



**AUGUST 15-18, 2019**





## **SWACYPAA VI LEGITIMATE REASON**

In our belief any scheme of combating alcoholism which proposes to shield the sick man from temptation is doomed to failure. If the alcoholic tries to shield himself he may succeed for a time, but he usually winds up with a bigger explosion than ever. We have tried these methods. These attempts to do the impossible have always failed. So our rule is not to avoid a place where there is drinking, if we have a legitimate reason for being there. That includes bars, nightclubs, dances, receptions, weddings, even plain ordinary whoopee parties. To a person who has had experience with an alcoholic, this may seem like tempting Providence, but it isn't.

## **SWACYPAA FACTS AIMS PURPOSES**

The idea for a Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous was originally conceived by regular attendees of annual YPAA Conferences between 2006 and 2010, a nearly five year stretch of time during which there was only one year with a regional Young People's Conference inside of a day's drive for residents of the Continental American Southwest. The simultaneous growth occurring in the population of YPAAs in states like Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona led to the creation of the Four Corners Summit in 2010, an annual Campout aimed at promoting participation, enthusiasm, unity and excitement about Alcoholics Anonymous and sobriety for young people in the Southwest who didn't have another annual gathering in their immediate vicinity that they could attend or host. Many YPAAs within the region of the Four Corners Summit had made a regular habit of traveling to nearby states to attend their annual conferences, however found themselves frustrated by the fact they could never bring those RoundUps to their area.

There was a desire to participate in the kind of spiritual growth they heard was experienced by those involved in hosting large conferences. During the three years after the Four Corners Summit was created, it became apparent to those involved that its attendees desired to keep that event small and intimate. The idea for creating an additional, larger conference for the Southwest region was born. After the unanimous blessing of the WACYPAA Advisory Council, YPAAs from Utah, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada planned an informal gathering at the 2013 WACYPAA in Tucson, AZ, where an Advisory Council to lead the idea from concept to actualization was formed. From there the work to make

SWACYPAA a reality began as the elected Advisory Council began to hold monthly video conference calls.

The Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous has been established as an annual gathering to promote participation, unity, and enthusiasm about recovery among young AAs in the region. All across the Southwest there are young people achieving long term, lasting recovery from alcoholism, but until now there has been no consistent vehicle for newcomers to be introduced to this reality. To fill this void, SWACYPAA has been designed to enable smaller, sometimes less populated cities with growing YPAA communities to experience attending, bidding, and hosting a local area conference.

## **HOTEL POLICIES**

- Check in time is 4:00pm
- Check out time is 11:00am (late check out may be available upon request at the hotels discretion)
- Attendees under the age of 21 ARE NOT permitted in gaming areas at any time.
- Please be mindful of noise volume in guest room hallways after midnight, we are not the only guests in the hotel.
- No outside food/beverage in meeting space.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration will be located in the foyer by Desert Wind Salon. The hours will be:

- Thursday: 3pm-11pm
- Friday: 8am-11pm
- Saturday: 8am-6pm

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Please visit the Registration Booth if you are willing to be of service at any time at the conference

## **SPEAKER CHECK IN**

All speakers for panels and main meetings please check in at registration

## **SMOKING POLICY**

Smoking is permitted in the casino, however no loitering on the casino floor. No one under the age of 21 is permitted in gaming areas - please smoke in the parking garage or outside the building.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

If you have found any lost items, please turn them into Registration. If you are looking for a lost item, please see Registration.

## **ACCESSIBILITIES**

All main meetings have ASL Interpretation. A voice-over program will be available to download for the visually impaired.

## **SWACYPAA VI MERCHANDISE**

Remember your SWACYPAA experience with memorabilia. Swing by our Merchandise Booth outside Desert Wind Salon (next to registration) to get your swag! Pre-orders are available for pick up here.

Hours will be:

- Thursday: 3pm-7pm and 9pm-11pm
- Friday: 8am-6pm and 9pm-11pm
- Saturday: 8am-6pm

## **PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

Overwhelmed? Need to throw a TT? Quiet room will be in Sierra 2-3. Yoga will be held here also. Please see program schedule for times.

## **RECORDINGS**

All panels and main meetings will be recorded and available after the conference on [2019.SWACYPAA.org](http://2019.SWACYPAA.org)

## **ANONYMITY STATEMENT**

When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

## **PHOTOS AND RECORDINGS**

In order to preserve our anonymity and the anonymity of others, we ask that you don't take photos/videos during the main meetings/panels. In accordance with the 11th tradition, we must always maintain personal anonymity at the public level.

## **SAFETY**

SWACYPAA follows GSO guidelines in accordance with safety. If at anytime you feel unsafe, please see anyone with a host or security shirt and proper measures will be taken.

