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## **Young People's Groups and the Arizona State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ASCYPAA) Facts, Aims and Purposes**

The following two paragraphs are excerpts from ICYPAA Facts, Aims and Purposes:

*"Alcoholism recognizes no barriers, age included. The first Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous appeared in 1945 in Los Angeles, California and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1957, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA). At the 1960 AA Convention, Bill W. noted that the age of new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA 25 years earlier. A 1975 ICYPAA pamphlet described the people in Young People's Groups as in their twenties and thirties, with some teenagers. The trend has continued. A 1989 AA survey reported that 30% of the respondents were under 40 years of age and that 3% were under 21 years of age. The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to AA for help is growing and the purpose of Young People's Groups, just as it has been for many years, 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 make 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, Service, and Unity through the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts for World Service carrying AA's message to the suffering alcoholic. Young People's Groups are no way separate from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Members of Young People's Groups are involved in and committed to Twelfth Step Work, Hospital and Institution Work, Public Information, General Service, and every other facet of AA service. Newcomers are shown, by people their own age, that using AA principles in their daily lives and getting involved in AA service can lead to a lasting and comfortable sobriety".*

The Arizona State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous meets annually. This meeting provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as young people in Alcoholics Anonymous. ASCYPAA is visible evidence that large numbers of young people are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. AA's who attend an ASCYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to AA looking for a better way of life.

## Bidding Requirements

1. Three A.A. members with a minimum of one year's sobriety must represent the bidding city. It is suggested that the composition of each Bid Committee be formed from A.A. members from the geographical area of that Bid Committee's proposed Conference site. (page 5)
2. Bidders must have commitments from at least two appropriate facilities (hotels, universities, convention centers, gymnasiums, etc.) so sized as to accommodate the entire conference. Please include proposed dates for the conference and a showing of available meeting space. The cost of the facility must be included. Bidders must provide information regarding housing for attendees, including cost and accessibility to the proposed conference site. If awarded the conference, the host committee agrees to have a signed contract within 45 days. (page 12)
3. Bidders must provide a permanent mailing address for their committee. (page 25)
4. Assurance must be given that no large scale A.A. activity will be held in their city within a thirty day period before and a thirty day period after the conference date.
5. Statements of interest or support from the local District and Intergroup must be presented at the bidding session. (page 26)
6. Bid committees should be able to demonstrate financial autonomy and responsibility, within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of A.A. (page 27)
7. The new host city must agree that all proceeds after expenses are to be turned over to the ASCYPAA Advisory Council for disposition. (page 28)
8. There will be a maximum of 20 minutes for the presentation by each bidding city.
9. Please draft a statement illustrating the reasons why you wish to host an ASCYPAA in your area. (page 29)

# West Side Bid Committee

P.O. Box  
Phoenix, Arizona

Position	Contact Name	Sobriety Date	Service Positions
Chairperson	Jake	5/15/2012	Treasurer for Vicious Cycle; H&I Meeting Facilitator at Maverick House
Treasurer	Josh	12/1/2009	ASCYPAA Bid
Secretary	Hayley	10/20/2013	Secretary for Peoria PM Newcomers; speaker seeker
Outreach Coordinator	Alex	10/1/2008	Treasurer for Unshakable Foundation
Events Chair	Tommy	9/20/2013	ASCYPAA Bid
Program Chair	Brandon	3/6/2014	ASCYPAA Bid
Bid Packet Coordinator	Michelle	9/4/2013	Intergroup Rep for Carry the Message
Hotel Chair	Jim	1/16/2009	Alternate Intergroup Rep for Carry the Message; GSR Alternate for Unshakable Foundation; H & I representative for Unshakable Foundation
Unity Chair	Virgil	1/15/2014	Chairperson for Bucket List
Unity Co-Chair	Kelli	11/6/2008	ASCYPAA Bid
GSR Liaison	Cheryl	11/9/1994	GRS for Down Under; Alternate D.C.M. for Sub-District 08-801
Bid Skit Coordinator	Greg	5/10/2013	ASCYPAA Bid
Bid Skit Co-Coordinator	Chelsea	9/27/2013	ASCYPAA Bid
Prayer Chair	Joey	6/2/2013	

			Rotating service position for Freedom From Insanity
<b>Co Prayer Chair</b>	Cody	3/18/2012	ASCYPAA Bid
<b>Security Chair</b>	Eric	1/24/2008	Rotating service commitment for Carry the Message
<b>Set-up/Clean Chair</b>	Jeremy	10/4/2013	Chairperson for End Of the Road & Litchfield Park Beginners Meeting
<b>Member at large</b>	Phil	8/18/2009	GSR for Unshakeable Foundation
<b>Member at large</b>	Alonzo	12/19/1997	ASCYPAA Bid

## **Facility Commitments**

The West Side Bid Committee presents to you the following Hotel proposals for hosting ASCYPAA 2016. The dates that are submitted have been researched by our Facilities Chair and Co-Chair in accordance with our bidding requirements.

# Expect Extraordinary

## Sheraton Crescent.



### Arizona State Conference Of Young People in AA

Mr. Jim Wesala  
 480-734-4585  
 Dbj.architecture@gmail.com

Hello Jim,

Thank you for considering our refreshed hotel for your 2016 conference! I am excited for the opportunity to bid on this program and hope to have the opportunity to work with you.

**Guestrooms: July 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 2016:**

	Fri	Sat	Rate
Traditional Rooms	30	50	\$79 + tax

**Guestrooms: August 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, 2016:**

	Fri	Sat	Rate
Traditional Rooms	30	50	\$75 + tax

**Guestrooms: September 2-4, 9-11, 2016:**

	Fri	Sat	Rate
Traditional Rooms	30	50	\$99 + tax

**Meeting Rooms:**

- General Session/Dance for 1000 Friday 6pm-12:00am, Saturday 8am-12am and Sunday 8am-5pm
- 2 Breakouts for 50 each theater style Friday, Saturday and Sunday same times
- Committee meeting for 10 conference style, Friday, Saturday and Sunday same times
- Marathon meeting for 20-50 theater style, Friday, Saturday and Sunday same times
- Breakfast and Dinner for 250-500 on Sunday only in General Session/Dance Ballroom
- General Session/Dance: Discounted set up fee of \$500++ per day for Friday and Saturday only with a \$13,500++ food and beverage minimum met (based on a breakfast and dinner)
- Each additional meeting room is discounted to \$150++ each per day

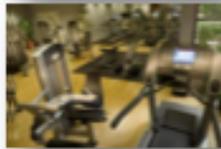
**Special Concessions Offered:**

- Complimentary suite for hospitality room
- 3 week cut off date to make reservations
- SPG points awarded to person of choice
- Group rate available 3 days pre/post event dates
- Complimentary wifi in guest rooms and meeting rooms
- 10% discount on banquet menus
- 20% discount on AV through PSAV

Thank you again for your interest, I would love to earn your business and look forward to the opportunity of working with you. If you should have questions, please connect with me directly at 602-371-2802 or [tingram@reliance-hospitality.com](mailto:tingram@reliance-hospitality.com).

