

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026 KZN



Newsletter to KZN Groups – October 2024

Greetings to the Fellowship,

It is with much humility and gratitude that we announce that the Convention 2026 Organising Committee has been elected and mandated by the Fellowship, to undertake the planning and organisation of Convention 2026.

COME JOIN US AT CONVENTION 2026

The Convention 2026 Committee eagerly welcomes A.A, Al-Anon and Alateen members together with visitors and guests from South Africa and all around the world to the 2026 National Convention hosted by KZN, from Friday 3 April 2026 to Sunday 5 April 2026. Venue to be confirmed.

Event to include:

• Meetings • Literature • Entertainment • Tea and Snacks • Souvenirs • Competitions

Let's celebrate recovery together in KZN in 2026!

Whilst the planning and organisation increases momentum only after Convention 2025, this early newsletter to the fellowship within KZN is to provide members with an opportunity to participate in our wonderful legacy of Service. Convention 2026 cannot succeed without the participation and commitment of all members.

Chairmans Report

Dear friends,

I am honoured to serve as the Chairman for Convention 2026. I believe that this role will not only strengthen my own sobriety but also allow me to give back through service.

I am excited to work with a vibrant Exco committee, who are ready to take on their responsibilities and work together to make Convention 2026 a memorable event. As with any large event, we rely on the support of our membership to be part of the organizing committee - every small contribution counts, and we are all links in this big chain.

I kindly request your support, both in terms of time and financial contributions, to help make this event a success. Your involvement will enable us to replenish our financial reserves, which will in turn allow us to continue spreading our message of hope to those who still suffer.

Thank you for entrusting me with this great responsibility. I look forward to working together to make Convention 2026 a resounding success.

Yours in service,

Jeff R

Convention Chairman

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Service Opportunities

Convention is a major undertaking and we require the assistance of all members. We encourage members not yet involved in the committee to attend the forthcoming convention meetings or alternatively, you may also contact any of the Sub-Committee portfolio members relating to a more specific area of Service that you may be interested in.

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Fundraising

“Although the purpose of the Convention is to provide fellowship to AA members it has over time become a the primary source of funds for GSO and as such is the main Fund raising event on the AA calendar in South Africa.” AA Service Manual – SA National Convention Guidelines and addendum number 5 on the conference 2024 report.

The Fundraising Committee has been formed and is in the process of mapping out a plan that will deal with various fundraising initiatives. The relevant projects will be announced soon. Maintaining the spirit of Tradition 7, all members are urged to participate in the various fundraising projects, pledge initiative, purchasing of souvenirs, literature etc. More details of these projects will be communicated in due course.

Banking Details

If you or your group wish to start contributions towards Convention 2026, you can make payments directly into the following bank account:

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Name : NEDBANK

Account Number : 1 295 474 980

Account Name : NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

Branch Code : 198 765

Reference : Your name/Group Name and description of payment, or Anonymous

We intend to make the newsletter a regular publication and to use it to keep you in touch with news and developments of the Convention. As the time gets closer, additional information about our host city Durban, accommodation, registration, related costs etc. will be provided.

We hope that Convention 2026 awareness will be encouraged and highlighted at all group meetings, public outreach events, rallies and newsletters. The Convention Committee is inspiring for a co-operative Convention with all members being actively involved, thus we look forward to any suggestions, queries and feedback on matters pertaining to Convention 2026.

Love in Service,
Mukesh B
PRO – Convention 2026