## **BID CITIES**

Bid City tables will be in the foyer, between Sierra Ballroom 11 and Desert Wind Salon. Battle of the Bids will be held in the main ballroom Friday at 10am. Bid city round robins will be at these tables following the main meeting Friday night. Bid Skits will be in the Sierra Ballroom 8:00am Saturday morning.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Remember, we are guests in this hotel among other guests. We may be the only example of Alcoholics Anonymous others see. We are responsible for our own behavior and how it affects others, SWACYPAA and AA as a whole.

## **MARATHON MEETINGS**

Marathon meetings will be held in Sierra 10. Please see our marathon meeting schedule posted outside the room. They will be held every hour on the hour (except during main meetings) Starting 11pm Thursday night until the end of the conference.

## **HOSPITALITY ROOM**

The Hospitality Room will be located in Desert Wind Salon open 24 hours. Please see our group hosting schedule located outside the room. Please keep in mind, no outside food/beverage is permitted.



## **THURSDAY MAIN MEETING**

7:00pm

Sierra Ballroom

**Traditional Southern Paiute Prayer:** Glen R.

**Chair:** Samantha G.

**Facts, Aims, Purposes:** Kristen D.

**Voice:** Ehlias K. and Morgan B.

**How it Works:** Austin W.

**The Twelve Traditions:** Bogdan F.

**Introductory Speaker:** Alexis W. Las Vegas, NV

**Main Speaker:** Steve W. San Diego, CA

**Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk:** Ben B.

## **FRIDAY MAIN MEETING**

6:00pm

Sierra Ballroom

**Chair:** Lorie R.

**Facts, Aims, Purposes:** John L.

**Voice:** Ehlias K. and Morgan B.

**Roll Call:** Jeremy B. and Colton S.

**How it Works:** Keegan D.

**The Twelve Traditions:** Sam A.

**Main Speaker:** Nicolette K. Lake Worth, FL

**Main Speaker:** Tim B. Los Angeles, CA

**Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk:** Nick R.

# **SATURDAY MAIN MEETING**

6:00pm

Sierra Ballroom

**Chair:** Becca H.

**Voice:** Ehlias K. and Morgan B.

**Sobriety Countdown:** Nichole M. and Zack P.

**How it Works:** Josh S.

**The Twelve Traditions:** Kadin H.

**Message from Area 42 Delegate:** Rhonda F. Las Vegas, NV

**Main Speaker:** Christy D. Las Vegas, NV

**Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk:** Rosemarie M.

# **SUNDAY MAIN MEETING**

9:00am

Sierra Ballroom

**Chair:** Monique W.

**Facts, Aims, Purposes:** Micah B.

**Voice:** Ehlias K. and Morgan B.

**How it Works:** Sean M.

**The Twelve Traditions:** Jesse D.

**Main Speaker:** Dorian G. Sacramento, CA

**Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk:** Michelle H.

## THURSDAY

- 3:00pm Registration Opens**  
Foyer outside Desert Wind Salon
- 7:00pm Main Meeting (ASL Interpretation)**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 9:30pm Pre-conference Party Bus**  
meet out front of pop-up pizza
- 10:00pm Panel: What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas: “*The principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance*” - Tradition 12 Long Form**  
Chair: *Alexis C. Las Vegas, NV* Panelists: *Lisa T. Las Vegas, NV; Kirk H. Las Vegas, NV; Rhonda F. Las Vegas, NV*  
Sierra 11
- 10:00pm Movie Roulette: Vegas Themed Movies**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 11:00pm YPAA Party Games**  
Sierra 4-5

## FRIDAY

- 8:00am Registration Opens**  
Foyer outside Desert Wind Salon
- 9:00am Yoga**  
Hosted by: *Amanda S. Naples, FL*  
Sierra 2-3
- 10:00am Battle of the Bids: Big Book and SWACY PAA Trivia**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 11:00am Panel: In Love and Service: “*...General Service Committee[s], they are the custodians of our AA...*” - Tradition 9 Long Form**  
Chair: *Jason M. Las Vegas, NV* Panelists: *Phil Mammoth, CA; Barb M. Reno, NV; Jonelle Las Vegas, NV*  
Sierra 11
- 12:30pm Speed Fellowshiping**  
Hosted by: *TITYPAA*  
Sierra Ballroom
- 1:00pm Native American/First Nations Talking Circle**  
Hosted by: *Tameem S. Puyallup, WA*  
Sierra 4-5



