



**Albanian-American**  
*National Organization*

***The Detroit Chapter Presents***

75th Anniversary Jubilee AANO Convention!

August 3-6, 2023

Detroit

Fort Ponchartrain - A Wyndham Hotel

2 Washington Avenue

Detroit, Michigan

Join Us for an Amazing Time!

[Www.AANO.org](http://Www.AANO.org)



The AANO, Inc. has been perpetuating  
Albanian ethnicity since 1946 in the  
United States and Canada.

We are a non-religious and non-political organization.

Our goals are to maintain Albanian  
traditions, language, culture,  
education and social activities.

**Come to our 75th  
Anniversary Jubilee Celebration and  
enjoy your Albanian heritage and  
friends old & new in  
Detroit– with the revival of the Motor  
City!**



## **75th Jubilee Convention Events**

**Thursday, August 3, 2023**

- **Registration**
- **Welcome Boat cruise on Detroit River overlooking Detroit and Canada**
- **Rooftop bar following cruise - all ages**

**Friday, August 4, 2023**

- **AM Closed Board Meeting**
- **Queen Pageant interviews**
- **Symposium by Albanians with interesting careers**
- **Teen/Twenty something mixer w/ Queen**
- **Cultural Room Display**
- **25th AANO Queen Pageant**
- **Dancing and Live Albanian Band –light appetizers**
- **After hours hospitality**

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

- **Various Organized Tours - Ford factory; distillery, etc., - and explore Detroit**
- **Valle Class**
- **Cocktails starting at 6:00 pm**
- **Cultural Room Display**
- **Scholarship Fund Raffle and Auction**
- **2023 Scholarship Winners Presented**
- **75th Anniversary Banquet Dinner Dance and Albanian of Year & Life Time Achievement Award presentations Semi-Formal or Formal Attire required**
- **Dancing & Live Music - Albanian Band**
- **After hours hospitality**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

- **Closed morning Board Meeting**
- **Open General Session and Election of Officers**
- **2023 Convention City Bids**
- **Coffee and Albanian Pastries**
- **Sunday Afternoon baseball game  
Detroit Tiger vs. Tampa Bay Rays**
- **Sunday Evening at the local casino**
- **After hours hospitality**

See [www.AANO.org](http://www.AANO.org) for additional information regarding events

**Friday and Saturday Evening**

**Convention Ticket Information**

AANO Members #\_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00

Non-AANO Members #\_\_\_\_\_ \$195.00

Children (16 and under) with Child's meal #\_\_\_\_\_ \$115.00

**DEADLINE DATE July 15, 2023\***

**\*Early bird special deduct \$5 for each ticket purchased/postmarked by June 1**

Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

List ALL names included in your reservation:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to sit with (if we can honor it)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve your tickets by mailing reservation to**

**Julia Black**

**7421 Lake Forest**

**Clarkston MI 48346**

**If paying by different method send details via email. Email:**

**tharburn1@gmail.com**

**Make check payable to: AANO Detroit Chapter or pay via zelle (designate breakdown) at  
2489827797 or pay via PayPal: blacka@oakgov.com**

**Hotel Reservation**

Fort Ponchartrain (a Wyndham) Hotel

2 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226

313-965-0200 Check online link for hotel at AANO.org

\$199+ tax per night single or double—group rate

Hotel Reservation deadline July 23, 2023

Thursday, August 3, 2023, we will have a great kickoff sunset cruise on the Detroit River with Albanian and American music, dancing and a cash bar! Sail with us as we get a great view of two great countries - United States and Canada! Cruise is from 8:00pm-10:00pm. **Be ready to board by 7:45pm!**

This will be a unique and fun experience that will be followed by our group having an after party in a private space at a local Rooftop bar also with Albanian and American Music! Limited space so secure your tickets now! Only \$40 and only first 150 people can be on boat!

**Cruise tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = Total \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment details last page**



## Sunset Cruise with Diamond Jack's River Tours - Directions

**Must be ready to board no later than 7:45pm!**

Cullen Plaza Dock  
1340 E. Atwater St.  
Detroit, MI 48207

On the corner of Rivard St. and Atwater St., two blocks east of the Renaissance Center.

