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Q. The 60th Anniversary International AA Convention is coming up in July of 1995 in San Diego, California, but what were the locations, attendance, and themes of previous conferences?

A. The First International AA Conference (in celebration of AA's 15th anniversary) was held in 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, with an attendance of 3,000; there was no specified theme. Every five years since, a convention has been held, as follows:

- 1955: St. Louis, Mo.; no specific theme; attendance: 3,500.
- 1960: Long Beach, Calif.; "Recovery, Unity, Service"; 8,900.
- 1965: Toronto, Ont.; "Responsibility"; 10,400.
- 1970: Miami Beach, Fla.; "Unity"; 10,700.
- 1975: Denver, Colo.; "Let It Begin With Me"; 19,500.
- 1980: New Orleans, La.; "The Joy of Living"; 22,500.
- 1985: Montreal, Que.; "Fifty Years with Gratitude"; 45,600.
- 1990: Seattle, Wash.; "55 Years - One Day at aTime"; 48,000.

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