

NORTH TEXAS BID

TXSCYPAA 43

A SOLUTION TO
THESE
BEDEVILMENTS



IT'S NOT
JUST A
PHASE



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WE HAD TO ASK OURSELVES WHY WE SHOULDN'T APPLY TO OUR HUMAN PROBLEMS THIS SAME READINESS TO CHANGE OUR POINT OF VIEW. WE WERE HAVING TROUBLE WITH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, WE COULDN'T CONTROL OUR EMOTIONAL NATURES, WE WERE A PREY TO MISERY AND DEPRESSION, WE COULDN'T MAKE A LIVING, WE HAD A FEELING OF USELESSNESS, WE WERE FULL OF FEAR, WE WERE UNHAPPY, WE COULDN'T SEEM TO BE OF REAL HELP TO OTHER PEOPLE — WAS NOT A BASIC SOLUTION OF THESE BEDEVILMENTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHETHER WE SHOULD SEE NEWSREELS OF LUNAR FLIGHT? OF COURSE IT WAS.

WHEN WE SAW OTHERS SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS BY A SIMPLE RELIANCE UPON THE SPIRIT OF THE UNIVERSE, WE HAD TO STOP DOUBTING THE POWER OF GOD. OUR IDEAS DID NOT WORK. BUT THE GOD IDEA DID.



STATEMENT

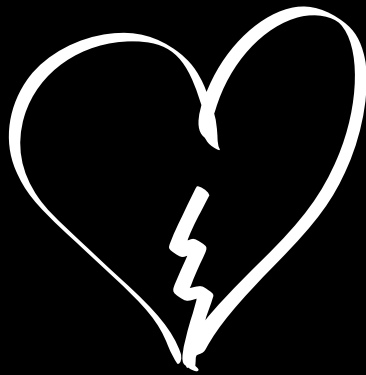


WE ARE BIDDING FOR TXSCYPAA TO SHOW YOUNG PEOPLE THAT SOBRIETY CAN BE DYNAMIC, FULFILLING, AND BEAUTIFUL. WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT. SLAY. PROVIDING AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE OUR AGE CAN FIND RECOVERY, UNITY, AND SERVICE WILL ALWAYS BE OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE. MANY OF US FOUND YPAA AFTER OR DURING COVID LOCKDOWNS. OTHERS HAVE SEEN A RETURN TO "NORMAL" AS WE VISITED CONFERENCES AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE TXSCYPAA CONTINUE TO GROW BACK TO HER FORMER GLORY.

AA BECAME MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE TO SOME OF US WHEN WE SAW HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CHEERING, DANCING, AND PLAYING GAMES. THAT WAS THE PUSH SOME OF US USED TO FINALLY GET A SPONSOR AND WORK THE STEPS. OTHERS USED THIS EXPERIENCE AS MOTIVATION TO GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE AT THE YPAA, HOME GROUP, OR AREA LEVEL.

THIS BID AS A WHOLE IS HERE SO THAT TXSCYPAA HAS A VIABLE OPTION TO HOST NEXT YEAR. WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO MISS THE EXPERIENCE THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO US. IF WE ARE ASKED TO BE OF SERVICE, WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO SLAY THE HOUSE BOOTS DOWN.





COMMITTEE ROSTER



LEAH J. CHAIR 5/10/2017

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42— TREASURER

TXSCYPAA 40 HOST COMMITTEE— SECRETARY

WHISKEY AND MILK (WAM)— INTERGROUP REP

WAM— ZOOM CZAR

WAM— SECRETARY

WAM— BIRTHDAY CHAIR FOR TWO TERMS

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 40— PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR

SUPPLIES CHAIR

CHAIRING MEETINGS AT WAM, FLOWERS OF THE SOUTH, AND GRAY HOUSE

TOOK MEETINGS TO NEXUS RECOVERY FOR WOMEN

CAM S. CO CHAIR 03/03/2021

SPONSOR

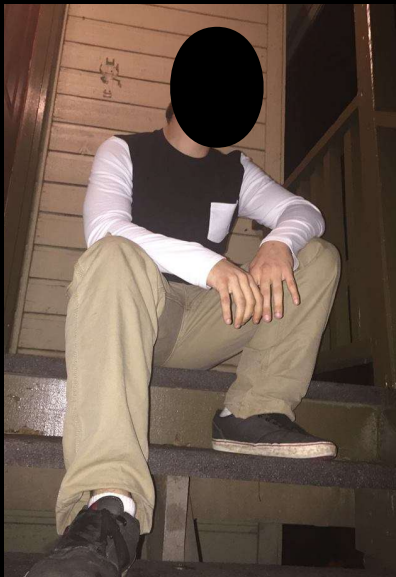
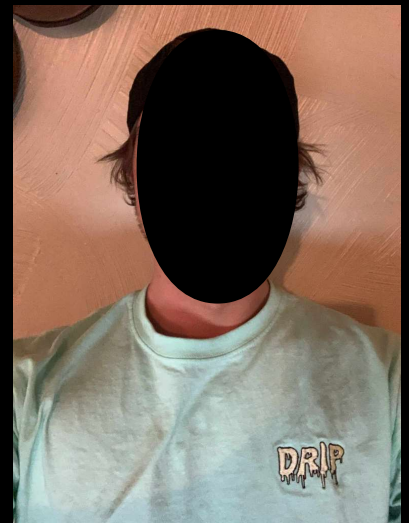
SPONSEE

TQCYPAA — FOOD CHAIR, ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR

TXSCYPAA 40 HOST — MEMBER AT LARGE

SOUTHWEST GROUP — SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE, MEETING CHAIR

NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 — HOSPITALITY CHAIR



JAKE P. TREASURER 7/29/2020

HAS WORKED THE STEPS

HAS A SPONSOR

SPONSORS OTHER MEN

SERCYPAA 2023 HOST — MARATHON MEETINGS CHAIR

TQCYPAA — MALE CONFERENCE CO CHAIR

EMILY C. SECRETARY 3/17/2021

BID BOOK CHAIR—NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42

GRAPHICS CO—CHAIR—SERCYPAA 2023

BID BOOK CHAIR—NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 43

CHAIRS MEETINGS

HAS A SPONSOR

AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR



NATE E. HOTELS CHAIR 3/23/2015

CURRENT SERVICE POSITIONS:

SERCYPAA ADVISORY COUNCIL – AT LARGE

TQCYPAA – TREASURER

AUSTIN BID FOR ICYPAA – MEMBER AT LARGE

SOUTHWEST AA GROUP – TREATMENT CENTER REP.

TREATMENT AND FACILITIES DISTRICT COMMITTEE – MEMBER

CELEBRATION OF SOBRIETY PLANNING COMMITTEE – VOICE OF CELEBRATION

PREVIOUS SERVICE POSITIONS:

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 43 – EVENTS CHAIR

SERCYPAA 2023 HOST – PROGRAM CHAIR

TEXAS BID FOR SERCYPAA – TRANSPORTATION CHAIR

TQCYPAA – SECURITY CHAIR, MALE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 – CHAIR

TEXAS STATE AA CONVENTION 74 1/2 – YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTREACH CHAIR

TXSCYPAA 40 HOST – H&I CHAIR, PUBLIC INFORMATION, CO PROGRAM, CO PRAYER

LAKE WORTH YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING – SET UP, CLEAN UP.

DESIGN FOR LIVING GROUP – MEETING CHAIR

FIREHOUSE MIRACLES MEETING – CHAIR, SECRETARY, GREETER, MEETING CHAIR

VARIOUS H&I COMMITMENTS AS CHAIRPERSON/SPEAKER



AVA P. BID PRESENTATION & PROGRAM 12/18/2021

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NORTH TEXAS BID 42 – GRAPHICS CHAIR, EVENTS CHAIR, HISTORIAN

TEXAS BID FOR SERCYPAA – PRAYER CHAIR

TQCYPAA – FEMALE CONFERENCE CO CHAIR, GREETER, SECURITY

BRINGS H&I MEETINGS TO INSTITUTIONS

CHAIRS MEETINGS



KATIE C. INREACH 10/7/2020

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NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 – H&I CHAIR

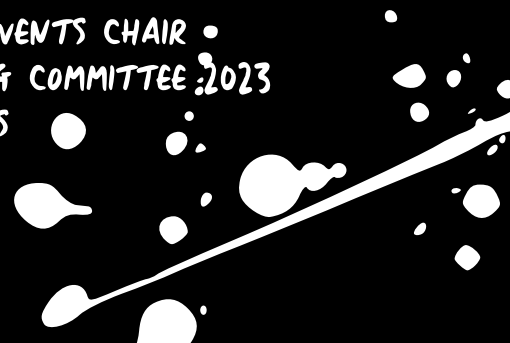
TQCYPAA – FEMALE CONFERENCE CO CHAIR

TQCYPAA – BIRTHDAY NIGHT CHAIR

TXSCYPAA 40 HOST – CO EVENTS CHAIR

SOUTHWEST AA GROUP – STEERING COMMITTEE 2023

CHAIRS MEETINGS



JOSH D. FELLOWSHIP 4/24/2022

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NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 — BID PRESENTATION
SERCYPAA 2023 HOST — COFFEE CHAIR
SOUTHWEST AA GROUP — MEETING CHAIR



BRADY W. TRADITIONS 11/28/2019

CURRENT SERVICE POSITIONS

SERCYPAA ADVISORY — AT LARGE

SOUTHWEST AA GROUP — GSR

TQCYPA — ADVISORY (2/22)