The Cullen Plaza dock is the primary access point for all of our riverboat tours. PLEASE NOTE: The Stroh River Place and Bishop park docks are for special charters ONLY.

Closest Public Parking:

Cullen Plaza (Atwater & Rivard)  
Beaubien Place Garage (Beaubien to St. Antoine)  
Port Atwater Parking Structure (Beaubien & St. Antoine Entrances)

**\*\*Please check local listing for up-to-date construction reports\*\***

From I-75 North and South:

Exit onto I-375 South into downtown Detroit  
Take the East Jefferson exit  
Cross through the light at Larned and turn left onto Jefferson  
One block up, turn right onto Rivard St.  
Dock is three blocks down at the foot of Rivard St. near Carousel w/ white & blue roof  
Turn left onto Atwater to access closest parking

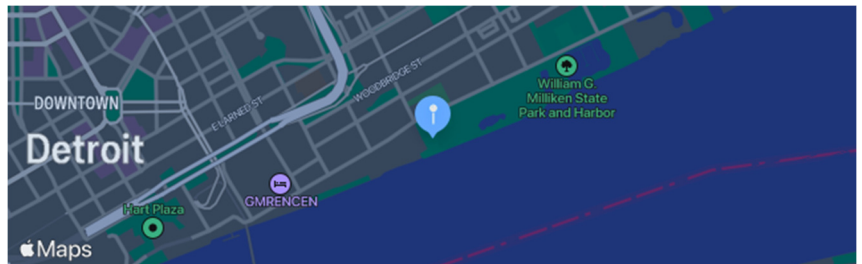
From the Lodge (US-10) South:

As the John Lodge Fwy. runs under Cobo Hall, it becomes Jefferson Ave. (Follow Jefferson Ave. past Woodward Ave., the Renaissance Center, Beaubien St., St. Antoine St. and the I-75/I-375 service drive)

Turn right onto Rivard St.  
Dock is three blocks down at the foot of Rivard St., near the Carousel w/ white & blue roof  
Turn left onto Atwater to access closest parking.

Tap the QR code below to link to our dock location on Google Maps.

You can also scan the code with your mobile phone's camera.





**On Friday, August 4, 2023, we will be crowning our 25th A.A.N.O. Queen at our Friday night event!**

**We would love to have all of our exceptional young ladies of the community apply for the pageant. The winner will receive \$500, and be our hostess for the next 3 years events, with paid tickets to the conventions with hotel and a travel stipend to attend as well!**

**The application is available on the National A.A.N.O. website at <https://www.aano.org> and is due by July 2, 2023 and must be emailed and mailed. All 17-27 year old, unmarried and willing to travel young ladies of Albanian descent, are welcome and encouraged to apply!**



The Detroit Chapter has arranged for various interesting tours:

**Saturday morning: Ford Rouge Factory**— This is a great tour of all the latest automotive innovations!

Meet at Henry Ford Museum at 9:30am tour starts 10:00am

This is an awesome bus guided tour that will take you from the entrance of the museum to the Ford Factory

\$24 adults, \$21.50 seniors/kids under 18—limited first come, first serve space

**Saturday morning Factory Tour:**

**Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$24 senior/kids under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$21.50**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday afternoon: Supergeil distillery tour** - 2pm –4pm

There will be drink tasting and a tour of the distillery, small plates served with great food all included

A true Detroit experience in the first distillery in the area after Prohibition

Only 1.8 miles from the hotel , \$40 per person

Space is limited to the first 40 people that sign up!

**Saturday afternoon Distillery Tour \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday late afternoon/early evening:** Symposium by several successful Abanians with interesting careers - some surprise guest speakers. Expected to last approximately one hour. No add'l cost (incl. in Fri/Sat convention ticket) as long as reserved in advance

**Symposium \_\_\_\_\_ x \$0**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

The convention will also have a free Valle Class and a free Cultural exhibit.