Warm regards,  
 Tracy Ingram





Situated just minutes from downtown, the [Sheraton Crescent Hotel](#) offers countless resort amenities right at your fingertips. With over 30,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space including 2 ballrooms and over 14 breakout rooms, the possibilities for events and meetings are endless. Our professional staff will understand your needs and deliver outstanding results. We invite you to visit the [Sheraton Crescent on Trip Advisor](#) to see what our guests are saying about their recent stay with us!

- Outdoors guests will enjoy our Olympic size pool, 166 foot Monsoon Mountain waterslide, two lighted tennis courts, sand-volleyball and basketball court
- 342 beautifully appointed guestrooms including 12 Suites, all featuring the new signature Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed<sup>®</sup> which has a 'sense & respond' memory mattress for correct support, White Laurel bedding ensemble, two natural pillows & two hypo-allergic pillows
- Sheraton Club Level guestrooms, suites and Private Lounge occupy two secured floors
- Stay connected at The Link@Sheraton experienced with Microsoft<sup>®</sup>
- 4,000 square foot Fitness Center complete with (2) indoor squash courts, free weights, complete circuit training and dry saunas. Also available In-room "Gym-In-A-Bag"
- Nearly 30,000 square feet of indoor / outdoor event space
- Single cup coffeemaker with complimentary Starbucks coffee/teas in all guestrooms
- Make it A Green Choice program offering guests for more than 1 night the option to NOT receive housekeeping service and receive a \$5.00 credit for any food & beverage within the hotel or 500 SPG points
- Dining Options – includes our Indigo Bistro & Lounge, Coyote Café – features Starbucks coffees and outdoor Cabana - plus off-site dining & shopping options within close proximity
- Self-parking is complimentary in our 5-story garage – valet options available



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*Prepared for:*  
*Westside Phoenix ASCYPAA*

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August 13, 2015

Jim Wesala

Greetings from beautiful Arizona Jim!

Thank you for your interest in our hotel as host for the **2016 Westside Phoenix ASCYPAA Conference** We truly appreciate your consideration, and are very excited about the possibility of hosting this event.

A quick summary of what we are able to offer...

**GUESTROOM AVAILABILITY & RATES**



We are very pleased to confirm date and guestroom availability according to your specifications as follows:

**Dates: July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**  
**Exclusive Group Guestroom Rate: \$99.00 USD (based on single/double occupancy)**

Day:	Fri	Sat	Sun
Date:	7/1/16	7/2/16	7/3/16
Rooms	50	75	C/O

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Porterage	\$10.00 per person, round trip
Valet parking	\$15.00 per day

- Please note Rooms and or Meeting Space are not currently being held for this event. I would be delighted to hold your group requirements should this group wish to confirm Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa as host for this event.
- Guestroom rates are subject to all applicable taxes and levies in effect at time of check in (currently 15.17% occupancy tax)
- Rates are discounted from our corporate rate of \$399.00
- The above discounted group rates are effective for the next 10 business days and are subject to availability

## MEETING SPACE



- Over 95,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting, exhibit and banquet space
- 30,000 sq. ft. Media Center
- 27,877 sq. ft. Solana Ballroom divisible into 9 sections, accommodates up to 3,200 meeting attendees
- 7,944 sq. ft. Cira Ballroom divisible into 3 sections, ideal for small meetings/breakouts
- Aurora Ballroom divisible into 4 small rooms at 740 square feet each
- Six (6) additional meeting rooms perfect for small to mid-size meetings
- Two (2) executive board rooms with permanent board tables that accommodate 20 people each
- See [www.renaissancesaleskit.com](http://www.renaissancesaleskit.com) for a view of meeting space, capacity charts and 360 degree tour of our conference center

For meetings and events, the hotel will offer function space that will give “flexibility” a whole new definition. There are 26 meeting rooms and over 95,000 square feet of meeting space, with 21,000 square feet of pre-function space and a 30,000 square foot Expo Hall. Below are your requirements, as I understand them.

There is a minimum charge for food, beverage and room rental exclusive of service charge and sales tax. For the amount of space your event requires, the minimum revenue requirement is \$25,000++; if it falls below this amount room rental will apply. Exhibit pricing if required is \$55++ per 8X10 booths per day or \$35++ per tabletop per day. Room rental for the General Session is a one time charge of \$4,000++ for the weekend.

Hotel's menu selections start at:

Continental Breakfast	\$18.00 per person
Breakfast:	\$18.00 per person (Plated) \$22.50 per person (Buffet)
Breaks:	\$16.00 per person
Lunch:	\$26.00 per person (Plated) \$37.00 per person (Buffet)
Dinner:	\$46.00 per person (Plated) \$68.00 per person (Buffet)
Reception:	\$32.00 per person
Bartender Fee:	\$150.00 per Bartender

All buffets require a minimum of 30 guests. Should your guarantee fall below 30 guests, a \$250.00 labor fee (per day) will be applied to your final bill.

These quotations do not include any applicable AZ state tax (10.2%) and a taxable service charge of 23%. All food and beverage served in the Hotel must be purchased from the Hotel. The catering minimum prices may be subject to a five percent (5%) annual increase.