SERCYPAA 2023 — HOTEL CHAIR

SERCYPAA 2023 — SERVICE CO-CHAIR

MEMBER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR SWRAASA 2024 HOST

ICYPA 64 HOST — GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON

PREVIOUS SERVICE POSITIONS

TXSCYPAA 40 — ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR

TXSCYPAA 40 — FELLOWSHIP CHAIR

TQCYPA — REGISTRATION CHAIR

TQCYPA — MALE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR

TQCYPA — BIRTHDAY NIGHT CHAIR

TEXAS BID FOR SERCYPAA — CO-CHAIR

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 — CO-CHAIR



GEORGIE J. CENTRAL OFFICE

LIAISON 11/7/2021

WELCOMES NEWCOMERS

SPONSORS WOMAN IN THE PROGRAM

HAS BEEN THROUGH THE 12 STEPS 2 TIMES

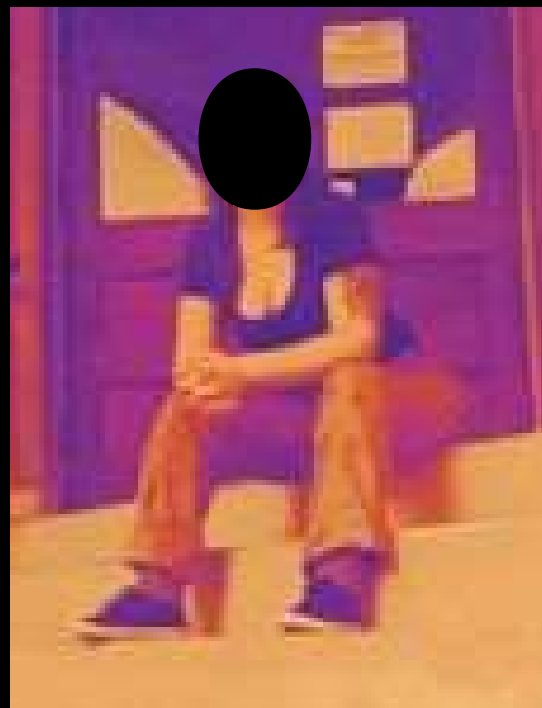
LADIES NIGHT GROUP IN SOUTHLAKE — CENTRAL OFFICE REP

CENTRAL OFFICE REP MEETING AND GSR MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR 1
YEAR

WOMAN GONE MILD — CO SECRETARY

GOLDEN TRIANGLE GROUP — TEMP. CENTRAL OFFICE REP

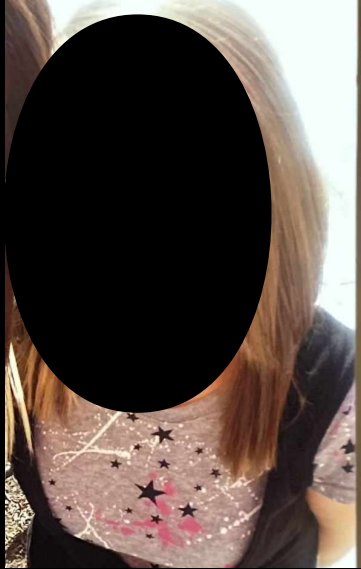
BRINGS THE MESSAGE TO TREATMENT CENTERS



AIDEN G. HOSPITALITY/PRE REG

11/16/2019

NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA 42 — MERCH CHAIR
TQXPAA — PROGRAM CHAIR
GOLDEN TRIANGLE GROUP — ENTERTAINMENT
GOLDEN TRIANGLE GROUP — H&I COORDINATOR



OLIVIA S. MERCH & GRAPHICS

9/13/2022

HAS A SPONSOR
HAS CHAIRED MEETINGS AT GLASSHOUSE AA GROUP
TQCPAA — GREETER NOVEMBER 2023
ICYPAA 64— ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR

REBECCA S. ACCESSIBILITIES 1/2/2020

HAS A SPONSOR
GOES TO MEETINGS
SWRAASA — YPAA LIAISON CO CHAIR
SERCYPAA 2023 HOST — MEMBER AT LARGE



IAN G. NEW MEMBER LIAISON 6/11/2022

HAS A SPONSOR
TQCPAA— GREETER
BIRTHDAY NIGHT CHAIR FOR TQCPAA

ERIC O. H&I CHAIR 9/29/22

GRAVES STREET GROUP — MEETING CHAIR
GRAVES STREET GROUP — PROGRAM CHAIR
BRING H&I MEETINGS TO TARRANT YOUTH RECOVERY CAMPUS AND
RIVERWALK RANCH





ARTURO H. EVENTS CHAIR 8/3/22

HAS A SPONSOR
BRINGS H&IS TO TREATMENT CENTERS
CHAIRS MEETINGS
ICYPAA 64 HOST – SPANISH INCLUSION & OUTREACH
TEXAS BID FOR ICYPAA 64 – MEMBER AT LARGE
SERCYPAA 2023 – INREACH, EVENTS, CO COFFEE
SOUTHWEST AA GROUP – PROGRAM CHAIR
TQCPAA – MALE CONFERENCE CO CHAIR



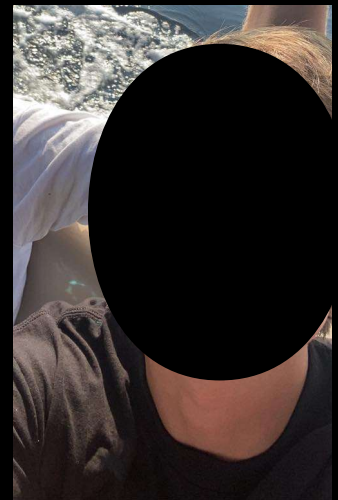
MEMBERS AT LARGE



BEKKA K. 10/9/23



BRENNA K. 1/21/22



TY J. 1/21/23



CHRIS K. 5/14/23.



ARIC R. 11/4/20



HENRY C. 10/1/23



KEVIN O.



DAVID S.



MINA V. 1/10/19



IVY B. 3/17/21



SCOTTI F. 9/28/23



STEVAN E. 9/22/23



EMPTY SPACE, LIKE MY SOUL.....



ACCESSIBILITIES

The following is information that has been collected by our Accessibilities Chair. Areas of accessibilities researched include deaf persons, Spanish-speaking communities, persons with vision impairment, and wheelchair users.

American Sign Language (ASL)

- Main Speaker Meetings:
 - Paid Interpreter:
 - Preferably in AA due to schema
 - \$80/hr. average
 - 3 hrs. per day (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)
 - Estimated conference budget \$720.
 - Deaf attendees will be seated in a designated section by Interpreters.
 - Daytime Interpreters: (Outside of the main speaker meetings)
 - Kari Stahl (a member of AA and a BEI Certified ASL Interpreter) would interpret for service work.
 - Kari has 2-4 students halfway through their certification that would interpret for college practicum hours.
 - Kari would handle scheduling for daytime Interpreters.
 - Alternative Interpreter options:
 - Area 65 Accessibilities Chair (Lore L.) has about 4 other contacts.
 - Kari has 3 other contacts who are not in the program and would need to be paid.
 - Greeters: We will work with our contacts to provide ASL interpretation at registration.
 - Registration fees will be waived for Interpreters.
 - 2 Hotel Rooms added to Budget for Interpreters.

Spanish Translation

- Area 65 Translations Committee Resources
 - Translation Headphones available for use (depending on schedule)
 - Willing to help with translating documents (flyers, information packets, etc.)
- Area 65 Accessibilities Zoom Business Plus Account
 - Translates simultaneously into 80 different languages in Closed Captioning.

- Connected with Hispanic Liaison for SWRAASA 2024 (Nadja F.)
 - Agreed to send me contact information for the Spanish DCMs of the 5 districts within Area 65.
 - Welcomed me to accompany her to Spanish meetings and DCM meetings.
 - Acquired her list of Spanish groups within Area 65
 - Acquired contact information for a young member of the Translations Committee interested in learning about YPAA and being of service in this area.
- We are exploring closed captioning to assist with translation during main meetings.
- Looking further into providing packets of Spanish translated information (flyers, etc.) and giving them to the DCMs of Spanish districts.

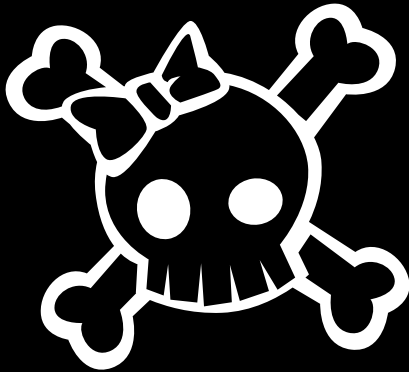
Persons with Vision Impairment

- We have an AA contact who is willing to make programs in braille.

Wheelchair Users

- Assuring hotel is wheelchair accessible in all areas.
- We will price out accessible van rentals for airport drop-offs & pick-ups.

Our hope is that this area of the conference can begin bridging the gap between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as the gap between able-bodied persons and those in AA with impairments. These life-changing conferences can be given to all without restriction. Alcoholics Anonymous Without Barriers!



WORK IN AA'S LEGACIES

RECOVERY

BELOW ARE EXPERIENCES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE PROMISES OF EACH STEP

1. BUT, THERE EXISTS AMONG US A FELLOWSHIP, A FRIENDLINESS, AND AN UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS INDESCRIBABLY WONDERFUL. [16]

HENRY

MY WORK THROUGH STEP 1 HAS INVOLVED READING STEP ONE OUT OF THE 12 X 12 EVERY DAY FOR A FEW WEEKS, WRITING ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF MY USING AND THINGS OVER WHICH I AM POWERLESS, READING PAGES 60-63 IN THE BIG BOOK EVERY MORNING, WORKING IN STEP WORKBOOKS, PRAYING. IT SAYS IN THE CHAPTER THERE IS A SOLUTION OF THE BIG BOOK OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, "THE FEELING OF HAVING SHARED IN A COMMON PERIL IS ONE ELEMENT IN THE POWERFUL CEMENT WHICH BINDS US. BUT THAT IN ITSELF WOULD NEVER HAVE HELD US TOGETHER AS WE ARE NOW JOINED. THE TREMENDOUS FACT FOR EVERY ONE OF US IS THAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED A COMMON SOLUTION."

HAVING WORKED STEP ONE SEEMINGLY COUNTLESS TIMES, I HAVE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL HOW MY LIFE HAS BECOME UNMANAGEABLE, HOW I HAVE DONE THINGS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT BELOW ME, HOW I WAS UTTERLY BROKEN AND POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL. GETTING VULNERABLE ABOUT THESE EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HAS CREATED SOME IMMEDIATE AND LASTING BONDS; DEEP "ME TOO!" MOMENTS THAT CREATE BEAUTIFUL, EMPATHETIC FRIENDSHIPS. WE ALL HAVE A COMMON PERIL BY WHICH WE CARINGLY CONNECT; BUT, LIKE IT IS SAID IN THE BIG BOOK, OUR COMMON SOLUTION IS REALLY WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER. THIS HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE.

