

21st Annual
Houston Conference of
Young People in AA

"...trudge the Road of Happy Destiny."



August 22nd - 24th 2008
Houston Marriott North at Greenspoint
Houston, Texas

HCYPAA Statement of Purpose

Welcome to the Houston Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. We invite you to share your experience, strength, and hope with us at this annual event. We thank you for your continued support and ask that you help us practice the twelve principles by respecting the property of the Marriott Houston North. Let our behavior be a good reflection of our purpose in carrying the message of hope and recovery. There will be many newcomers attending this function; please extend the hand of friendship as it was given to you.

Alcoholism recognizes no barriers, age included. The first young people's groups in AA appeared in 1945 in Los Angeles, California and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bill W., at the 1960 AA conference, noted that the age of the new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA twenty-five years earlier. The trend has continued. In 1998, a survey from the United States and Canada showed that about one-fifth of A.A.'s were under thirty. The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to AA for help is still growing, and the purpose of young people's groups is to carry AA's message of recovery to alcoholics, no matter what their age. Young people's groups provide young newcomers with a meeting where they can see and share the experience of sobriety with other young people.

Young People's Groups try to help the newcomer understand that 20-plus years of drinking, coupled with loss of family, friends, and finances, are not necessary for one to be ready for sobriety. Young People's Groups bring the newcomer into the mainstream of AA Recovery, Unity, and Service through the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of World Service, carrying AA's message to the suffering alcoholic. Young People's Groups are in no way separate from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Members are committed to Twelfth Step work, outreach at Hospitals and Institutions, General Service involvement, and every other facet of AA service. Newcomers are shown by people their own age that practicing AA principles in their daily lives and getting involved in AA service can lead to a lasting and comfortable sobriety.

The Houston Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous meets annually. This conference provides an opportunity for young A.A.'s from all over the region to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as young people in AA. HCYPAA is overwhelmingly visible evidence that large numbers of young people are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Voice of the Conference
Cameron C.
Houston, Texas



Registration
Friday 5:30pm - 11:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:00am

Speaker tapes will be available for sale near the Ballroom.
Speaker taping provided by Gem Tapes
806-797-9608
gentapes@yahoo.com

General Service Conference approved literature is available for
purchase near the Registration Table

Official HCYPAA XXI T-Shirts will be available for sale at the
Registration table while they last

Big Book Raffle tickets will be for sale for \$10 at the
Registration Table. This year's prize is a set of 1st, 2nd, 3rd
and 4th edition Big Books. The drawing will be held Saturday
night, and you do not have to be present to win.

Visit HCYPAA on teh internets at www.hcypaa.org!

HCYPAA XXI Agenda (part a)

Friday, August 22nd

- 5:30pm Registration Begins - outside Ballroom
6:30pm Red Ball Meeting - Galveston Room
Chair: Asher B.
8:00pm Friday Night Speaker Meeting - Ballroom
Speaker: Champe F. - Houston, TX
Chair: Kanaan M.
10:00pm Big Book Trivia Game* - Ballroom
Hosted by: Chris P. & Josh C. - Dallas, TX

Saturday, August 23rd

- 8:30am Registration Begins - outside Ballroom
9:00am Men's and Women's Meetings
Women's Meeting - San Antonio Room
Chair: Madeline
Men's Meeting - Galveston Room
Chair: Mike K.
11:00am Al-Anon Speaker Meeting - Ballroom
Speaker: John K. - Houston, TX
Chair: Amanda M.
1:00pm Get Your Splash On* - Marriott Pool Area
3:00pm AA Panel Discussion - Ballroom
Topic: Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny
Panelist: Jeffre L.
Panelist: Mark I.
Panelist: Jessica B.
Panelist: Randy S.
Chair: Alex J.
4:00pm TX ICYPAA Bid Committee Meeting** - Ballroom
6:00pm Banquet - Dallas Room
7:30pm Sobriety Countdown - Ballroom
Countdowner: Mike K.
8:00pm Saturday Night Speaker Meeting - Ballroom
Speaker: Minnie M. - Las Vegas, NV
Chair: David S.
10:00pm Dance!* - Ballroom
2:00am Scavenger Hunt* - Austin Room

* Badges must be worn at all events. HCYPAA asks for a minimum \$10 donation from non-registrants to attend Entertainment events.

