

Alcoholics Anonymous in Washington State is turning 85 years old in April of 2026.

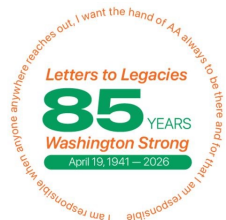
*We are having a big party, and you are invited to celebrate*

## **85 Years of AA in Washington**

**Where:** Emerald Downs Racetrack

2300 Ron Crockett Dr., Auburn, WA 98001

**When:** April 18th from 10am to 10pm



**MAIL IN REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2026**

*(Cut off for registration with meals is April 1st)*

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sobriety Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you require interpretation?**

☐ Spanish ☐ ASL

**Would you like to volunteer?**

☐ Yes

**Register online at:**

<https://donate.homegroup.online/85WA/>

**Registration** **\$100.00**

☐ **Scholarship Contribution** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **85th Coin** **\$25.00**

☐ Pick Up at event ☐ Mail

☐ **Commemorative Book** \_\_\_\_\_

(suggested \$1.00 for each year of sobriety)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch**

*Select One:*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Vegan

**Saturday Dinner**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Vegan

**Make checks payable to:**

*homegroup.online/85WA/*



Or mail this completed page with check to:

**85 Years of AA in WA**  
**c/o Greater Seattle Intergroup**  
**5507 6th Ave South**  
**Seattle WA, 98108**

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## **85TH ANNIVERSARY OF A.A. IN WASHINGTON CELEBRATION – FAQ**

### **What is being celebrated?**

In April 2026, Alcoholics Anonymous in Washington State will celebrate 85 years of continuous recovery. The first recognized A.A. meeting in Washington took place on April 19, 1941.

How did A.A. begin in Washington?

After the publication of the Big Book, alcoholics in Washington contacted the New York A.A. office for help. On April 19, 1941, four alcoholics met in Room 522 of the New Washington Hotel, recognized as the first A.A. meeting in Washington State.

### **When is the 85th Anniversary Celebration?**

April 18, 2026 at Emerald Downs. Planning includes Archives displays Speakers and lunch and dinner.

### **Who is organizing the celebration?**

The Washington 85th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, with participation from Western Washington Area 72, Washington Area East 92, Intergroups and Central Service Offices and individual members statewide.

### **How large is this event expected to be?**

This is expected to be one of the largest A.A. gatherings in Washington State since the 1990 International Convention.

### **How is the celebration being funded?**

Entirely funded by members' donations, event registrations (which include meals) and several fundraising options including orange and green 85th Anniversary contribution cans, donations for a commemorative archive book, an 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary poker chip, and other activities before and during the event.

### **How can you donate?**

Check out our contributions site at: <https://donate.homegroup.online/85WA/> web page.

### **What is the commemorative Archival Book?**

A commemorative Book will record member contributions and become part of the A.A. Archives.

#### **How can I be included?**

Leather bound commemorative books, containing a listing of names, are being made.

Area 92 and Area 72 will each receive one for their archives. The recommendation is to contribute \$1.00/year of sobriety. Online: <https://share.google/GU23xbridGDqLIawZ> If you would like to contribute on behalf of anyone In Memoriam, please indicate their specifics in the **Special Requests** section.

Please include their Name, home group (Area and District) and sobriety date.

### **How can I purchase the Commemorative 85<sup>th</sup> poker chip:**

Available for purchase through in groups in central offices. For more info online go to: <https://www.seattleaa.org/home/85-years-in-wa/>

### **How can I get involved?**

Volunteers from Area 72 and Area 92 are welcome. Contact: Washington 85 AA via email: [wa85aa@gmail.com](mailto:wa85aa@gmail.com).