AFTER ADMITTING MY POWERLESSNESS, AND ACCEPTING THAT I NEEDED HELP, I STARTED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE SOLUTION, ABOUT OTHERS' SUCCESSES IN THEIR NEW RECOVERY/SELFLESS/HP-CENTRIC LIVES. OUT OF WITNESSING THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS AND STORIES OF JOY AND COMPASSION, TALKING ABOUT HOW LONG IT'S TAKEN TO WRITE A 4TH STEP, BUT HOW LIGHT WE FEEL AFTER FINISHING STEP 7, MY FEELINGS OF WELLNESS AND BELONGING GREW EVEN FURTHER. THE CAMARADERIE FORMED AS A RESULT OF SHARING NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES EXPANDS FURTHER AS WE SHARE OUR VICTORIES AND SEE THAT OUR LIVES CAN CHANGE. A FEELING OF HOPE EMERGES AFTER STICKING AROUND AND DOING THE WORK, AND THIS HOPE CAN CREATE A POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOP IN OUR FELLOWSHIP PRODUCING WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES.

I ONCE HELPED A GROUP OF YOUNGER ADDICTS COMPLETELY NEW TO RECOVERY GET INTO THE PROGRAM. THEY WERE EXCITED ABOUT IT, MOTIVATED, AND CURIOUS-ALBEIT BEATEN FROM THEIR RECENT DRINKING AND DRUGGING ESCAPADES. THEY WENT THROUGH ALL THE HIGH AND LOW EMOTIONS BUT KEPT READING THE LITERATURE, BEING PRESENT FOR EACH OTHER, PRACTICING SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES, ASKING QUESTIONS. I WAS SO PROUD OF THEM AND MYSELF; FEELINGS FOREIGN TO ME FROM YEARS OF LIVING IN MY DISEASE. ONE DAY THEY WERE STARTING A MEETING TOGETHER AND STUMBLING TO GET THE PROCESS DOWN; I REMEMBER SMILING WATCHING THEM AND BEING OVERWHELMED WITH A FEELING I DESCRIBE AS A GLIMPSE OF JOY. I NEVER HAD A LIFE-CHANGING SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE LIKE BILL WILSON, BUT THAT WAS MY LITTLE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE-AN INDESCRIBABLY WONDERFUL FEELING OF FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDLINESS, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT EXISTS AMONG US ROOTED FROM OUR SELF-FAILINGS AND GROWING FROM THE JOY WE GET AS A RESULT OF WORKING THE STEPS.

2. WE HAVE FOUND MUCH OF HEAVEN AND WE HAVE BEEN ROCKETED INTO A FOURTH DIMENSION OF EXISTENCE OF WHICH WE HAD NOT EVEN DREAMED.

[P. 25]

REBECCA

WHEN I FIRST CAME INTO THE PROGRAM OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, I FELT UTTERLY ALONE AND AS IF THERE WAS SURELY NOT ANOTHER PERSON WHO COULD POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND HOW I FELT OR WHAT I WAS GOING THROUGH. IF YOU LAUGHED, THEN YOU REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE!

OF COURSE, IN THE BEGINNING I HEARD A LOT ABOUT "IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE, THEN DO WHAT WE DO", BUT I WAS LEFT THINKING, "WELL WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU HAVE?". I CONTINUED GOING TO MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS LEARNING LITTLE BY LITTLE WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED DUE TO WORKING THE PROGRAM. YET, IT WASN'T UNTIL I FINALLY GOT A SPONSOR AND STARTED WORKING THE STEPS THAT I TRULY BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY HAD FOUND...HEAVEN.

HEAVEN APPEARED TO ME IN MANY DIFFERENT FORMS: THE SUDDEN GROWTH IN OBSERVATION OF MY BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS, THE LOVE AND SUPPORT GIVEN BETWEEN THE MEMBERS, AND THE STRENGTH, HOPE, AND EXPERIENCES THAT I WAS SELFLESSLY GIFTED. THESE MINUTE DETAILS OF HEAVEN WERE JUST THE BEGINNING.

AS I CONTINUED ON MY SOBER JOURNEY, I ENDED UP FINDING A VOID WHERE MY CONNECTION TO MY HIGHER POWER HAD SPORADICALLY BEEN THROUGHOUT MY LIFE. I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN I WASN'T AS CONNECTED AS I HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT WHEN I WAS DRINKING. ACCEPTING THE POWERLESSNESS OVER ALCOHOL TURNED INTO RECOGNIZING THE SELFISHNESS IN MY ACTIONS AND REACTIONS, WORDS, PERCEPTIONS, AND MY SPIRITUALITY. SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, MY FAITH WAS REGAINED, I CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN MYSELF COULD RESTORE ME TO SANITY, AND I FELT UNDOUBTEDLY RECONNECTED WITH THIS POWER ONCE AGAIN. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, ON A TWO-WAY STREET: I WAS ABLE TO AUTHENTICALLY SHOW UP FOR OTHERS IN WAYS I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO BEFORE, SHARE MY STRENGTHS, HOPE, AND EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS, AND HAVE FAITH THAT THE POWER'S WILL WOULD BE DONE AND NOT MY OWN. I FOUND FREEDOM IN KNOWING THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT AND I FOUND A DEEPER PART OF HEAVEN THAT EXISTS BETWEEN SOULS.

AS TIME PASSED AND I CONTINUED ON, SOBER, I HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH SOME TRULY REMARKABLE HIGHER POWER TIMINGS, CONNECTIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONTINUE TO BAFLE ME. I SEE ITS HAND IN MY EVERY DAY, BOTH MINOR AND MAJOR, WITHIN ME, HOW I INTERACT WITH THE WORLD, AND HOW THE WORLD INTERACTS WITH ME. IT IS A TRULY REMARKABLE SPACE TO BE IN, AND TO THINK..I AM JUST UNDER FOUR YEARS IN. NOW, I AM GRATEFUL TO SAY AS I SIT HERE WRITING THIS, THAT I HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY COME TO KNOW THAT I HAVE FOUND MUCH OF HEAVEN HERE ON EARTH AND HAVE BEEN ROCKETED INTO THE ASTONISHING FOURTH DIMENSION...WHERE I THINK I'LL STAY FOR A WHILE.

3. AS WE FELT NEW POWER FLOW IN, AS WE ENJOYED PEACE OF MIND, AS WE DISCOVERED WE COULD FACE LIFE SUCCESSFULLY, AS WE BECAME CONSCIOUS OF HIS PRESENCE, WE BEGAN TO LOSE OUR FEAR OF TODAY, TOMORROW OR THE HEREAFTER. WE WERE REBORN.

[P. 63]

A. ERIC

WHEN I REMEMBER HOW UNMANAGEABLE MY LIFE WAS BEFORE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, THE CHOICE TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL INSTEAD OF MINE BECOMES VERY SIMPLE. I USED TO BELIEVE BEING A REAL ADULT MEANT HAVING THE PERFECT PLAN AND EXECUTION FOR EVERY SITUATION. THERE IS A HUGE RELIEF AND PEACE IN ALLOWING GOD TO BE IN CHARGE. I NO LONGER HAVE TO KNOW AND CONTROL EVERY ASPECT OF MY LIFE. I CAN DO HIS WORK WITHOUT GOING CRAZY OVER THE INSIGNIFICANT DETAILS. TODAY, I CAN HONESTLY SAY "THY WILL BE DONE" ONE DAY AT A TIME.

4. IF WE HAVE BEEN THOROUGH ABOUT OUR PERSONAL INVENTORY, WE HAVE WRITTEN DOWN A LOT. WE HAVE LISTED AND ANALYZED OUR RESENTMENTS. WE HAVE BEGUN TO COMPREHEND THEIR FUTILITY AND THEIR FATALITY. WE HAVE COMMENCED TO SEE THEIR TERRIBLE DESTRUCTIVENESS. WE HAVE BEGUN TO LEARN TOLERANCE, PATIENCE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN, EVEN OUR ENEMIES, FOR WE LOOK ON THEM AS SICK PEOPLE. WE HAVE LISTED THE PEOPLE WE HAVE HURT BY OUR CONDUCT, AND ARE WILLING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE PAST IF WE CAN. [P. 70]

EMILY

WHEN I WORKED STEP 4 THE FIRST TIME, I HAD A HARD TIME SEEING WHAT MY RESENTMENTS AND FEAR HAD TO DO WITH MY SOBRIETY. EVEN AFTER WORKING IT THE FIRST TIME I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE RELIEF THAT WAS PROMISED TO ME. MY FIRST YEAR OF SOBRIETY WAS EXTREMELY TURBULENT, AND WHILE WORKING THE STEPS DID GIVE ME RELIEF, THERE WAS A LOT OF OTHER THINGS HAPPENING THAT MADE LIVING HAPPY, JOYOUS, AND FREE A DIFFICULT FEAT. AS I CONTINUED IN MY SOBRIETY, I STARTED WORKING THE STEPS FOR A SECOND TIME. THIS TIME AROUND WAS VASTLY DIFFERENT. I HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY SOBER, AND WAS INTIMATELY AWARE OF HOW MY RESENTMENTS CAN LEAD ME TO TAKING A DRINK. IT CAME TO A HEAD SHORTLY AFTER I GOT OFF PROBATION WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A COUPLE YEARS, I WAS HAVING ACTUAL ALCOHOL CRAVINGS. ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THIS, MY SPONSOR HAD TOLD ME TO START WORKING ON MY FOURTH STEP, WHICH I HAD BEEN PROCRASTINATING. I CALLED A FRIEND WHO TOLD ME WHAT I NEEDED TO HEAR AT THAT MOMENT: ESSENTIALLY THAT IF I DON'T WORK THE STEPS I WILL DRINK BECAUSE I AM AN ALCOHOLIC AND THAT IS MY NATURAL INCLINATION. AFTER THAT CONVERSATION, I IMMEDIATELY STARTED WORKING ON MY FOURTH STEP WRITING DOWN MY RESENTMENTS. THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR WRITING THINGS DOWN. THE IMMEDIATE CATHARSIS OF GETTING THINGS OUT OF MY HEAD AND ON PAPER WAS PROFOUND. I WAS ABLE TO START SEEING WHERE I HAD LET OTHER PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR WOUND ME, AND HOW HOLDING ONTO THESE PAINS AND TRAUMAS, I WAS CONTINUING TO HURT MYSELF. I WAS ABLE TO BEGIN SEEING HOW NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE TO ME OR THEIR PERCEIVED OFFENSES, THEY ARE ALL ESSENTIALLY SICK PEOPLE AND IF I CONTINUE TO BLAME THEM FOR MY OWN WOUNDS, I CAN NEVER HEAL FROM THEM.