#### **HOTEL AMENITIES:**

- Full Service Soleil Restaurant (Seating capacity 84) and Ray's Lobby Bar
- Caffeina's Coffee Shop serving Starbucks coffee
- Room service available 6am-2am
- 7,000sq ft outdoor courtyard with water and fire features
- Two-story 12,000sq ft luxury Spa Botanica with 11 treatment areas, private outdoor pool and cabanas
- 5,000 sq. ft heated outdoor pool
- 17-meter Indoor Lap Pool
- Complimentary 1,400sq ft state-of-the-art Fitness Center
- 100k sq ft conference center
- New Property – (Opened October 23, 2007)

#### **PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

- 22 Miles or 25 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport
- Non-stop shuttle service to Hotel is \$20pp one-way on a rotational basis
- Taxi is \$55-60 one-way.
- Private town car \$55 one-way and can be split between three riders.
- Self parking at \$11.00/day.
- Valet parking at \$15.00/day.
- Parking garage with over 700 covered spaces

#### **EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN**

The brand new Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa offers Everything Under the Sun! Morning breaks over the mountains and gives way to endless opportunities and adventures that await travelers of leisure and business alike. Long before visitors awake to embrace a new day, a world-class staff meticulously plans

and prepares for their guests. Whether it's the days' meetings and free time to follow or a day filled with fun and adventure, the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa literally provides unparalleled opportunities and experiences within—or right outside—its doors. Guests are invited to indulge, rejuvenate and discover the urban essence of everything under the sun!

Tracing its arc through the desert sky, the sun calls on the vibrant insignia. Splashes of color and light dance across the hotel décor and modern furnishings adding brilliancy to custom sculptures and divine water features.

As the day heats up, guests may retreat to cool cool offerings. Thirsts are quenched and palates are delighted with poolside cuisine, from Refresco's. Other exquisite fare may be found throughout the hotel including Soleil, an upscale-casual dining option serving contemporary American favorites; Ray's lounge and Caffaina's marketplace café. Those who wish to replenish their senses may treat themselves at the two-story oasis, Spa Botanica, a spectacular indoor/outdoor spa.

Throughout the day, the sun continues its climb to the top, its rays reaching down to illuminate all the area has to offer. Radiating in all directions are exciting sports venues including the University of Phoenix Stadium and the Jobing.com Arena.

As the sun plunges below the Sonoran Desert horizon for its retreat, the nightlife continues where the day left off, emanating energy and desert flair. At Westgate City Center, restaurants, shops, music and entertainment hotspots carry on long after the sun makes its descent.

For more information, visit our customized meeting planner website at [www.renaissanceglendale.com](http://www.renaissanceglendale.com).

### **SPA BOTANICA**

INVIGORATE – REJUVENATE – ENERGIZE... Spa Botanica invites you to experience superb facial and body treatments, performed by highly trained certified professionals eager to deliver a great and memorable spa experience for both men and women. Spa Botanica provides a variety of treatments addressing your skin care needs and pampering pleasures. We offer Pevonia Botanica, a leading skin care brand to ensure the ultimate guest experience and outstanding results.



### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

- Full-service Business Center managed by a meeting concierge to assist with your needs
- Business amenities include wireless high-speed Internet access throughout the hotel and conference center, and in every guest room.
- On-site event technology team – allow them to handle all your technology needs ... saving you time and money in the process
- Our Event Management team is the best in the business – they will focus on every detail in assisting you in finalizing and executing the details of your event
- A neighbor to Westgate City Center, the Southwest's largest mixed use development. The hotel is surrounded by restaurants, shops and entertainment venues including Jobing.com Arena and University of Phoenix Stadium (home of Super Bowl XLII & XLIX)

### **SERVICE ...THE ULTIMATE IN LUXURY**

At Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, service is one of our greatest assets! No program is successful without the help of a staff that pays attention to every detail and responds quickly and effectively to all your needs we've hired some of the very best managers and associates from the entire industry to assemble our top-notch team. These tenured associates are not only trained to provide quality service ... they demand it from themselves!

We're very excited about hosting this event. As your contact I look forward to doing everything possible to assist you in making it a resounding success. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (480) 518-8006 with any additional questions or to confirm the next step in hosting this event with us at Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa.

Thank you again for your consideration, we want your business!

Michael J. Gray  
Associate Director of Sales



**August 2, 2015**

**The Wigwam**  
**300 East Wigwam Boulevard**  
**Litchfield Park, AZ 85340**  
 Ms. Tammi Truax  
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**Arizona State Conference of Young  
 People in Alcoholics Anonymous**

Mr. James Wesala  
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[DBJ.architecture@gmail.com](mailto:DBJ.architecture@gmail.com)

Dear Jim:

It was very nice to meet you last month. Thank you for your interest in bringing the **Arizona State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous** to The Wigwam in August of next year. Our goal at The Wigwam is to **exceed your expectations while giving you an *Authentic Arizona*<sup>™</sup> experience.**

**Available Dates:**  
**August 26-28, 2016**

**Rates:**  
**\$109.00 – Adobe Traditional**  
**\$139.00 – Oasis Terrace**  
**\$174.00 & up – Suites**

	Fri 08/26/16	Thur 08/27/16	Fri 08/28/16
Run of House	30	50	C/O

**Taxes/Fees:**

- Hotel Occupancy tax = 11.07%, Food and Beverage sales tax = 9.1%
- A service charge of 12.5% of the total food and beverage revenue will be added, which will be provided to wait staff employee, service employees and/or service bartenders. An administrative fee of 10.5% of the total Food and Beverage revenue and applicable taxes will be added. This administrative fee is retained by the Hotel and is not a tip, gratuity or service charge for any employee and is not the property of the employee(s) providing service to you.
- Banquet Food & Beverage Minimum – Based on the arrangements outlined in this proposal, the Group's minimum banquet F&B expenditure is \$15,000.00.



