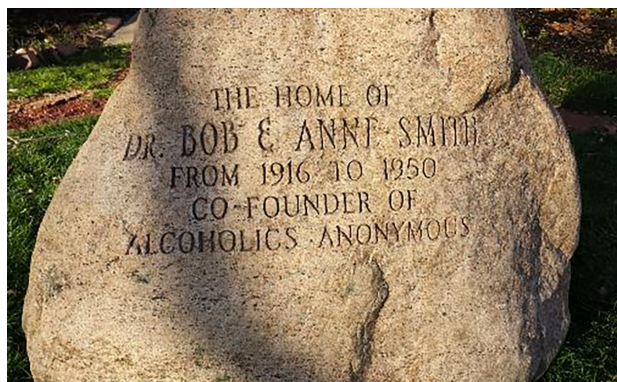
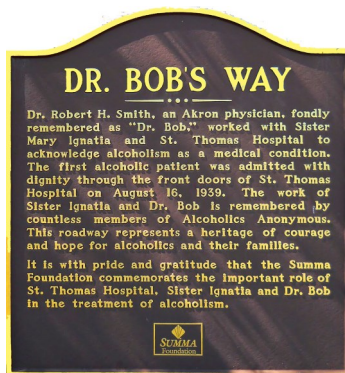


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**Visit the Birthplace of**  
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**Akron, OH**

Visit the home of Dr. Bob and Anne Smith for a guided tour. Shop in the Archives house located next door. Also visit the gravesite of the Smith's & the Gate House where Bill and Bob first met.

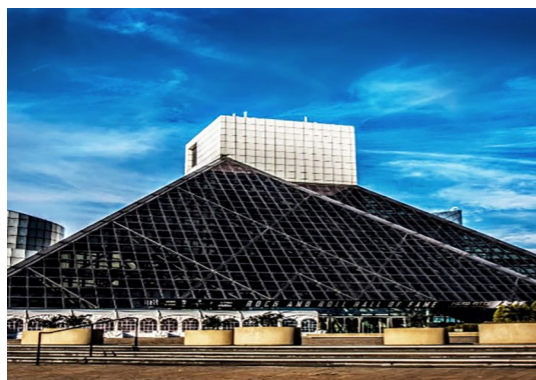


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In downtown Cleveland, OH which recognizes and archives the history of the best known and most influential artists, producers, engineers, and other notable figures on the development of rock & roll.



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**International AA Men's**  
**Conference**

**Cleveland, Ohio**

**April 3 - 5, 2020**

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*Where and How*  
*It All Began*

## NAAMC History

### “Where and How It All Began”

In April of 1986, four men had an idea about having a National AA Men’s Conference. The idea spawned from some AA women talking about how good their conference was every year. Ted H. was contacted by Sam L., Demers, Sam W., and Mike F. The men met with Ted H. at the “Hayes Manor” in Cleveland, Ohio to formulate a plan of action.

Letters were sent out to the entire Cleveland AA community, inviting participation in the planning of the conference. In response to the letters a meeting was held, and a committee was formed to do fund raising. The men established a goal to raise \$1,500. Having raffles, picnics, dances and out of pocket donations they raised the original seed money to hold the conference.

The initial committee members were: Michael F., Ronnie S., Tom N., Sam K., Larry Van D., Waithen M., Sam R., Herbert T., Carlon G., Mike H., Tony B., James P., and the deceased Sam L., Ted H., Keltner B., Al J., and Ron K. Numerous amounts of other alcoholics donated their time and willingness to serve on Sub-Committees.

The first conference was held in March 1988 at the Holiday Inn in Middleburgh Heights, Ohio with the following committee structure;

The Theme: “A New Era”  
Ted H.: Chairperson  
Michael F.: Co-Chairperson  
Al J.: Treasurer  
Sam W.: Secretary  
Calvin B.: Program Director

Various AA Groups and individuals from the Greater Cleveland area during the first National AA Men’s Conference (NAAMC) donated all

coffee and hospitality room pastries. The first Conference was successful enough to prepare for a second Conference. During the second NAAMC Conference an Advisory Board was established to ensure that the Conference would be able to continue from year to year. The second and third conference themes were “Living Through Sobriety” and “Pass It On”, respectively.

The Conference was passed on to:

Detroit Michigan: 1991, 1992, 1999, 2013, 2013  
Scranton, Pennsylvania: 1993, 1994, 2008, 2016  
Cleveland, Ohio: 1995, (Fremont, Ohio: 2000), 2005, 2010, 2016  
Chicago, Illinois: 1996, 1997, 2004, 2014  
St. Louis, Missouri: 1998, 2001, 2011, 2017  
Omaha, Nebraska: 2002, 2009  
Baltimore, Maryland: 2006  
Las Vegas, Nevada: 2007, 2012  
New York, New York: 2014  
Los Angeles, California 2019

The original Conference Committee decided to restructure the Conference Committee. The three conferences, which were held in Cleveland, Ohio, and the subsequent 1995 Cleveland conference. In 1999, the original Conference Committee became the Advisory Board with each Board member having the responsibility of advising one or more sub-committees. Each host city will have an overall conference committee with sub-committees.

The Conference changed its charter in 2000 and became the International AA Men’s Conference, and the first International Conference was held in St. Louis in 2001.

What started as a simple idea and a dream is now a reality. We are thankful that we are allowed to continue sharing our strength, hope and experience.

## THE CONFERENCE FORMAT

This is a 3-day Conference, usually the third weekend in April, with registration opening at noon on Friday. This is followed by a Red Ball meeting sometime in the afternoon.

A speaker meeting later in the afternoon is usually held, followed around 8 PM by another speaker session.

Various meetings, workshops and panels are held on Saturday, and the Saturday night banquet, normally a buffet, is followed by a Spirituality speaker meeting mid-morning, after which the host Conference turns the Conference to next year’s host, with the Conference ending before noon.

### HOW A LOCATION IS SELECTED

Conference locations are awarded two years in advance by the Advisory Board. This Board works closely with the local planning group throughout all stages of preparation. To ensure maximum efficiency and minimum confusion, a Conference Bidding Procedure is provided to the host group and guidelines are provided to serve as a step-by-step guide to organizing the Conference.

### HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Members from a city wishing to host the Men’s Conference should submit the following information to the Advisory Board:

- A preliminary budget sheet.
- Notify the Board in writing of your area committee members’ names, addresses, and phone numbers.