5. WE CAN LOOK THE WORLD IN THE EYE. WE CAN BE ALONE AT PERFECT PEACE AND EASE. OUR FEARS FALL FROM US. WE BEGIN TO FEEL THE NEARNESS OF OUR CREATOR. WE MAY HAVE HAD CERTAIN SPIRITUAL BELIEFS, BUT NOW WE BEGIN TO HAVE A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

BEKA

BEFORE WORKING THE STEPS I WAS CRIPPLED WITH ANXIETY AND SELF DOUBT. AT THE TIME I DIDN'T KNOW THE STEP PROMISES. BUT ONE OF THE PROMISES FROM STEP 5 IS "WE CAN BE ALONE AT PERFECT PEACE AND EASE. OUR FEARS FALL FROM US." THESE PROMISES SHOW UP IN MY LIFE EVERY SINGLE DAY. BECAUSE BEFORE I WORKED THE STEPS (PARTICULARLY STEP 5) I WAS CRIPPLED IN MY ANXIETY AND SELF DOUBT. BUT WHEN I WORKED IT WITH MY SPONSOR I FELT SO MUCH OF THAT SLIP AWAY AND I NO LONGER LIVE IN THAT DARKNESS. ALL OF THIS TO SAY THAT THE PROMISES DO COME TRUE. IF YOU WORK THE PROGRAM AND YOU DO THE NEXT RIGHT THING.

6. OF COURSE, THE OFTEN DISPUTED QUESTION OF WHETHER GOD CAN—AND WILL, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS—REMOVE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER WILL BE ANSWERED WITH A PROMPT AFFIRMATIVE BY ALMOST ANY A.A. MEMBER. TO HIM, THIS PROPOSITION WILL BE NO THEORY AT ALL; IT WILL BE JUST ABOUT THE LARGEST FACT IN HIS LIFE. [12 AND 12, P 63]

AIDEN

THROUGH TAKING THE STEPS, LISTENING TO THE SUGGESTIONS OF MY SPONSOR, AND PRACTISING THE STEPS IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE, MY EXPERIENCE IS THAT GOD CAN AND WILL REMOVE MY DEFECTS OF CHARACTER. FROM WHAT I'VE EXPERIENCED IT IS ENTIRELY CONTINGENT ON HOW THOROUGHLY I WORK MY PROGRAM TODAY. GOD DOES FOR ME WHAT I CANNOT DO FOR MYSELF IF I LET HIM. WHEN I TAKE MY LIFE INTO MY OWN HANDS, IT PREVENTS HIM FROM REMOVING MY DEFECTS.

7. "NEVER WAS THERE ENOUGH OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WE WANTED.

IN ALL THESE STRIVINGS, SO MANY OF THEM WELL INTENTIONED, OUR CRIPPING HANDICAP HAD BEEN OUR LACK OF HUMILITY. WE HAD LACKED THE PERSPECTIVE TO SEE THAT CHARACTER-BUILDING AND SPIRITUAL VALUES HAD TO COME FIRST, AND THAT MATERIAL SATISFACTIONS WERE NOT THE PURPOSE OF LIVING." (12 & 12, P. 71)

GEORGIE

THIS PROGRAM HAS NOT TAUGHT ME HOW TO DRINK LIKE A LADY AND MANAGE MY LIFE. THIS PROGRAM HAS TAUGHT ME HOW TO LIVE LIFE, WITHOUT USING ALCOHOL TO HELP ME FEEL OR NUMB MY EMOTIONS. THE STEPS HAVE TAUGHT ME HOW TO MANAGE LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS WITHOUT PUTTING SUBSTANCES INTO MY BODY FOR FALSE SUPPORT OR FALSE SATISFACTION.

IT'S WHEN I GET OUT OF MYSELF AND BECOME WILLING TO SERVE THAT I FIND PRESENCE, PERSPECTIVE, GOD AND PEACE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAME BEFORE ME WHO PRACTISED THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OF THEIR AFFAIRS OF LIFE THAT I CAN HAVE A NEW LIFE, TOO. OFTEN I HEAR, "I'M NOT MUCH, BUT I'M ALL I THINK ABOUT". THIS YEAR I WILL BE PRACTICING SEEKING PERSPECTIVES THAT ARE NOT MY OWN. TO CULTIVATE MORE FORGIVENESS AND COMPASSION FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS.

AFTER STEPS 4 AND 5 WE STILL HAVE CHARACTER DEFECTS TO LIVE WITH. STEPS 6 AND 7 ALLOWS US TO SURRENDER TO THE SPIRIT OF THE UNIVERSE AND THE GRACE HE LOVINGLY GIFTS US. THESE ARE THE BEAUTIFUL GIFTS, THE SPIRITUAL VALUES, THAT WE RECEIVE WHEN WE GET TO MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES AND WORK WITH OUR SPONSORS AND SPONSEES. IT SEEMS LIKE WE BEGIN TO HEAL AND HAVE A NEW FOUND HOPE OF SOULFUL CONNECTIONS.

READING STEPS 6 & 7 IN THE 12&12 AND DROP THE ROCK WITH MY SPONSOR WAS A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. IT WAS A SLOW, PATIENT PROCESS. SOMETIMES PRODUCING FRUITS OF PAIN AND OTHER TIMES THE PEACE OF GOD'S PRESENCE. IT IS A CONTINUOUS JOURNEY OF LETTING GO, OPENING YOUR MIND AND SINKING INTO YOUR HEART, AND ALLOWING GOD TO DO FOR US WHAT WE CANNOT DO FOR OURSELVES. SLOW DOWN AND SURRENDER. EASY DOES IT.

"WE NEVER THOUGHT OF MAKING HONESTY, TOLERANCE, AND TRUE LOVE OF MAN AND GOD THE DAILY BASIS OF LIVING". (12 & 12 P. 72)

8. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ISOLATION FROM OUR FELLOWS AND FROM GOD (12 AND 12, P. 82)

LEAH

"AN ALCOHOLIC IN HIS CUPS IS AN UNLOVELY CREATURE," AND THAT APPLIES TOO WHEN THE ALCOHOLIC IS IN ISOLATION FROM THEIR FELLOWS AND FROM GOD; A PLACE I FOUND MYSELF AT, AT 4 YEARS SOBER WHILE OTHERS WERE ADJUSTING BACK TO NORMALCY POST-PANDEMIC, I WAS MOVING 45 MINUTES AWAY FROM MY HOME GROUP AND WITHOUT A SPONSOR BECAUSE MINE HAD JUST MOVED BACK TO HER HOME COUNTRY OF AUSTRALIA. LIKE MOST OTHER ALCOHOLICS, I AM A SERIAL ISOLATOR. IN THE PITS OF MY ALCOHOLISM, I WAS ENSLAVED TO THE BONDAGE OF SELF: A PRISONER TO MY FEARS, THOUGHTS, AND APARTMENT. I HAD A PSYCHIATRIST ONCE EXPLAIN IT LIKE THIS: SOCIAL ANXIETY IS LIKE BEING IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOURSELF. THE MORE YOU GIVE IN TO THE DEMANDS TO STAY ALONE WHERE IT SEEMS MORE COMFORTABLE, THE LOUDER THAT ABUSIVE VOICE GETS, AND THE HARDER IT GETS TO EVER LEAVE. MY ALCOHOLISM EXACERBATED THAT AND THE PANDEMIC DID SO AS WELL. I REVELLED IN THE CHANCE TO WORK AND ATTEND MEETINGS FULLY REMOTE. I DID NOT HAVE TO OVERCOME MY ANXIOUS THOUGHTS OF BEING SOCIAL AND SO AGAIN, I BECAME A PRISONER — NOT ONLY SOCIALLY BUT SPIRITUALLY AS WELL. I LET MY RESENTMENTS TOWARDS RELIGION DUE TO THE POLITICAL CLIMATE DURING THE PANDEMIC SUFFOCATE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY HIGHER POWER. I WAS WITHOUT A SOLUTION AND THANK GOD I DIDN'T DRINK. SERVICE WORK, EXCEPTIONALLY IN REGARDS TO TXSCYPAA, WAS A SAVING GRACE FOR ME. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE TXSCYPAA 40 HOST COMMITTEE AND SO AT LEAST I HAD SOMETHING TETHERING ME TO AA AND MY SOBRIETY AS I HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME MY FEARS AROUND GOING TO MEETINGS IN MY NEW AREA TO SET DOWN SOME ROOTS AND FIND A NEW SPONSOR. I FELT LIKE A FRAUD AND WAS ASHAMED TO HAVE YEARS OF SOBRIETY AND NO SPIRITUALITY TO SHOW FOR IT. BUT AS THE CONFERENCE APPROACHED, I BEGAN MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE IN PERSON. EVER SO SLIGHTLY, MY FELLOWSHIP BEGAN TO GROW AGAIN. I STOOD FOR ADVISORY AND FOR THE FINAL ALTERNATE SPOT, I WAS NOT ELECTED AFTER THE VOTE WENT TO THE HAT. TRUTHFULLY, I WAS PRETTY SAD BUT IT WOUND UP BEING THE ABSOLUTE BEST THING FOR ME — MY HIGHER POWER WAS DOING FOR ME WHAT I COULD NOT DO FOR MYSELF. I LEFT THE CONFERENCE AND IMMEDIATELY TEXTED TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUST CONCLUDED HOST COMMITTEE AND ASKED IF WE WERE GOING TO START A BID AGAIN IN OUR AREA — AND THANK GOD THEY SAID YES. THESE PAST TWO YEARS BIDDING GOD HAS WORKED TREMENDOUSLY IN MY LIFE. I AM NO LONGER ISOLATED, I HAVE A FELLOWSHIP THAT I AM TREMENDOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT I TRULY DO NOT THINK I WOULD HAVE HAD I BEEN ELECTED TO ADVISORY.

