Founder's Day Weekend 2019

November 29, 30 & December 1, 2019

Celebrating 79 Years of AA in the Upper Midwest

and Honoring AA Members With One Year of Sobriety!

Register Online at: www.FoundersDayMN.org

Friday, November 29

4:00 PM Registration Opens

7:00 PM * History of AA in the Upper Midwest

9:00 PM *AA Speaker:

Beth H. (Cary, NC)

Saturday, November 30

10:30 AM * Panel of Weekend Speakers

1:00 PM AA Open Call-Up Meeting

1:00 PM Al-Anon Open Meeting

3:00 PM *Al-Anon Speaker:

Kathy H. (Cincinnati, OH)

6:00 PM Banquet

7:30 PM *AA Speaker:

Don L. (Bellingham, WA)

9:00 PM Dance

Sunday, December 1

9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM *AA Speaker:

Sharon C. (Los Angeles, CA)

*These meetings are ASL Interpreted

Pre-Registration

\$20.00

At the Door

\$25.00

Registration required and must be paid to attend Founder's Day Weekend events.

Banquet (Limited Seating) \$40.00

The Banquet begins at 6:00 PM Saturday evening.

Breakfast

\$20.00

The Breakfast begins at 9:00 am Sunday morning. Theatre seating will be provided at 9:45 AM for the Speaker Meeting.

Archive Room

Friday Saturday

Sunday until 10:00 AM

Founder's Day Weekend Dance

Saturday 9:00 PM

Activities and Accommodations at

DoubleTree Bloomington - Minneapolis South - Bloomington, MN

7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55439 • 952.835.7800 or 800.222.8733

Special Room Rates are available with early reservations.

Please make reservations directly with the DoubleTree Bloomington Hotel.
Indicate they are for Founder's Day Weekend.

Founder's Day Weekend

Celebrating 79 years of Alcoholics Anonymous in Minnesota!

November 29, 30, & December 1, 2019 There are lots of ways for your group to participate.

Signing up for a Hospitality Suite is a great way to introduce your group to new members and serve the community—

It's a GREAT service opportunity.

Or

Many groups have started purchasing a table at the Founders Day Banquet, held Saturday Night, November 30.

It's like having Friends Giving with your group!

Or

Consider doing both; a Hospitality Suite and a table at the Saturday night Founder's Day Banquet.

It's a great weekend to celebrate Thanksgiving with your

AA family.

Applications are enclosed

If your Group is interested, please contact hospitality@foundersdaymn.org

**Room Rates are about \$350 for the weekend!

***Banquet Tables for 8 guests cost \$320!

Founder's Day Weekend 2019 Banquet

Thanksgiving Weekend. Saturday, November 30, 2019 6:00 PM

Join us for the 2019 Founder's Day Banquet. You or your group can celebrate together; participate in this annual celebration by purchasing a table for 8 guests.

Banquet seating puts you up front for the Saturday night speaker

BANQUET TABLE REGISTRATION

Group or Individual Name for Table Sign
Table Host Name
Phone Number
Email
 As a Table Host, you are responsible for ordering all meal selections at the time of banquet registration. Meal tickets for the table guests will be placed at the Pre-Registration table under the Table Host name.
• All guests must register for the Founder's Day Weekend. (Pre-registration: \$20; At the Door: \$25; Pre-register online at www.FoundersDayMN.org)
Number of Banquet Tables * \$320 = \$
Please indicate Special Meal requests (type and number)
Meal Count Options
Chicken Beef Vegetarian
Total (should equal 8 per table)
If you have special dietary needs, please send an email to questions@foundersdaymn.org . Table reservations must be received by November 12, 2019

Make checks payable to: Founder's Day Weekend P.O. Box 8327 Minneapolis, MN 55408



Hospitality Suite Application Letter

Dear AA or Al-Anon Group:



Founder's Day Minnesota began as a celebration of sobriety for Minnesota A.A. and to recognize A.A.'s one-year members. This year we will gather to acknowledge the miracle of sobriety being brought to Minnesota 79 years ago. What used to be an annual banquet has now been extended into a full weekend of Meetings and Fellowship.

This year Founder's Day 2019 will be held November 29 thru December 1. The weekend events are being held at the DoubleTree Bloomington-Minneapolis South in Bloomington.



One of the most exciting parts of this weekend event is the gathering of groups that come together to participate in the celebration. These groups host a hospitality suite in the hotel's courtyard. There people come and go to share food, fellowship, and meet members from other areas of Minnesota.

If your group is interested in being a part of the Founder's Day Weekend, you can fill out the attached application. Please return the attached application form and payment by <u>October 5, 2019</u>. We hope that you will join us in celebrating AA in Minnesota and its one-year members. Hospitality Suites are available to AA and Al-Anon groups only.

The enclosed Application Form contains rate information for Hospitality Suites. The Hotel Committee will provide identification signs, and all Hospitality Suites will be listed in the Founder's Day program. Your group's location will be well identified.

The hotel does not allow for cooking or heating with sternos or any open flames. You may bring your own coffee makers or purchase coffee from the hotel. We simply ask that you use common sense and act responsibly in setting up and conducting your Hospitality Suite activities. The decision to provide beverages and snacks free to your visitors, or to put out a contribution basket, is up to each group.

Thank you for participating in the Founder's Day Weekend celebration.

Yours in Fellowship,

Founder's Day Weekend Hotel and Signs Committee

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION BADGES ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE WORN IN ALL AREAS OF THE HOTEL AT ALL TIMES!

Enclosed is an event flyer to copy, post and distribute. Thank you for your assistance in passing along news of this event to groups in your area!

Founder's Day Weekend Application for Hospitality Suite - Standard

Group Name Group Mailing Address Street
City, State/Province, ZIP
Contact Person
Contact's Email Address
Contact's Mailing Address Street
City, State/Province, ZIP
Contact's Phone
PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: In making this application, the AA or Al-Anon group(s) understands that certain activities are against the policies of the Founder's Day Weekend, and it agrees to follow these policies. Specifically: 1. Nothing may be sold or raffled from hospitality suites 2. Only AA/Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature, meeting schedules, and group newsletters may be distributed from Hospitality Suites.
Failure to observe these policies may result in the group's eviction from the Hospitality Suite, and may also result in forfeiture of the group's suite at future Founder's Day Weekend events.
Please keep in mind that your group is responsible for the condition of this hotel room during this weekend. Any problems or damages to the room will be the group's responsibility.
ROOM RATES AND EXTRAS Room rates are \$345 for the whole weekend and include a 7.525% sales tax and a 7% occupancy tax. To protect the group from unauthorized extra charges, Hospitality Suites are restricted from outgoing phone calls and pay per view television. If your group wishes these services, it should arrange to pay for them directly with the hotel. Qty. Hospitality Room @ \$345 \$
Tables @ \$15/ea. <i>(optional)</i> \$ Extra Chairs @ \$4/ea. <i>(optional)</i> \$ (Any or all) Bed removal @ \$172 (optional) \$
Both Bed near door Bed near patio TOTAL = \$
A check for the above TOTAL \$, <u>PAYABLE TO FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND</u> MUST be enclosed with this form. We cannot guarantee reservation of last year's room, but will honor those assignments where possible. The deadline for applications and payment is October 5, 2019. No room assignment will be guaranteed without prepayment.

Return this form and payment to:
Founder's Day Weekend
Attn: Hospitality Suites P.O. Box 8327 Minneapolis, MN 55408-002