Adobe Traditional

In lieu of a resort fee the following items will be applied on an a la carte basis. The a la carte fees include:

- In-room internet at \$12.95 plus tax
- In-room coffee at \$8.00 per day
- Fitness Center at \$15.00 per person per day
- Daily newspaper at \$1.00 per day
- Overnight self parking at \$10 per night
- Range balls at the Golf Club at \$12.00 plus tax per bucket
- Incoming and outgoing fax services
  - Incoming faxes
    - 1<sup>st</sup> 10 pages complimentary; 11 – 20 pages .50 each; 21 pages and up .25 each
  - Outbound faxes
    - US calls - 1<sup>st</sup> 10 pages \$1.00 per page; 11 pages and up \$1.50 each
    - International calls – 1<sup>st</sup> 10 pages \$3.00 and .50 for each additional page
- Daily Fitness Classes (schedule may vary based on day of the week) at \$15.00 per class per day

**Concessions: The listed value added concessions may not necessarily represent actual revenue.**

- Porterage onetime charge of \$6.00 round-trip
- Room attendant gratuity of \$3.00 per room per night
- One (1) Complimentary room night for each 50 room nights paid
- Rates valid three (3) days pre and post program dates (based on availability)
- One (1) VIP Suite upgrade at the group rate over program dates listed. The Wigwam does not allow outside food and/or beverage to be brought in to guestrooms and suites.
- Resort fee will be offered Ala Carte per room, per night
- One (1) complimentary internet connection in your General Session
- 15% discount on in-house AV provider PSAV equipment rental (labor not included)
- Complimentary meeting space with food & beverage minimum of \$20,000.00. If group is unable to get to \$20,000 in F/B consumption then room rental would apply
- 10% discount on Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa services

- 10% Attrition
- Complimentary box handling/storage for up to ten (10) boxes @ 50 lbs. each

**Airport Information:**

- Just 25 minutes west of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
- We will be happy to arrange group arrivals & departures as well as VIP transportation through our preferred partner

**Resort Features:**

- AAA Four Diamond Resort
- 331 private casitas, including 72 spacious suites with parlors and two exclusive Presidential casitas
- In room coffee service, two telephones, satellite flat screen TV's, in-room movies, video games, high-speed internet and uniquely Arizona accents & decor
- All casitas have private patios or balconies that overlook gardens, pools, water features, tennis or golf course
- Three sparkling swimming pools, splash pad and two water slides
- Nine lighted tennis courts including two clay courts
- Aerobics studio & state of the art fitness facility
- 26,000 Sq. Ft. Red Door Spa by Elizabeth Arden
- 54 Holes of Championship Golf including The Wigwam's Gold Course "The Arizona Monster". The Wigwam is Arizona's only Resort to feature 3 full 18-hole golf courses



**Food & Beverage Average per Meal Period:**

Continental Breakfast:	\$15.00 - \$30.00	Morning Break:	\$6.00 - \$12.00
Lunch:	\$30.00 - \$42.00	Afternoon Break:	\$8.00 - \$17.00
Dinner:	\$65.00 - \$100.00	Reception:	\$15.00 - \$50.00

**Meeting Room Set-up:** We have 45,000 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space to offer. Currently, meeting space is available to accommodate all of your needs however we are not holding any space at this time. If you'd like us to re-check availability, please let us know.



**Mohave Ballroom  
(our board room)**

**Palm Room**

**Audio Visual:** PSAV Audio Visual is a nationally known company that can provide you with any of your audio visual needs.

**Dining Options:**

- **Litchfield's** – Our signature restaurant in the main lodge features a working chef's table and large wood-fired oven. Litchfield's menu is infused with culture, commitment and philosophy created to celebrate the farm-to-table experience. The aromas of the wood- fire oven and the magic of fireplace cooking will provide a unique yet traditional dining experience guest will want to enjoy over and over again.
- **Red's Bar and Grill** – Red Allen was the first golf pro at The Wigwam and his son and grandson continued to manage the golf operation for six decades (1940-2010). Red's offers a bar and grill with Pub ambiance, casual food offerings, beverage libations, a large selection of beers on tap including local and craft options, a comfortable hangout ambiance, alfresco spaces, sports and television viewing features.
- **The Wigwam Bar** – The Wigwam Bar is undoubtedly the hub of social activity at The Wigwam. This style of bar says "Arizona" with its "indoor/outdoor" guest areas and retractable wall that opens the bar interior to the beautiful outdoors. A full bar menu offers guests their favorite libation as well as a casual dining menu available throughout the day and evening.
- **The Tower Bar & Grill** - The Tower Bar & Grill offers the most casual alfresco dining option and is adjacent to our new water complex with two pools, large water slide and shade cabanas. The menu features healthy dining options, BBQ favorites cooked from a poolside grill and fresh fruit cocktails, frozen drinks, and lots of alfresco seating in and around the pool area.
- **In Room Dining is available to all guests**

**Conveniently located to:**

- Just minutes away from 85 new Tanger Outlet stores to include: Calvin Klein, Coach Factory, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store, American Eagle Outfitters, Banana Republic, Gap Outlet, White House Black Market and many more. <http://www.tangeroutlet.com/glendale/directory>
- Westgate City Center which features:
  - University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals
  - JobingArena.com, home of the Phoenix Coyotes

- Over 30 great shops, restaurants, clubs/bars & a movie theater
- Twenty minutes from Arrowhead Towne Center Mall
- Twenty minutes from Phoenix International Raceway
- Spring Training Facilities (including Chicago White Sox, LA Dodgers, Cleveland Indians & Cincinnati Reds)
- Twenty Minutes from World Wildlife Zoo

Thank you in advance for your consideration of The Wigwam! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 623-856-1019. We look forward to a favorable decision and the opportunity to assist in a most successful program.

Sincerely,

**Tammi**

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## **Committee P.O. Box Address**

The West Side ASCYPAA bid-committee has established the following as our permanent mailing address:

**P.O. Box 8673  
Surprise, AZ 85374**

## **Assurance**

The West Side bid-committee has obtained hotel bids with flexible date ranges to accommodate the need to keep ASCYPAA no closer than thirty days prior and thirty days after any large scale A.A. activity in the area.

## **Statements of Interest or Support**

We are proud to present the following letters of support on behalf of our West Side Bid for ASCYPAA 2016. We appreciate the interest of our local AA community and the opportunity to give back what has so freely been given to us while holding positions amongst this bid committee; experience, strength and hope!

## **Sub-District 08-801**

Sub-District 08-801  
P O Box 274  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

March 17, 2015

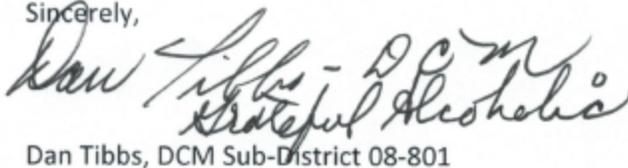
Dear ASCYPAA Advisory:

The Sub-District 08-801 encourages and is in support of the ASCYPAA 2016 conference coming to the west side of Phoenix. We need more events on the west side of Phoenix where sobriety is growing, especially within the AA young people's community.