THIS FELLOWSHIP HAS HELPED ENABLE ME TO FIND A NEW SPONSOR THROUGH SUGGESTING NEW MEETINGS FOR ME AND GETTING ME CONNECTED TO WOMEN IN MY AREA, WHICH THEN PROMPTED ME TO WORK THE STEPS AGAIN. MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY HIGHER POWER HAS ERBED AND FLOWED, AND MORE TIMES THAN NOT, IT IS MY FELLOWS AND THEIR HONESTY IN THEIR STRUGGLES THAT HAVE BROUGHT ME BACK TO GOD. A VISION FOR YOU SAYS IT BEST, "YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT YOUR REAL RELIANCE IS ALWAYS UPON HIM. HE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO CREATE THE FELLOWSHIP YOU CRAVE." I LOVE THIS SPECIAL GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS THAT BRING ME UNENDING AMOUNTS OF JOY AND MORE THAN LIKELY SAVED MY LIFE.

9. WE ARE GOING TO KNOW A NEW FREEDOM AND A NEW HAPPINESS. WE WILL NOT REGRET THE PAST NOR WISH TO SHUT THE DOOR ON IT. WE WILL COMPREHEND THE WORD SERENITY. WE WILL KNOW PEACE. NO MATTER HOW FAR DOWN THE SCALE WE HAVE GONE, WE WILL SEE HOW OUR EXPERIENCE CAN BENEFIT OTHERS. THAT FEELING OF USELESSNESS AND SELF-PITY WILL DISAPPEAR. WE WILL LOSE INTEREST IN SELFISH THINGS AND GAIN INTEREST IN OUR FELLOWS. SELF-SEEKING WILL SLIP AWAY. OUR WHOLE ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK ON LIFE WILL CHANGE. FEAR OF PEOPLE AND ECONOMIC INSECURITY WILL LEAVE US. WE WILL INTUITIVELY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE SITUATIONS WHICH USED TO RAFFLE US. WE WILL SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT GOD IS DOING FOR US WHAT WE COULD NOT DO FOR OURSELVES.

AVA P.

THE NINTH STEP PROMISES WAS WHERE I FOUND THAT GOD HAD ALWAYS HAD A PURPOSE FOR ME. SHORTLY AFTER MY NINTH STEP I SAT WITH A NEWCOMER AND TOLD HER OF SOME OF MY MOST SHAMEFUL AND DEMORALISING EXPERIENCES, AS I SAW HER SHOULDERS FALL WHILE SHE LET OUT A SIGH OF RELIEF, I COULD SEE SHE WAS NO LONGER ALONE AND NEITHER WAS I. IN THAT MOMENT I SAW THAT THE WORST OF MY LIFE NOW HAD A PURPOSE, YEARS OF SELF PITY DISSOLVED IN A STARBUCKS PARKING LOT. I COULD HAVE PEACE IN KNOWING THAT MY LIFE WAS NO LONGER ABOUT ME, BUT ABOUT USING MY EXPERIENCE TO HELP OTHERS. SUDDENLY MY LIFE HAD ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT HELPING GOD'S CHILDREN AND I WAS SIMPLY AN EMPLOYEE. I FOUND A NEW FREEDOM AND A NEW HAPPINESS IN HELPING OTHERS. GOD HAD DONE FOR ME WHAT I COULD HAVE NEVER DONE FOR MYSELF.

10. BY THIS TIME SANITY WILL HAVE RETURNED. WE WILL SELDOM BE INTERESTED IN LIQUOR. IF TEMPTED, WE RECOIL FROM IT AS FROM A HOT FLAME. WE REACT SANELY AND NORMALLY, AND WE WILL FIND THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AUTOMATICALLY. WE WILL SEE THAT OUR NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD LIQUOR HAS BEEN GIVEN US WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT OR EFFORT ON OUR PART. IT JUST COMES! THAT IS THE MIRACLE OF IT. WE ARE NOT FIGHTING IT, NEITHER ARE WE AVOIDING TEMPTATION. WE FEEL AS THOUGH WE HAD BEEN PLACED IN A POSITION OF NEUTRALITY—SAFE AND PROTECTED. WE HAVE NOT EVEN SWORN OFF. INSTEAD, THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN REMOVED. IT DOES NOT EXIST FOR US. WE ARE NEITHER COCKY NOR ARE WE AFRAID. [PP. 84–85]

JAKE P.

THE FIRST TIME I REALLY FELT THAT I HAD RECOVERED FROM A HOPELESS STATE OF MIND AND BODY WAS WHEN I BEGAN EXPERIENCING THE 10TH STEP PROMISES. ALTHOUGH I REALLY VALUE THEM NOW, I NEVER CAME INTO AA TO GROW A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD OR BECOME A BETTER PERSON. I SIMPLY WANTED TO QUIT DRINKING. THE CONSTANT ROMANTICISING HOW I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DRINK AGAIN FOLLOWED ME FOR MONTHS AND DID NOT SUBSIDE UNTIL I GOT INTO THE LATER STEPS, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN I WAS PLACED INTO A POSITION OF NEUTRALITY AROUND ALCOHOL BUT I CAN REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY A MOMENT WHERE I WAS SITTING QUIETLY ON A SATURDAY TRYING TO THINK OF WHAT I MIGHT ENJOY DOING, AND I RELIED I HAD NOT THOUGHT ABOUT WANTING TO DRINK IN QUITE AWHILE. IT WAS THE LONGEST PERIOD I HAD EXPERIENCED SINCE I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. I LATER TALKED TO MY SPONSOR ABOUT IT AND HE TOOK ME TO PAGE 84 IN THE BOOK AND READ THE NEXT FEW PAGES. THE BOOK REALLY SPOKE TO ME IN THAT MOMENT, FOR I HADN'T REALISED TO QUITE THE EXTENT THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN WORKING ON ME, I NOTICED THAT ALONG WITH ALCOHOL NO LONGER TORMENTING MY THOUGHTS I ALSO CEASED FIGHTING MANY OTHER SITUATIONS AND PEOPLE THAT I WOULD HAVE ISSUES WITH IN MY DAILY LIFE. IT WAS THEN THAT I REALISED THAT THROUGH CONSTANT INVENTORY AND ASKING MYSELF MANY TIMES EACH DAY WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE ME BE, I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO BEGIN FINDING TRUE PEACE AND SERENITY IN SOBRIETY.

11. MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID ABOUT RECEIVING STRENGTH, INSPIRATION, AND DIRECTION FROM HIM WHO HAS ALL KNOWLEDGE AND POWER. IF WE HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS, WE HAVE BEGUN TO SENSE THE FLOW OF HIS SPIRIT INTO US. TO SOME EXTENT WE HAVE BECOME GOD-CONSCIOUS. WE HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP THIS VITAL SIXTH SENSE. [P.85]

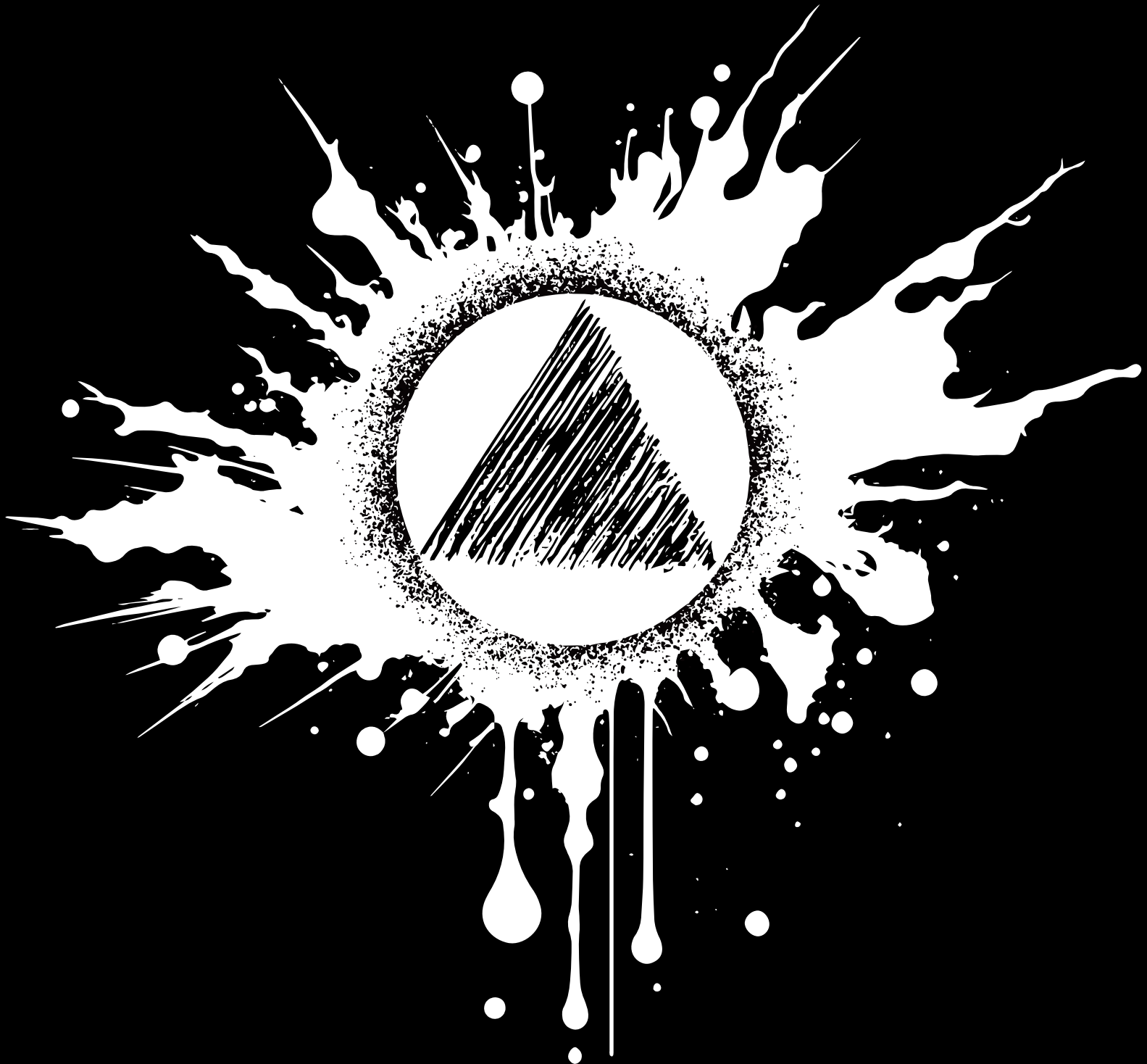
KATIE C.