** HCYPAA invites you to get involved with the Statewide Bid to bring the International Conference of Young People in AA back to Texas. All are welcome to attend and participate in this committee meeting!
For more information visit the bid website at www.texasicypaa.org

HCYPAA XXI Agenda (part b)

Sunday, August 24th

- 10:00am Sunday Morning Speaker Meeting - Galveston Room
Speaker: Tom W. - Houston, TX
Chair: Kate H.
11:00am Hotel Checkout
12:00pm 2009 Kickoff Meeting - Galveston Room

For those who have registered for the Conference, a Hospitality Room is available and is located in the Amarillo Room. The Hospitality Room will be closed during all Speaker Meetings

The Austin and San Antonio Rooms are available for games and activities.

The Banquet will be held in the Dallas Room.

24 Hour Marathon Meetings will be held in the Galveston Room except during the Men's and Women's Meetings and Speaker Meetings (see next page for Marathon Meeting schedule).

Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the Hotel. You must go outside to smoke. Please practice the Principles and clean up the wreckage of your presence in and around the Hotel.



24 Hour Marathon Meeting Schedule

Friday, August 22nd

- 5:30pm - The First Step - Asher B.
 9:00pm - Character vs. Comfort - Herrick E.
 10:00pm - The Promises - Hunter W.
 11:00pm - 2nd Step - Stuart S.

Saturday, August 23rd

- 12:00am - Gratitude - Sam E.
 1:00am - Acceptance is the Answer - Mike N.
 2:00am - Taking Care of Yourself - Josh C.
 3:00am - The 3rd Step - Elissa W.
 4:00am - Trusting the Process - Amanda S.
 5:00am - Honesty - Geoff J.
 6:00am - Serenity - James G.
 7:00am - Love and Tolerance - Mars V.
 8:00am - Self-esteem - Josh B.
 10:00am - Relationships in Sobriety - Mike K.
 12:00pm - Mental Obsession, Physical Craving - Amanda M.
 1:00pm - Character Defects - Joel S.
 2:00pm - Fun in Sobriety - Joe B.
 3:00pm - Spirituality - Charles D.
 4:00pm - The 12th Step (Working with Others) - Walter
 5:00pm - Making Amends - John S.
 6:00pm - Fears and Insecurities - Mike K.
 9:00pm - Dealing with Feelings - Ashley G.
 10:00pm - Living Sober - Harry
 11:00pm - How to be a Sponsor - Clark L.

Sunday, August 24th

- 12:00am - Principles Before Personalities - Joel S.
 1:00am - How to Deal with Life - Ben F.
 2:00am - Powerlessness - Asher
 3:00am - How it Works - Mike K.
 4:00am - Surrender to Win - Richard R.
 5:00am - No Excuses - Stuart S.
 6:00am - Prayer and Meditation - Becky G.
 7:00am - Insanity - Mary K.
 8:00am - Willingness - Tom W.
 9:00am - Fellowship - Jessica S.

Marathon Meetings will be held in the Galveston Room

There will be no Marathon Meetings during the Men's
 and Women's Meetings or Speaker Meetings

HCYPAA XXI Committee Members

Chairperson	Anthony G.
Treasurer	Lily K.
Secretary	Chris H.
Co-Chairperson	Asher B.
Co-Treasurer	Daniel G.
Co-Secretary	Adam B.
Outreach Chair	Joel S.
Decorations Chair	Mike K.
Website Chair	Alex R.
Raffle Chair	Richard R.
Public Information Chair	Alex J.
Memorabilia Chair	Amanda M.
Registration Chair	Geoff J.
Marathon Meeting Chair	Stuart S.
Security Chair	Noel
Panel Discussion Chair	Alex J.
Scavenger Hunt Chair	Mike N.
Hospitality Chair	Sam
Sobriety Countdown	Mike K.
Voice	Cameron C.
Brooms and Butts	J. R.
Men's Meeting Chair	Mike K.
Women's Meeting Chair	Madeline
Fri. PM Meeting Chair	Kanaan M.
Sat. AM Meeting Chair	Amanda M.
Sat. PM Meeting Chair	David S.
Sun. AM Meeting Chair	Kate H.
Hostess	Kanaan M.
Host	Rusty
Literature Chair	Becky G.
Entertainment Chair	Lanny
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Teddy T.
Advisory Council	Amanda S.
Advisory Council	Mandy K.
Advisory Council	Randy S.
Advisory Council	Joel S.
Advisory Council	Jessica S.
Advisory Council	Mike K.

There are no strangers in Alcoholics Anonymous...
...only friends I haven't met.

Friends I met at HCYPAA 2008

Name	Number
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The conference committee would like to thank the
Marriott Houston North at Greenspoint and all who
participated in carrying the message of recovery to
the alcoholic who still suffers.