- 2:00pm Panel: I almost pulled the trigger: “Surviving the certain trials and low spots ahead” Alcoholics Anonymous page 15**  
Chair: Lorie R. Las Vegas, NV Panelists: Evan F. Las Vegas, NV; Lena O. Redding, CA; Bill F. Bloomington, IL  
Sierra 11
- 4:00pm Q&A with Advisory**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 4:00pm Panel: Rejoining Society in AA: “Getting back to the social life of this world.” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 102**  
Chair: Jeremy B. Las Vegas, NV Panelists: Anil M. Las Vegas, NV; Pat T. Colorado Springs, CO; Danny H. Phoenix, AZ  
Sierra 11
- 6:00pm Main Meeting: doors open at 5ish (ASL Interpretation)**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 9:00pm Bid City Round Robins**  
Foyer
- 9:00pm Panel: Spirituality in Sin City: “To be doomed an alcoholic death or to live life on a spiritual basis” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 44**  
Chair: Jill G. Las Vegas, NV Panelists: Heather R. Cedar City, UT; Jimmy K. Las Vegas, NV; Lauren Mc. McKinney, TX  
Sierra 11
- 10:30pm Vegas Royale Whoopee Party: Old School Vegas themed dance**  
DJ: KenV Albuquerque, NM dropping that bomb beat by Dre  
Sierra Ballroom
- 11:00pm YPAA Party Games**  
Sierra 4-5

## **SATURDAY**

- 8:00am Registration opens**  
Foyer outside Desert Wind Salon
- 8:00am BISCUITS! (Bid Skits) - come out and see the hard work the bid cities have done all year**  
Sierra Ballroom

- 9:00am Yoga**  
Hosted by: *Amanda S. Naples, FL*  
Sierra 2-3
- 10:00am Panel: To Wives and The Family Afterward: *Daddy “knows he is to blame” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 123***  
Chair: *Zack P. Houston, TX* Panelists: *Holly G. Orange County, CA; Jeff D. St. George, UT; Dain R. Las Vegas, NV; Rory M. Las Vegas, NV*  
Sierra 11
- 10:30am Guided Meditation**  
Hosted by: *Butterfly*  
Sierra 4-5
- 11:00am Meet the Fockers Responsible: *Tell advisory how you really feel! - Advisory Forum***  
Sierra Ballroom
- 12:00pm Panel: Being comfortable with my own sexuality: *“whatever our ideal turns out to be, we must be willing to grow towards it” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 69***  
Chair: *Michelle H. Las Vegas, NV* Panelists: *Butterfly Las Vegas, NV; Emmy K. Los Angeles, CA; Kyle F. Calgary, Alberta*  
Sierra 4-5
- 1:00pm Native American/First Nations Talking Circle**  
Hosted by: *Tameem S. Puyallup, WA*  
Sierra 4-5
- 1:00pm Panel: The lights don’t go out when we get sober: *“Am I to be consigned to a life where I shall be stupid, boring and glum?” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 152***  
Chair: *Josh S. Las Vegas, NV* Panelists: *Cassie D. Indianapolis, IN; Brandon M. Phoenix, AZ; Marianna A. Los Angeles, CA*  
Sierra 11
- 2:00pm Terry Stokes Hypnotist Show (ASL Interpretation)**  
Sierra Ballroom
- 3:30pm Panel: Taboo Professions in AA: *When AA and work collide. “Alcoholics are energetic people, we work hard and play hard.” - Alcoholics Anonymous page 146***  
Chair: *Ehlias K. Las Vegas, NV* Panelists: *Tammy H. Boise, ID; Brian D. Reno, NV; Todd C. Las Vegas, NV*  
Sierra 11

**6:00pm Main Meeting: doors open at 5ish (ASL Interpretation)**

Sierra Ballroom

**8:00pm Roof Top Pool Party**

DJ: *KenV Albuquerque, NM and DJ Dhue Dhue dropping that bomb beat by Dre, Life sized games*

5th floor

**11:00pm MC Battle**

DJ: *KenV Albuquerque, NM dropping that bomb beat by Dre*

Poolside 5th floor

**11:00pm YPAA Party Games**

Sierra 4-5

## **SUNDAY**

**9:00am Main Meeting (ASL Interpretation Provided)**

Sierra Ballroom

## **YOURS IN LOVE AND SERVICE SWACYPAA VI HOST COMMITTEE**

Chair: Becca H.

Treasurer: Jason Mc.

Programs: Lorie R.

Facilities: Kristen D.

Co-Outreach: Sean M.

Co-Events: Monique W.

Bylaws: Morgan B.

Registration: Kadin H.

Security: Bogdan F.

Literature: Becki P.

Social Media: Austin W.

LBGTQ+: Michelle H.

Bid Cities: John L.

Merchandise: Monica H.

Prayer Chair: Ben B.

Co-Chair: Samantha G.

Co-Treasurer: Jeremy B.

Co-Programs: Zack P.

Co-Facilities: Jay C.

Events: Ehlias K.

Unity: Micah B.

Inreach: Nichole Mc.

Hospitality: Rosemarie M.

Co-Security: Zac N.

A/V: Nick R.

Native American Liason: Sam A.

Co-LBGTQ+: Colton S.

IT/Webmaster: Keegan D.

Accessibilities: Josh S.

Member at Large: Jesse D.