WHEN I THINK OF WHAT BEING GOD-CONSCIOUS LOOKS LIKE IN MY LIFE I THINK OF A SOFT BLANKET. THIS IDEA STEMMED FROM MY CHILDHOOD, REALLY. I REMEMBER THIS ONE MEMORY AFTER MY PARENTS DIVORCED, THINKING "EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY". THE FEELING ITSELF FELT LIKE A SOFT BLANKET DRAPED AROUND ME. IT WASN'T UNTIL I WAS A FEW MONTHS SOBER THAT I WAS ABLE TO HAVE THIS FEELING AGAIN. THIS WAS WHEN I RECOGNIZED THIS AS MY GOD CONSCIOUSNESS. I FEEL GOD'S SPIRIT THE MOST WHEN I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REMAIN PRESENT AND GRATEFUL. IF I AM CONSTANTLY PRAYING, FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS, LISTENING AND TALKING TO MY SPONSOR AND OTHER ALCOHOLICS, I GET TO REMAIN PRESENT AND GRATEFUL. THAT IS MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE SIXTH SENSE OF GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS.

12. WHEN WE LOOK BACK, WE REALISED THAT THE THINGS WHICH CAME TO US WHEN WE PUT OURSELVES IN GOD'S HANDS WERE BETTER THAN ANYTHING WE COULD HAVE PLANNED. (P. 100)

NATE E.

THERE IS NO WAY FOR ME TO COUNT OR RECALL ALL OF THE TIMES MY PLANS HAVE FAILED IN SOBRIETY. MY FAITH HAS NOT BEEN PERMANENT THROUGH THESE LETDOWNS. I HAVE KICKED AND SCREAMED AND CURSED GOD AT TIMES OVER THESE LAST EIGHT YEARS. SICKNESS, DEATH, LOST FRIENDSHIPS, CALCULUS, WORK TROUBLES AND MORE HAVE MADE ME WANT TO PLAN AND CONTROL THE WORLD AROUND ME. FORTUNATELY, I ALWAYS GET TIRED OF TRYING TO FORCE MY WAY. SOMETIMES THAT TAKES LONGER THAN I WOULD LIKE TO ADMIT. THE SURRENDER I MADE WHEN TAKING MY FIRST STEP COMES BACK AND I REMEMBER THAT GOD IS MUCH MORE QUALIFIED THAN I AM AT DIRECTING MY LIFE. NOW I GET TO LOOK BACK AT ALL THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF MY JOURNEY. IF ANY ONE OF MY THOUSANDS OF PLANS HAD COME TO FRUITION I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY. THE SLOW, STEADY PROGRESS THAT THE 12 STEPS BRING IS MY REWARD FOR CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO THE STILL SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC. I LOVE ACHIEVING MY GOALS, BUT THE REAL GOAL IS TO LET GOD TAKE THE REINS MORE AND MORE OVER TIME.



UNITY

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA 43 PRESENTS

KRAFTS & KARAOKE



BRING SNACKS & COME HANG!

50/50 RAFFLE

SOUTHWEST AA GROUP (SWAG) | 3145 TOWNSEND DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76110

**SAT
JAN
28**

8PM GROUP CRAFT
9:30PM MEETING
10:30PM POTLUCK/KARAOKE

MIKE JONES MIGHT COME

NORTH TX BID FOR TXSCYPAA SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 12th
3:30-Game Over
50/50 Raffle
& Pizza

Text Nate E. For more info
409-656-5687

THE NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA

2nd Annual BINGO Night

MARCH 25TH AT HARBOR CLUB
3000 W 5TH STREET FT WORTH TX 76107
6PM MEETING | 7PM POTLUCK | 7:30PM BINGO
PRIZES • 50/50 RAFFLE • CAKE AUCTION

SOUTHYPAA 3.0

SERCYPAA LASCYPAA TXSCYPAA

11AM PREPARED BY SOUTH LOUISIANA
\$10 ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAWFISH BOIL DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY

\$20 SUGGESTED PER TEAM 1PM DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

3PM PANEL SERVICE IN YPAA



MAY 20TH

731 AMERICAN WAY, SHREVEPORT, LA 71106

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT AND PARKING LOT PARTY

May 28th, 2023 1PM-4PM

Meeting @ 115 Gateway Park
Speaker: Eric K. 1701 N Beach Street
Fort Worth, TX 76111

50/50 Raffle
Hot dogs and Chips

Bring camping chairs! \$5 per person

PIE IN THE FACE LAKE DAY

JULY 30TH AT 2:00 PM

MEADOWMERE PARK ON LAKE GRAPEVINE

YPAA COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
BOAT RIDES
PIE IN THE FACE
BBQ

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

TXSCYPAA HOST AND NORTH TEXAS BID PRESENTS

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

AUG 5TH
3-7PM

SPEAKER:
MARY S. - AUSTIN TX - 5/31/17
KEMAH PALMS RECOVERY CENTER
1013 DELESANDRI LN
KEMAH, TX 77565

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PERSON
HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, WATERMELON, AND WATERS PROVIDED

HOSTED BY
AUSTIN BID FOR ICYPAA, AUSTIN BID FOR TXSCYPAA,
HOUSTON BID FOR TXSCYPAA, NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA,
& TXSCYPAA HOST GULF COAST

UNITY DAY

Sunday, August 20th
1PM - 6 PM

4500 Island Cove, Austin, TX 78731
Gate code 0820

FOOD | JET SKIING | BOATING AND MORE!

\$5 required fee to ride the boat, and \$10 required fee to ride a jet ski

North Txscy Bid CHALLENGE

PIZZA PARTY PALOOZA YPAA MEETING

Starting at 8:00 September 16th

CAM S DRINKS LIQUID TACO BELL \$900	JOSH D NIPPLES PIERCED \$1000	REBECCA S DRINKS RAW EGGS \$700
NATE GETS MAKEOVER \$800	AVA P GETS SHARPIE MAKEOVER \$250	LEAH J EATS CRICKET \$200
JAKE P EATS TUBE OF WASABI \$500	GEORGIE J BOBBS FOR PICKLES \$400	OLIVIA S DOES ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE \$100
IAN G DRINKS THICK WATER IN SUNDRESS \$300	AIDEN D EATS WHOLE ONION \$50	

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3145 TOWNSEND DR, FORT WORTH, TX 76110

NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA

SWAAGYPAA HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 7th 2023 | Start At 7:30 Pm
AA Meeting at 9:30 Pm

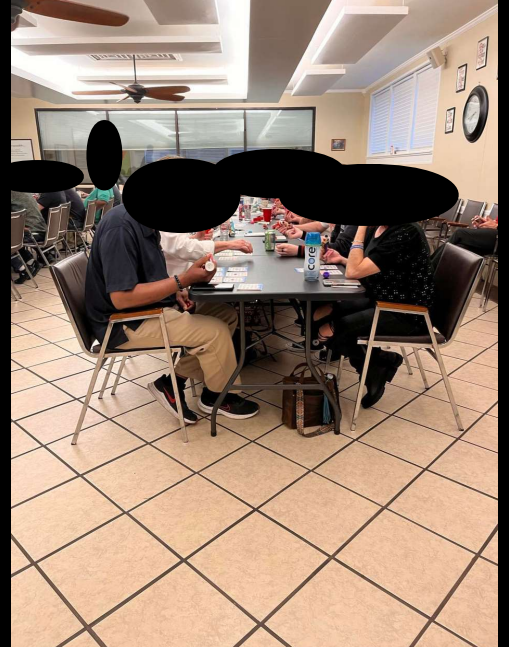
Costume Contest!

Vote on your favorite costume to crown this year's winner

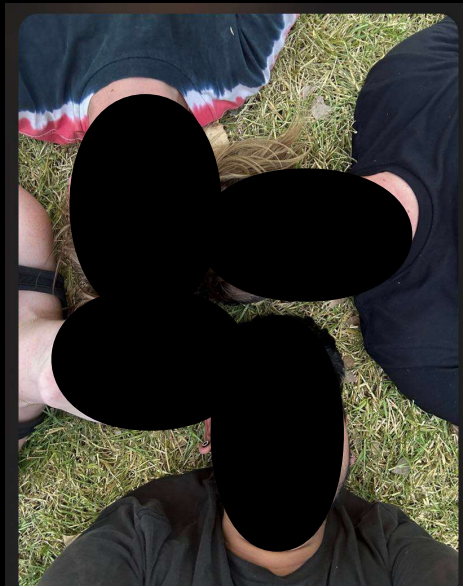
Grand Prize Trophy

3145 Townsend Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76110

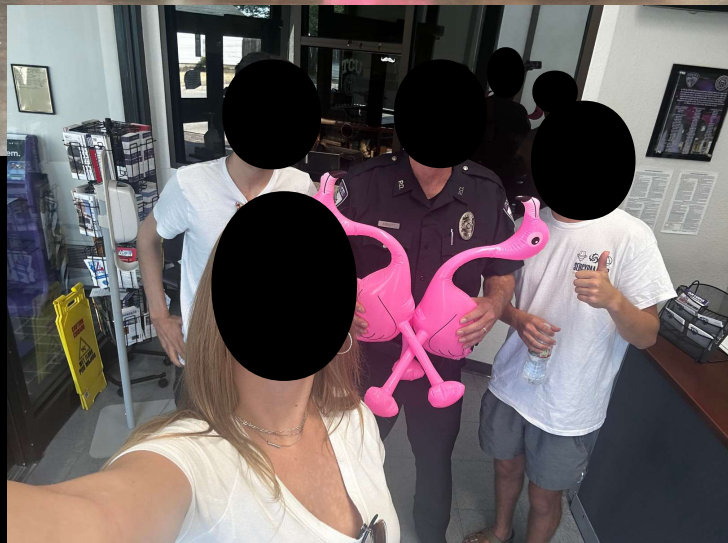
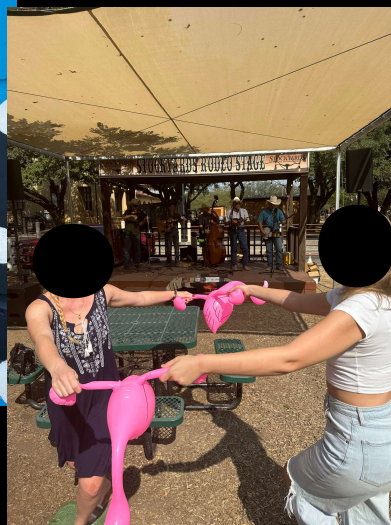
2ND ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT AT THE HARBOR CLUB