We see the growth in the young people in AA, in and around Phoenix, especially on the west side in the last couple of years. The enthusiasm the West Side Bid Committee has shown for sobriety and helping others stay sober is admirable.

The Sub-District 08-801 will support and encourage attendance from all ages at the conference when conference comes to the west side of Phoenix.

Sincerely,

The handwritten signature reads "Dan Tibbs - DCM" on the top line and "Grateful Alcoholic" on the bottom line. The signature is written in cursive.

Dan Tibbs, DCM Sub-District 08-801

# Salt River Intergroup



August 23, 2015

To whom it may concern –

My name is Jonathan Portnoy and I am grateful to serve as chair of the Salt River Intergroup Steering Committee. SRI gives its full support and best wishes to the West Side Phoenix ASCYPAA bid committee. We wish them the best of luck!

Yours in service,

Jonathan Portnoy  
Chair – Salt River Intergroup Steering Committee

# Agua Fria Intergroup

August 21, 2015

RE: Westside Bid for 2016 ASCYPAA Conference

To ASCYPAA Advisory Board,

The Agua Fria Intergroup, Inc. has been established for 32 years. We have always been a supporter of Young People seeking recovery, as well as those that are already on their journey in this life changing program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

There is a strong presence of Young People groups in A.A., in the West Valley of Maricopa County. In support of the West Side Bid Committee's effort to bring the 2016 ASCYPAA Conference to this area, the Agua Fria Intergroup, Inc. encourages the selection committee to vote for this location as it is well represented by an active Young People in A.A. membership, with a sincere attitude and desire for continuing to carry the message of recovery in A.A., to others of all age groups.

Grateful in Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Foglesong".

Kay Foglesong  
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# Financial Statement

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## Westside Ascypaa Balance Sheet As of August 20, 2015

	<u>Aug 20, 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Bank	855.79
Total Checking/Savings	<u>855.79</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>855.79</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>855.79</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Other Committee Balance Given	691.59
Retained Earnings	591.20
Net Income	<u>-427.00</u>
Total Equity	<u>855.79</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>855.79</u></b>

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## Westside Ascypaa Profit & Loss August 1, 2014 through August 20, 2015

	<u>Aug 1, '14 - Aug 20, 15</u>
<b>Income</b>	
7th Tradion	113.81
Event Income	2,240.57
Tshirt income	<u>190.39</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,544.77</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Donation to Host	345.77
Event Costs	
Food	876.20
Event Costs - Other	<u>419.92</u>
Total Event Costs	1,296.12
Facility Use	281.00
Local Area	145.77
PO Box	33.00
Printing	188.91
Tshirt Printing	<u>90.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,380.57</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>164.20</u></b>

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**Westside Ascypaa  
General Ledger  
All Transactions**

Type	Num	Adj	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Chase Bank</b>							
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	622.14	622.14
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	63.00	685.14
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-150.00	535.14
Transfer				Deposit	Hayley	-50.00	485.14
Check					Tshirt Printing	-200.00	285.14
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	44.03	329.17
Deposit				Deposit	Tshirt income	60.39	389.56
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Reserve	-150.00	239.56
Transfer				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	174.00	413.56
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-60.00	353.56
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	404.00	757.56
Deposit				Deposit	Due to Flagstaff	100.00	857.56
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-620.00	237.56
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	987.91	1,225.47
Check	999992		Presscott		Due to Pressc...	-263.93	961.54
Deposit				Summit	Event Income	21.38	982.92
Check					Event Costs	-100.00	882.92
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	77.51	960.43
Deposit				Deposit	Event Costs	11.55	971.98
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	0.81	972.79
General Journal	3				Reserve	150.00	1,122.79
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-80.00	1,042.79
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	13.00	1,055.79
Check	999994		Ascypaa Flagstaff		Donation to H...	-200.00	855.79
<b>Total Chase Bank</b>						<b>855.79</b>	<b>855.79</b>
<b>Hayley</b>							
Transfer				Deposit	Chase Bank	50.00	50.00
Deposit				Deposit	Tshirt income	40.00	90.00
Deposit				Change from...	Event Costs	4.25	94.25
Check			Printer		Printing	-25.00	69.25
Check			Printer		Printing	-25.00	44.25
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-44.25	0.00
<b>Total Hayley</b>						<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Josh Petty Cash</b>							
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Other Commit...	691.59	691.59
Check			Ascypaa Flagstaff		Donation to H...	-145.77	545.82
Check			GSO		Local Area	-145.77	400.05
Check			Church		Facility Use	-100.00	300.05
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	16.00	316.05
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	17.00	333.05
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	23.00	356.05
Check			Printer		Flyers	-16.00	340.05
Check			Printer		Printing	-7.00	333.05
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Event Income	30.00	363.05
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	15.00	378.05
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	20.00	398.05
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	50.00	448.05
Check			Printer		Printing	-35.91	412.14
Check			Food		Food	-100.00	312.14
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Event Income	100.00	412.14
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Event Income	87.00	499.14
Check					Event Costs	-150.00	349.14
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	373.00	722.14
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	-622.14	100.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Reserve	150.00	250.00
Check	1				Reserve	-150.00	100.00
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	23.00	123.00
Check					Facility Use	-60.00	63.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	-63.00	0.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	150.00	150.00
Check	2				Event Costs	-150.00	0.00
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	164.00	164.00
Deposit				Deposit	Tshirt income	10.00	174.00
Transfer				Deposit	Chase Bank	-174.00	0.00
Deposit				Deposit	Tshirt income	10.00	10.00

