AREA	VENUE/THEME
Saturday 25th November 2017	Derry Area Day of Gratitude	The Waterfoot Hotel, Derry, BT47 6TB. <b>Theme: You are no longer alone.</b>
Saturday 20th January 2018	Tyrone Area Day of Gratitude	Silverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7DH. <b>Registration from 11am</b>

### FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS ABROAD

DATES	COUNTRY	VENUE/THEME
24th-26th November 2017	AA Convention Costa Del Sol	Hotel Beatrice (IPV) Fuengirola, A-7, Km 207, Fuengirola, 29640, Spain. <b>Theme: Language of the Heart.</b> Website: <a href="https://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/event/language-of-the-heart/">https://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/event/language-of-the-heart/</a>
25th-27th January 2018	2nd International Convention in India	St. Sebastian Auditorium, Bendor, Mangaluru, Karnataka, India. Celebrating 60 Years in India and Karnataka. <b>Theme: To Serve with Gratitude</b>
26th-28th January 2018	9th Annual AA Convention, Lanzarote	Occidental Lanzarote Mar Hotel (formally Barcelo Hotel), Avenida del Mar 5, Costa Teguis, 35508, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain. <b>Theme: How It Works</b>
2nd-4th February 2018	36th Philippines Convention	Holy Family Retreat House, Nivel Hills, Cebu City, Philippines
16th-18th March 2018	Highland Gathering Convention Scotland	Jury's Inn Hotel, Millburn Road, Inverness, IV2 3TR. <b>Theme: Sobriety is Freedom</b>
23rd-25th March 2018	Malta AA Convention	Seashells Resort, Suncrest Hotel, Qwara, Malta. <b>Theme: One Day At A Time.</b> Website: <a href="http://www.aamalta.org/convention/">www.aamalta.org/convention/</a>

## Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



**1** Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



**2** Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



**3** Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



**4** Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



**5** Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



**6** If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



**7** Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



**8** Worship in your own way.



**9** Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



**10** Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



**11** Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



**12** "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

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# Keep Coming Back

## A.A. PREAMBLE©

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with

any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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## Responsibility Declaration



I am responsible.  
When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there.  
And for that: I am responsible.



## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 61<sup>st</sup> ALL IRELAND CONVENTION AA Singleness of Purpose



Friday 20th, Saturday 21st  
& Sunday 22nd April 2018

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The News Sheet is intended as an aid to SERVICE throughout the Fellowship in Ireland.  
Your suggestions as to form and content of the News Sheet will be especially welcome.

## Service Structure of The Fellowship in Ireland

Each Group is entitled to send two GSRs to Area

Each Area send four members as Delegates to Intergroup

Four Delegates, known as Conference Delegates, represent their Provincial Intergroup at Conference

AA Conference includes the Board, the Board Secretary, the four Intergroup Delegates and Intergroup Secretary together with our two World Service Delegates

The Board itself is made up of four Alcoholic Trustees and three non-Alcoholics Trustees.

A.A. Groups

Area

Intergroup

Conference

Board

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because, as the structure chart shows, the Groups are on top and the Trustees at the bottom.  
Bill W. wrote in Concept 1 "The AA Groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world service...."  
"Then in Concept 2, Bill made it clear that the Groups "delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world service and thereby made the Conference... the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society". Bill's early vision was of a worldwide structure. However, the Conference structures in countries outside of the US/Canada evolved as autonomous entities.



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