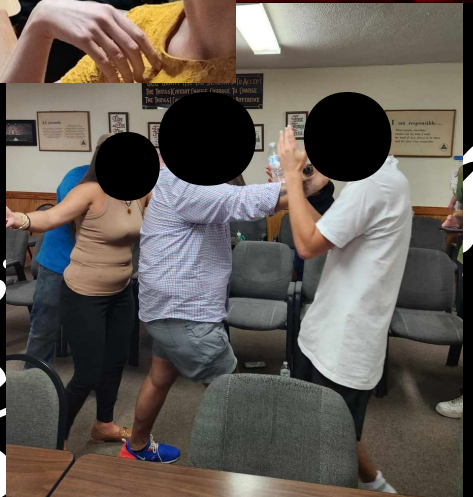
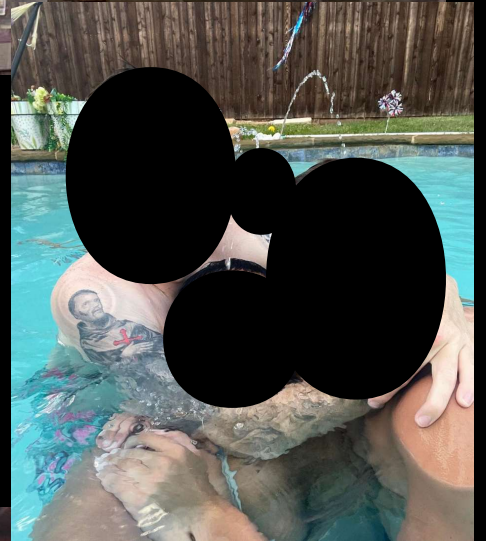
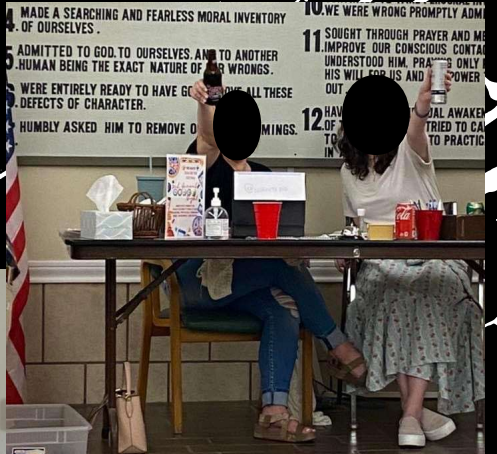
KICKBALL: CO-HOSTED WITH TXSCYPAA HOST



FLAMINGOS PRE-REG CONTEST BY HOST



BID UNITY



SERVICE

MOTION TO NETA 65

THE NORTH TEXAS BID FOR TXSCYPAA HAS ENDORSED A MOTION BEING BROUGHT TO NETA 65 BY A MEMBER OF OUR COMMITTEE. THIS MOTION CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A YPAA LIAISON POSITION AT OUR AREA'S LEVEL.

TREATMENT AND FACILITIES EFFORTS

LAST YEAR WE WORKED WITH MEMBERS OF MHMR FORT WORTH TO GET APPROVAL FOR ON-SITE AA MEETINGS. THIS TOOK SOME TIME, BUT IN NOVEMBER 2022, WE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION AND BEGAN TAKING MEETINGS TO THE 14-17 YEAR OLD BOYS AT THIS FACILITY. THIS IS NOT A "TRADITIONAL" AA MEETING. MOST OF THE KIDS HERE ARE REFERRED TO THIS FACILITY BY PROBATION. THEY GENERALLY DO NOT HAVE ANY CONCEPT OF RECOVERY OR SOBRIETY AS A WAY OF LIFE. WE PLANT THE SEED BY BRINGING TOPICS FROM THE BIG BOOK AND DISCUSSING OUR EXPERIENCE IN A CONVERSATIONAL MANNER.

—THE NORTH TX BID

I'VE BEEN TAKING MEETINGS TO WOMEN'S CRISIS RESPITE/RESIDENTIAL UNIT (WCRU), SINCE 2022. IT'S A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE THAN MOST DETOXES I HAVE TAKEN MEETINGS TO. OFTEN WOMEN COMING HERE DON'T IDENTIFY THAT DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ARE THE ISSUE. SINCE WE'VE STARTED TAKING MEETINGS I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING AND SEEING 4 WOMEN COME OUT OF WCRU AND COME TO AN AA MEETING.

—KATIE C.

THIS FLYER IS UPDATED AND DISTRIBUTED BY BID MEMBERS PERIODICALLY TO KEEP OUR AREA INFORMED OF YPAA MEETING AVAILABILITY

DFW YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA MEETINGS

Southwest Group (SWAAG)

Wed. 8:30pm & Sat. 9:30pm
3145 Townsend Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Whiskey & Milk Group (WAM)

Mon. 7:30pm & Fri. 8:00pm
5600 Royal Ln
Dallas, TX 75229

Harbor Group (Young at Harbor)

Tues. 7:15pm
3000 W 5th St
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Preston Group

Wed. 8:00pm
8220 Westchester Dr #220
Dallas, TX 75225

McKinney Young People's Group

Fri. 10:00pm
400 N. Central Expressway #108
McKinney, TX 75070

Sober Mustangs Group

Mon. 6:00pm
3335 Potomac Ave Room 252
Dallas, TX 75205

Into the Triad Group

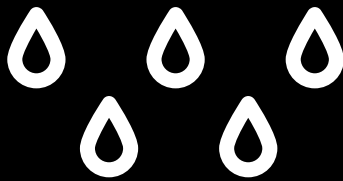
Everyday 8:00pm Online
Meeting ID: 995 901 2824

Belwood Group

Sun. 12:00pm
4619 E R L Thornton Fwy
Dallas, TX 75223

- Contact northtxbid@gmail.com to get involved with local service for young people, or to have your group listed here!
- Visit TXSCYPAA.org or email advisory@txscypaa.org for information on the Texas State Conference of Young People in AA
- Visit TQCYPAA.org or email tqscypaa@gmail.com for information on the Texas Quarterly Conference of Young People in AA
- Visit ICYPAA.org for information on the International Conference of Young People in AA and information on YPAA conferences in other states and countries

REVISED 10/9/23



BID LEDGER & PROPOSED BUDGET

BID YEAR FINANCES

Date	Description	Category	Revenue	Expense	Balance
	Beginning Balance		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
1/7/2023	Zoom Monthly Payment	Bill		-\$15.98	\$984.02
1/8/2023	Seventh Tradition (Bid Meeting)	Contribution	\$10.95		\$994.97
1/28/2023	Krafts & Karaoke Event Expenses	Event Expense		-\$82.05	\$912.92
1/28/2023	Krafts & Karaoke Event	Event Income	\$158.00		\$1,070.92
2/4/2023	Zoom Annual Payment	Bill		-\$109.80	\$961.12
2/5/2023	Seventh Tradition (Bid Meeting)	Contribution	\$110.00		\$1,071.12
2/12/2023	Super Bowl Party Expenses	Event Expense		-\$140.00	\$931.12
2/12/2023	Super Bowl Party	Event	\$435.50		\$1,366.62
3/12/2023	Seventh Tradition (Bid Meeting)	Contribution	\$129.00		\$1,495.62
3/25/2023	2nd Annual Bingo Night @ Harbor Expenses	Event Expense		-\$85.00	\$1,410.62
3/25/2023	2nd Annual Bingo Night @ Harbor	Event Income	\$1,010.00		\$2,420.62
4/23/2023	Manual Adjustment by Amelia W. for Reconciliation	Adjustment		-\$70.00	\$2,350.62
4/23/2023	Seventh Tradition (Bid Meeting)	Contribution	\$10.25		\$2,360.87
5/20/2023	SOUTHYPAA	Contribution		-\$50.00	\$2,310.87
5/20/2023	Kickball Reservation and Supplies	Event Expense		-\$104.00	\$2,206.87
5/28/2023	Kickball Event	Event Income	\$204.00		\$2,410.87
7/23/2023	Lake Day	Event Income	\$139.50		\$2,550.37
7/23/2023	Boat Fuel for Lake Day	Event Expense		-\$50.00	\$2,500.37
7/23/2023	Reimbursement for Lake Day (Nate)	Event Expense		-\$79.21	\$2,421.16
8/11/2023	Unity Day	Contribution		-\$200.00	\$2,221.16
8/13/2023	Reimbursement Hospitality Suite SERCYPAA	Contribution		-\$97.00	\$2,124.16
8/13/2023	7th Tradition (Bid Meeting)	Contribution	\$8.00		\$2,132.16
8/20/2023	49 Bid shirts (Old Timer in Training) Purchase	Purchase		-\$688.50	\$1,443.66
8/20/2023	49 Bid shirts (Old Timer in Training)	Merchandise	\$480.00		\$1,923.66
8/27/2023	Unity Day	Event Income	\$383.59		\$2,307.25
9/16/2023	Challenge Palooza Expense	Event Expense		-\$96.60	\$2,210.65
9/16/2023	Challenge Palooza	Event Income	\$704.00		\$2,914.65
10/7/2023	Halloween Event	Event Income	\$405.00		\$3,319.65
10/7/2023	Halloween Event (Reimbursement Olivia)	Event Expense		-\$25.00	\$3,294.65
10/7/2023	Halloween Event (Reimbursement Leah)	Event Expense		-\$109.00	\$3,185.65
10/7/2023	Halloween Event (Reimbursement Arturo)	Event Expense		-\$116.01	\$3,069.64
10/22/2023	Rent to Southwest Group	Rent		-\$200.00	\$2,869.64
10/22/2023	Donation to Host Committee	Contribution		-\$200.00	\$2,669.64
Pending	Bid Book Printing	Estimated		-\$150.00	
Pending	Hospitality slot @ TXSCYPAA	Estimated		-\$252.00	