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Type	Num	Adj	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	60.00	70.00
Check					Food	-46.00	24.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Hayley	44.25	68.25
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	16.00	84.25
Check			DJ		Event Costs	-80.00	4.25
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	400.00	404.25
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	-404.00	0.25
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	620.00	620.25
Check			Lowe's		Event Costs	-5.72	614.53
Check			Costco		Food	-570.20	44.33
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Due to Pressc...	100.00	144.33
Deposit				Deposit	Tshirt income	70.00	214.33
Deposit				Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,117.51	1,331.84
Check			Ascypaa Flagstaff		Due to Flagstaff	-263.93	1,067.91
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	-987.91	80.00
Bill Pmt -Check			Cheryl		Accounts Pay...	-80.00	0.00
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	10.00	10.00
Check	3				Facility Use	-10.00	0.00
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	15.00	15.00
Check	4				Facility Use	-15.00	0.00
Check	5				Facility Use	-16.00	-16.00
Deposit				Deposit	7th Tradion	16.00	0.00
Deposit				Deposit	Event Income	46.00	46.00
Check					PO Box	-33.00	13.00
Check				Bid Packet P...	Printing	-80.00	-67.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	80.00	13.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	-13.00	0.00
Total Josh Petty Cash						0.00	0.00
<b>Inventory</b>							
General Journal	1	*		to record Inv...	Tshirt Printing	160.00	160.00
General Journal	2	*			Food	-160.00	0.00
Total Inventory						0.00	0.00
<b>Reserve</b>							
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-150.00	-150.00
Check	1				Josh Petty Ca...	150.00	0.00
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Chase Bank	150.00	150.00
General Journal	3				Chase Bank	-150.00	0.00
Total Reserve						0.00	0.00
<b>Accounts Payable</b>							
Bill			Cheryl		Facility Use	-80.00	-80.00
Bill Pmt -Check			Cheryl		Josh Petty Ca...	80.00	0.00
Total Accounts Payable						0.00	0.00
<b>Due to Flagstaff</b>							
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-100.00	-100.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-163.93	-263.93
Check			Ascypaa Flagstaff		Josh Petty Ca...	263.93	0.00
Total Due to Flagstaff						0.00	0.00
<b>Due to Presscott</b>							
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-100.00	-100.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-163.93	-263.93
Check	999992		Presscott		Chase Bank	263.93	0.00
Total Due to Presscott						0.00	0.00
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>							
Total Payroll Liabilities							0.00
<b>Capital Stock</b>							
Total Capital Stock							0.00
<b>Opening Balance Equity</b>							
Total Opening Balance Equity							0.00

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Type	Num	Adj	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Other Committee Balance Given</b>							
Transfer				Funds Transf...	Josh Petty Ca...	-691.59	-691.59
Total Other Committee Balance Given						-691.59	-691.59
<b>Retained Earnings</b>							
Total Retained Earnings							0.00
<b>Shareholder Distributions</b>							
Total Shareholder Distributions							0.00
<b>7th Tradion</b>							
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-16.00	-16.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-17.00	-33.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-23.00	-56.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-16.00	-72.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-10.00	-82.00
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-0.81	-82.81
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-15.00	-97.81
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-16.00	-113.81
Total 7th Tradion						-113.81	-113.81
<b>Event Income</b>							
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-30.00	-30.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-15.00	-45.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-20.00	-65.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-50.00	-115.00
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-100.00	-215.00
Deposit			Sedonypaa	Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-87.00	-302.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-373.00	-675.00
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-23.00	-698.00
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-44.03	-742.03
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-164.00	-906.03
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-400.00	-1,306.03
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-789.65	-2,095.68
Deposit				Deposit	Summit	-21.38	-2,117.06
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-77.51	-2,194.57
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-46.00	-2,240.57
Total Event Income						-2,240.57	-2,240.57
<b>Tshirt income</b>							
Deposit				Deposit	Hayley	-40.00	-40.00
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-60.39	-100.39
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-10.00	-110.39
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-10.00	-120.39
Deposit				Deposit	Josh Petty Ca...	-70.00	-190.39
Total Tshirt income						-190.39	-190.39
<b>Donation to Host</b>							
Check			Ascypaa Flagstaff		Josh Petty Ca...	145.77	145.77
Check	999994		Ascypaa Flagstaff		Chase Bank	200.00	345.77
Total Donation to Host						345.77	345.77
<b>Due to Flag</b>							
Total Due to Flag							0.00
<b>Event Costs</b>							
<b>Food</b>							
Check			Food		Josh Petty Ca...	100.00	100.00
Check					Josh Petty Ca...	46.00	146.00
Check			Costco		Josh Petty Ca...	570.20	716.20
General Journal	2	*			Inventory	160.00	876.20
Total Food						876.20	876.20

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Type	Num	Adj	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Event Costs - Other</b>							
Check					Josh Petty Ca...	150.00	150.00
Check	2				Josh Petty Ca...	150.00	300.00
Deposit				Change from...	Hayley	-4.25	295.75
Check			DJ		Josh Petty Ca...	80.00	375.75
General Journal	1	*		to record Inv...	Tshirt Printing	-50.00	325.75
Check			Lowes		Josh Petty Ca...	5.72	331.47
Check					Chase Bank	100.00	431.47
Deposit				Deposit	Chase Bank	-11.55	419.92
Total Event Costs - Other						419.92	419.92
Total Event Costs						1,296.12	1,296.12
<b>Facility Use</b>							
Check			Church		Josh Petty Ca...	100.00	100.00
Check					Josh Petty Ca...	60.00	160.00
Bill			Cheryl		Accounts Pay...	80.00	240.00
Check	3				Josh Petty Ca...	10.00	250.00
Check	4				Josh Petty Ca...	15.00	265.00
Check	5				Josh Petty Ca...	16.00	281.00
Total Facility Use						281.00	281.00
<b>Local Area</b>							
Check			GSO		Josh Petty Ca...	145.77	145.77
Total Local Area						145.77	145.77
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>							
Total Payroll Expenses							0.00
<b>PO Box</b>							
Check					Josh Petty Ca...	33.00	33.00
Total PO Box						33.00	33.00
<b>Printing</b>							
Check			Printer	Flyers	Josh Petty Ca...	16.00	16.00
Check			Printer		Josh Petty Ca...	7.00	23.00
Check			Printer		Josh Petty Ca...	35.91	58.91
Check			Printer		Hayley	25.00	83.91
Check			Printer		Hayley	25.00	108.91
Check				Bid Packet P...	Josh Petty Ca...	80.00	188.91
Total Printing						188.91	188.91
<b>Tshirt Printing</b>							
Check					Chase Bank	200.00	200.00
General Journal	1	*		to record Inv...	-SPLIT-	-110.00	90.00
Total Tshirt Printing						90.00	90.00
<b>No acct</b>							
Total no acct							0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Financial Agreement