Also check out [www.AANO.org](http://www.AANO.org) for additional chapter sponsored tours and activities to come! Please email [edmondaliza@gmail.com](mailto:edmondaliza@gmail.com) if you have interest in Henry Ford and/or Greenfield Village or Detroit Institute of Art Tour because if enough interest we will organize and get group rate

There are so many other interesting and fun things to do in the Detroit area including not limited to:

Henry Ford museum and Greenfield Village Greektown; Eastern Market; pewabic pottery, Detroit Institute of Arts; Detroit Zoo

3 casinos; Detroit Historical Society; Motown Historical Museum; Eastern Market; Riverfront Walk; Rollerskating-Martius Park; Belle Isle (kayaking and tiki boat); bike & walking tours and bike pub excursions.

Check out Instagram [AANODetroit2023](#) for more ideas





**Join us as the Detroit Tigers take on the Tampa Bay Rays**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 1:40pm**

**Watch the game and see our group get announced on the big screen for celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Albanian American Convention in Detroit!**

**Tickets are limited to 125 people, first come first serve**

**Tigers Tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Names: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **75th National Annual Convention Levels of Sponsorships**

**PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000** -- Includes 8 convention tickets for Friday and Saturday nights, plus:

- 4 Tigers baseball game tickets
- One Gold page in Ad Journal promoting sponsor's business
- Business advertisement at sponsors' table near registration desk
- Name printed on schedule of events
- Name/ business promoted on AANO National website and social media
- Name announced at the Queen Pageant and at Saturday Program

**GOLD SPONSOR \$3,000** -- Includes 4 convention tickets, plus:

- One Gold page in Ad Journal promoting sponsor's business
- Business advertisements at sponsors' table near registration desk.
- Name printed on schedule of events
- Business/name is promoted on AANO National website and social media
- Name announced at the Queen Pageant and at Saturday Program

**SILVER SPONSOR \$2,000** – Includes 2 convention tickets,

- One Silver page in Ad Journal promoting sponsor's business
- Business advertisements at sponsors' table near registration desk.
- Name printed on schedule of events
- Name is promoted on AANO National website and social media
- Sponsorship name announced at the Queen Pageant and at Saturday Program

**BRONZE SPONSOR \$1,000** --

- Includes one Full page in Ad Journal promoting sponsor's business
- Sponsor can put advertisements at sponsors' table near registration desk.
- Sponsor name printed on schedule of events
- Sponsor name is promoted on AANO National website and social media
- Sponsorship name announced at the Queen Pageant and at Saturday Program

## **Ad Journal Prices**

### **Commemorative 8 1/2 x 11 75th Jubilee Anniversary Booklet**

_____	<b>Gold Page</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
_____	<b>Silver Page</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
_____	<b>Inside Covers</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
_____	<b>Full Page</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
_____	<b>Half Page</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
_____	<b>Quarter Page</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
_____	<b>Eighth Page</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
_____	<b>Booster Page</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
_____	<b>* To add photo</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
	<b>\$_____ Total</b>	

**Ad Journal Deadline:**

**July 7, 2023**

**Ad and payment to:**

**Alexandra Black Wilson**

**8231 Brookstone Lane**

**Clarkston, MI 48348**

**E-mail: blacka@oakgov.com**

**Check made payable to:**

**AANO Detroit Chapter**

**Zelle number is 2489827797**

**PayPal: blacka@oakgov.com -**

**MUST designate all payments “Friends and Family”**

## **PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

**For all events and ads and sponsorship please pay via check payable to:**

**AANO Detroit Chapter  
7421 Lake Forest  
Clarkston MI 48346**

**or**

**pay via Zelle (designate breakdown) at 2489827797**

**or**

**pay via PayPal: [blacka@oakgov.com](mailto:blacka@oakgov.com) (must designate payment on paypal to “friends and family”**

## **Miscellaneous hotel and parking info:**

Room block deadline: July 23, 2023 but first come first serve basis

Room rates will be extended 2 days before and 2 days after event

We have secured early and late check in for our group of 2pm check in and 12pm check out

All cancellations must be 24 hrs in advance to avoid one night penalty

Hotel Parking is \$35 per day; however \$15 for an 8 hour event. Hotel has other suggested less expensive parking options upon request

We have secured unlimited in and out for valet parking

Please note the hotel is cashless and only takes credit and debit

**THIS CONVENTION IS A SPECIAL 4 DAY EXTRAVAGANZA  
CELEBRATING OUR 75TH JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY—PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR A CELEBRATION THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!**