If awarded 2016 ASCYPAA host, the ASCYPAA West Side Bid committee agrees that all proceeds, after expenses and after the original committee's prudent reserve has been replenished, will be turned over to the ASCYPAA Advisory Council for disposition. The following represents a declaration from all West Side ASCYPAA bid-committee members of this commitment:

MEMBER	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Jacob P.	Chairperson	
Josh Q.	Treasurer	
Hayley V.	Secretary	
Alex H.	Outreach Coordinator	
Tommy P.	Events Chair	
Michelle M.	Bid Packet Coordinator	
Jim W.	Hotels Chair	
Virgil M.	Unity Chair	
Kelli C.	Unity Co-Chair	
Cheryl L.	GSR Liaison	
Greg W.	Bid Skit Coordinator	
Chelsea G.	Bid Skit Co-Coordinator	
Joey D.	Prayer Chair	
Cody M.	Prayer Co-Chair	
Eric H.	Security Chair	
Jeremy S.	Set-up/Clean up Chair	

## Why Should We Host?

Before the committee started last year, I was at a point in my sobriety where I was spelling out disaster by idling in a retrogressive groove certain to head towards doom. Then there was talk of a YPAA committee forming and I wanted nothing to do with it, but in my time in program I had acquired friendships with people who thought I should join and help out, so I took a somewhat irrelevant position which did not require much "real work". This allowed me to sit in at the committee meetings and gatherings and see how much the YPAA's in the West Valley really needed this conference. We put in the work and did everything we could to make dots connect for us to have a strong bid in the few months were together, but were not awarded the conference. I felt we had an amazing bid, and if people were like me, they were crushed by this and almost lost faith in our ability to make this happen. So I told myself the day after advisory decided Flagstaff was hosting the 2015 conference that I would run for chair of our next bid committee. I wanted to be as involved as possible and try to inspire all of the people on the committee as they had inspired me to take my sobriety more seriously. For those of you who don't know much about me, I am heavily involved in service work on many different levels including sponsorship, H and I meetings, organizing projects for the homeless, community service, homegroup, and committee. I see people who come in fresh from the pain and misery we all went through to get here, and it brings me right back to those feelings of pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization. Thinking about the growth that I have had from the experiences with this committee at over 2 years of sobriety is more spectacular than I had ever expected to receive. If we get the opportunity to host the conference we can share all of the pure amazings that this conference brings with the people who have yet to have the chance to be a part of one. I feel "like a gaunt prospector, belt drawn in over my last ounce of food, and my pick has struck gold. Joy at my release from a lifetime of frustration knows no bounds. I feel that I have struck something better than gold. For a time I tried hugging the new treasure to myself. I did not see at once that I have barely scratched a limitless lode which will pay dividends only if I mine it for the rest of my life and insist on giving away the entire product." (adapted from the Big Book pg. 128-129) This tells me that I have to strive as hard as I can to give others like me the ability to have the same eye opening experiences and feelings of joy that I have been blessed to go through.

- Jake P.

Fellowship in the west-side is scarce...a wasteland of recovery with the occasional oasis, especially barren in the far west. For YPAA this is even more the case, to an extreme. Recovery and YPAA doesn't have the presence that it does on the east side or in other parts of the state. Yet there is just as many Alcoholics in recovery...we just need to get together...to gather! A west-side conference would provide that opportunity and an example or a beacon of sorts, for those that suffer outside the rooms...to draw them...and all of us together!

This committee has grown my fellowship and helped me stay sober through a tough time...it is the people on this committee that have guided me when I felt lost. They have shown me a life of joy and

laughter where I can dance without a drink in hand! And that is a miracle! For fun I used to dangerously hang with my normie friends, but then I discovered ASCYPAA...and the real fun began!

- Jim W.

Last year was my first experience at a YPAA conference. I was not apart of the 2015 West Side ASCYPAA bid, but because I was friends with many of the committee members, I got a good look at the “behind-the-scenes” process. Watching the bidding, I immediately was inspired to join the next committee.

The fellowship and friendships that have developed and grown in the West Valley due to the unity of the bid committee is amazing. Young people and young-at-heart alike have joined together to do what many areas of Arizona have only dreamed of: Try and get ASCYPAA to our area. The purpose of AA is to help the newcomer; to give back what was so freely given to us. What better way to do this than inspire and bring together young people? This disease affects people of all ages, and the ability to shave of potential years of literal hell for other alcoholics is the goal of this committee. A YPAA conference allows the alcoholic to see that you can have fun in sobriety, links members from across the state and country together, and deliver the message held in the Book Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Westside Bid Committee is prepared to do this—we are all in!

- Michelle M.

As an uncertain, new arrival in the Phoenix area, I craved the opportunity to find a place to plant my feet in Alcoholics Anonymous. After meeting hopping for a few months, I was introduced to the West Valley Bid Committee. A few members strongly suggested that I join, and their excitement was enough to convince me that this committee could be a new bright spot in my sobriety. It has proved to be this, and much more. This bright spot can be summed up in two parts; learning the value of service at new level, while simultaneously making scores of AA contacts, and good friends.

I am beginning to understand how planning events outside of standard meetings, can help so many more suffering Alcoholics “find the fellowship they seek.” In my early sobriety, I can well remember thinking to myself, “Well, what do I do now?” It was difficult for me to imagine any events that would be fun without alcohol. Integral to a change in my thinking, was finding other young, sober alcoholics who were working the program, and enjoying life. I attended awkward dances, concerts, and sporting events with these people, and I truly began to realize that a sober life could be a much better than I had ever imagined. These opportunities to have fun were always provided to me because these young alcoholics were working with me, as others had worked with them. This committee has provided me with the opportunity to do the same for young alcoholics who are getting sober today, and that is what I must do, if I am going to be able to keep this gift of sobriety that been so gracefully given.

While serving on this committee I have met many new AA contacts, and good friends. This has been vitally important, because, as I have already stated, I am a new addition to the Phoenix area. Through meeting people on this committee, I have become integrated in into my new AA community by finding a new home group, a new sponsor, new sponsees, and many great friends who truly care about my well-being. Without my participation on this committee, these gifts may have not come so quickly.

In conclusion, if the West Valley is afforded the privilege of hosting the 2016 ASCYPAA conference, all attendees can be certain that they will participate in an event that is centered around AA's primary purpose: "Helping the still suffering alcoholic find the fellowship they seek." Lastly, all attendees will be able to experience the love and service that is truly flourishing in the West Valley.

- Alex H.

Going through life I never felt apart of anything especially the people around me. I always felt as though they had all gathered before I got there and had a meeting that I completely missed. I drank and drugged to fit in. My life was a complete disaster, I was going nowhere, and I had truly accepted that as my fate.

At the end of my rope I had two options Death or sobriety. I knew sobriety wasn't going to be easy because I tried to get sober once before in a behavior modification program. So at the beginning of September 2013 I moved to Arizona to live with my mom and get sober. After a couple slips I finally seized fighting and began trudging the road of happy destiny.

AA in general saved my life. Young people AA made it easier because I have people my age trying to do the same thing as me. My first ASCYPAA was a great experience and being on the first committee, in new sobriety, finally helped me feel apart of. The service of it all kept me out of my head long enough to get through the steps.

Being on the second committee has helped me to grow my relationships with other people all over Arizona. I took another service position this year to help carry the message to people who need to be reassured that we can still have fun in sobriety as well as build lasting relationships with your peers.

- Virgil M.

In the midst of my sobriety I have identified with two words that have truly been the reality of my journey outside of the pink cloud we all hear about. Those two words are highs and lows. I have been fortunate enough to have built a relationship with a higher power and a foundation in Alcoholics Anonymous to realize that the lows are just as instrumental in my

sobriety as the highs are, if not more. The lows are what truly push me to be of service to the best of my ability to others. Of course finding positives out of any obstacle in my path came from the suggestions such as getting a sponsor, working the steps, going to countless meetings, being apart of a homegroup, and being of service outside of the program whenever GOD see's fit. That's all amazing but being 21 when I first got sober I felt as if I needed to have my first experience with ASCYPAA and I would be lying if I said I didn't fall in love with the energy throughout the whole conference. After that I found out in 2014 a group of people who I love dearly were putting together a bid to bring Ascypaa over to the Westside for 2015. One of the lows that hit hard in my life had me reside from my position from the committee at the time to commit my dedication to a men's stag meeting with my sponsor. I felt as if that was what was needed not realizing how important it was to commit to something like opening up the eyes of young newcomers to a program that saved my life along with others. Even though I resided I was more than supportive to my fellows when the time came. As I twisted my fingers and screamed Westside knowing the individuals I surround myself with were determined to take it home for the win. Even though it didn't happen that way all heads were held high with class, congratulating the winners. Safe to say with intentions to continue the bid to bring it home for 2016 to the West Side. So here I sit sober knowing how important it is to stick to this commitment in a group of people who fell in love with helping others just as much as I did. Considering that this is a we program I will end with this. WE ARE DEDICATED, WE ARE FOCUSED, WE ARE A PRODUCT OF LOVE AND LIGHT, WE ARE WINNERS, WE ARE THE WESTSIDE ASCYPAA BID COMMITTEE.

- Joey D.

At around nine months of sobriety I had hit a point where my infamous pink cloud was turning a purplish gray and I felt myself clinging to as much of the rosy color that was left. I was grateful to be sober, going to meetings, looking for sponsees and doing my daily spiritual maintenance however I felt a small emptiness... like something was missing... or I was missing out on something. I had many friends in the program of all different walks of life but I longed for the social aspect that came with associating myself with others my age. Don't get me wrong, I loved my old timers but there I was 25 years young, sober and I wanted some new kind of fun. I specifically remember a conversation I had with my brother where I whined, "I don't have any sober friends my age..." to which he replied "Hayley, there are young people groups out there...". I so cleverly argued, "They are too far from where I live." He then gave the whole, "You would drive that far to go to some sick bar to get effed up right?" And since this is a program of honesty, I could not give a response other than, "Duh."

After my younger brother kicked my whining self back into gear, I made it a point to go to new meetings and seek out these "Young People in AA". I met a few different people at different meetings and felt excited that I was actually finding younger people. Of course I didn't really call too much or keep in contact very diligently but at least it was progress and

not perfection. I was however invited by one of these beautiful individuals to go to ASCYPAA and stay with her and a few of her friends. She kept talking about this bid committee she was on and how AMAZING it was the WONDERFUL the people on it were. I had no idea what she was talking about but was definitely curious.

When we arrived at ASCYPAA and walked into the main hall, we headed toward a group of people sitting in the front who were shouting, laughing, hugging each other, jumping up and down and smiling. As we got closer I saw all the people I had met in the last month at different meetings and realized they were all part of this lively group. (Of course God would work this way). I found out they were all common friends and part of the bid committee she was talking about. When I was near this group I could feel an electricity. It was a mixture of love, determination, positivity, passion and a freaking epically strong sense of community. At first I felt fear and insecurity. I questioned if I could ever be part of what it seemed they had and whether or not they would want me to be a part of it as well. But as I started introducing myself, hugged many and sat down with them, I felt a sense of belonging and peace. I had a sneaky feeling this group of fellow humans was going to be special to me and I desperately wanted what they all had together.

After that ASCYPAA I knew I would join the bid committee for the West Valley as soon as I got the opportunity. I have learned in Alcoholics Anonymous I am responsible to be an example of and carry on a message to any of my fellows. Being a part of this committee has not only provided me with opportunities to have fun but has shown me how to be of service in that aspect. We lovingly hold one another accountable and work as an integrated part of a team to achieve a goal. A goal of providing all people, especially young, seeking a solution to their struggles with alcohol, an opportunity to find that solution... and have a little fun as well. I have found a new piece of recovery filled with friendship and support. The best part is we are a group of completely different individuals who at one point were commonly lost in the grips of a disease which only offered us insanity or death. Now we each get to live one day at a time, working together with God to provide others with exactly what I was seeking and searching for when I walked into that hall at ASCYPAA. I am simply grateful to be a part of it.

- Hayley V.