SNAPSHOT OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Budget	Revenue	Expense	Profit
Krafts & Karaoke	1/28/2023	\$85.00	\$158.00	\$82.05	\$75.95
Super Bowl Party	2/12/2023	\$150.00	\$435.50	\$140.00	\$295.50
Bingo @ Harbor	3/25/2023	\$100.00	\$1,010.00	\$85.00	\$925.00
SOUTHYPAA	5/20/2023	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Deferred to Host
Kickball	5/28/2023	\$175.00	\$204.00	\$104.00	\$100.00
Lake Day	7/23/2023	\$350.00	\$144.00	\$129.00	\$15.00
Kickball @ Gulf Coast	8/9/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Deferred to Host
Unity Day	8/27/2023	\$200.00	\$383.59	\$200.00	\$183.59
Challenge Palooza	9/16/2023	\$100.00	\$704.00	\$96.60	\$604.00
Halloween Event	10/7/2023	\$250.00	\$405.00	\$250.01	\$155.00
Total:					\$2,354.04

RADISSON FORT WORTH FOSSIL CREEK BUDGET

<i>Item</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Outreach	Event Flyers, Other Printing	\$100.00
Events	Supplies	\$1,500.00
Hotel	A/V Charges	\$3,000.00
	Hotel Contract (Including ++)	\$6,954.00
Registration	Markers Stickers	\$50.00
	Pre-Reg Forms	\$50.00
Merchandise	Apparel	\$3,000.00
	Banner	\$200.00
	Lanyards	\$500.00
	Coffee Mugs	\$400.00
Program	Speaker Rooms (3 Speakers x 2 nights at \$119 per night)	\$714.00
	Speakers Airfare	\$750.00
	Speakers Car Gas	\$100.00
	Badges Holders	\$175.00
	Badge Inserts	\$25.00
	Badge Ribbons 45	\$25.00
	Big Books (7 @\$12.00 each)	\$84.00
	Meeting Binder/Printing	\$100.00
Treasurer	Bank fees	\$100.00
Entertainment	DJ	\$300.00
	Decorations	\$750.00
	Supplies	\$500.00
Hospitality	Food/water	\$750.00
	Coffee/creamer/sugar/supplies	\$200.00
Translators	ASL Interpreter @ \$80 hr. x 9 hrs.	\$720.00
	ASL Interpreter Rooms (2 x 3 Nights @ \$119 per night)	\$714.00
Other	Zoom Membership	\$250.00
	Rent for Host Meetings (\$15.00 Meeting at SWAAG)	\$180.00
	Website (wix \$27/Month)	\$324.00
	Seed Money Reimbursement	\$1,500.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$24,515.00



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TXSCYPAA 43



A SOLUTION TO THESE BEDEVILMENTS

FRIDAY

6:30 HYPE

7:00 STATE ROLL CALL

8:00 MAIN SPEAKER: LIL PEEP- LONG BEACH, NY

10:00 KARAOKE

10:30 BLACK OUT BLACK PARADE DANCE

SATURDAY

8:45 5K RUN (AS IF ANYONE CARES)

10:00 THE USED CODEPENDENCY PANEL

11:00 CHESS TOURNEY- WINNER GETS MY BROKEN HEART

11:30 SPEED FRIENDING- AOL AIM

1:00 DODGEBALL-LAST PICKS ONLY

2:00 TEENAGE DIRTBAG-UNDER 21 PANEL

3:00 ALL TIME LOW - GRIEF AND LOSS PANEL

SATURDAY CONTD.

3:00 TV9 OF WAR

4:00 FALL OUT BOY - MEN'S PANEL

4:00 DEAR MARIA - WOMEN'S PANELS

5:00 YELLOW CARD - SAFETY WORKSHOP

6:00 HYPE

7:00 SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

8:00 MAIN SPEAKER: AVRIL L.-ONT. CANADA

10:30 BOARD GAMES

11:00 PANIC! AT THE DISCO DANCE

12:00 SAD BOI HOURS MEDITATION

SUNDAY

10:00 SPEAKER: BLACKBEAR- DAYTONA BEACH, F

11:00 9TFO





TXSCYPAA 43



A SOLUTION TO THESE BEDEVILMENTS

HOSPITALITY

- FRIDAY 5:30 PM - NTX BID FOR TXSCYPAA
- SATURDAY 8:00AM - AUSTIN BID FOR TXSCYPAA
- SATURDAY 12:00PM - TXSCYPAA HOST (HOUSTON)
- SATURDAY 5:30PM - ICYPAA HOST (AUSTIN)
- SUNDAY 8:00AM - SERCYPAA HOST (VA)

BIDS

- FRIDAY 5:00 PM - BID MEET AND GREET
- SATURDAY 12:00PM - HOW TO BID WORKSHOP
- SATURDAY 4:00PM - BID PRESENTATIONS

MARATHON MEETINGS

- SATURDAY 12AM-6AM ON THE HOUR
- SUNDAY 12AM-6AM ON THE HOUR

MERCH / REGISTRATION

- FRIDAY - MERCH BOOTH OPEN 4-7PM
- SATURDAY - MERCH BOOTH OPEN 10-7PM
- SUNDAY - MERCH BOOTH OPEN 8-9AM
- FRIDAY - REGISTRATION OPENS AT 4PM
- SATURDAY - REGISTRATION OPENS 9AM
- SUNDAY - REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM

MERCH AND REGISTRATION TO BE CLOSED DURING SPEAKER MEETINGS



TXSCYPAA 43 IN DALLAS / FORT WORTH

PRE-REG \$15

PAYPAL; NORTHTXBID@GMAIL.COM

NAME _____

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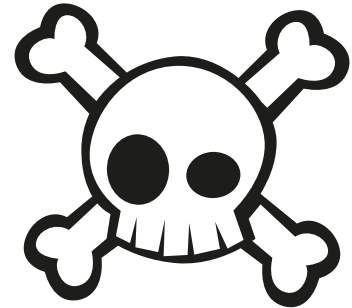
CITY/STATE _____

COMMITTEE _____

ACCESSIBILITY Yes / No _____

PAYMENT Cash / Venmo / PayPal

VENMO; NORTHTXBID



TXSCYPAA 43 EN DALLAS / FORT WORTH

PREINSCRIPCIÓN \$15

PAYPAL; NORTHTXBID@GMAIL.COM

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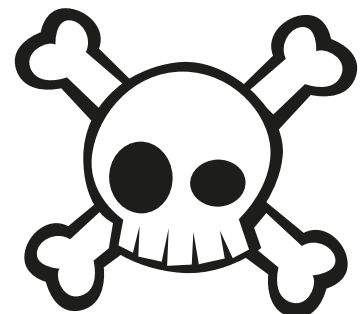
CIUDAD/ESTADO _____

COMITÉ _____

ACCESIBILIDAD Sí/ No _____

PAGO Dinero / Venmo / PayPal

VENMO; NORTHTXBID





LETTERS



FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

Hello TXCYPAA,

Fort worth central office is hoping you all have a great weekend of fellowship and fun. We are looking forward to the opportunity to host this wonderful event next year in our backyard! We have checked our calendars in accordance to the spirit of cooperation holding sure we will not have any over lap on big events a month before, during or after the date TXCYPAA would be held. Our calenders are clear for now and are looking forward to adding you to our schedule!

Thank you so much!

Have a great time and hope to see yall soon.

In love and service,

Erin J

Office Manager

Fort Worth Central Office

3001 W. 5th St. Ste.200

Fort Worth, TX 76107

817-332-3533

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officemgr@fortworthaa.org

THE FORT WORTH EVENTS CALENDER CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.FORTWORTHAA.ORG/EVENTS/MONTH/](https://www.fortworthaa.org/events/month/)

DALLAS INTERGROUP SUPPORT

Greetings!

Dallas Intergroup recognizes and welcomes the opportunity to have TXSCYPAA 2024 in our local AA community! The emphasis on Unity, Recovery, and Service long espoused by the conference will greatly help many an alcoholic find their footing in our program.

Best Regards to you and the crew,

Sam F

Office Manager

Letter of Support for North Texas Bid for TXSCYPAA...

As the Panel 71 Alternate Delegate and Panel 73 Delegate-Elect for the Northeast Texas Area of Alcoholics Anonymous (neta65.org), I am happy to support the amazing young people in A.A. here in the great State of Texas in their efforts to win their bid for TXSCYPAA.

I've had the honor of watching these amazing young people bring a host of conferences, conventions, and roundups to the State of Texas and continue to be blessed by the work they do. I'm particularly impressed by the level of knowledge, understanding, and practical application of A.A.'s 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts for World Service every time they come together.

I've watched these young people serve the Fellowship of A.A. and the still suffering alcoholic in beautiful ways. I've sponsored some of them. I've attended some of their fundraising events. I've sat in conferences they've produced and am grateful that the love they have for A.A. is the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. I got sober in 1987 and my first A.A. convention experience was at ICYPAA Nashville in 1988 and from that moment, I was hooked. The passion I saw there I see every time I witness the work our Texas young people display today - 34 years later.

I will do anything I can to help support them if the conference is awarded to them and it comes to North Texas.

In love and service,

Rick W

Panel 73 Delegate-Elect | Area 65

Northeast Texas Area of Alcoholics Anonymous (NETA)

Address: 1881 Airport Frwy., #912, Euless, TX 76040

Mobile/Text: | Email: delegate@neta65.org | Web: <https://neta65.org/>

"Committed to serving A.A. Groups in the Northeast Texas Area"



HOTEL CONTRACTS

- RADISSON FORT WORTH FOSSIL CREEK [PREFERRED]
- RENAISSANCE DALLAS RICHARDSON [NOT CURRENTLY FEASIBLE]



BILLING METHOD/CHARGE ROUTING: Client agrees that the following billing arrangements will apply:

- **ROOM AND TAX CHARGES:**
Paid by Individual Guest, unless specifically noted on the individual reservation.
- **INCIDENTAL CHARGES (Food & Beverage Outlets, Sundries, etc.):**
Paid by Individual Guest, unless specifically noted on the individual reservation.
- **BANQUET/EVENT CHARGES:**
To Master Account

All Guest Room Rates are subject to a 2% Assessment as part of a "Fort Worth Tourism PID Fee." This 2% assessment will be added to the negotiated room rate and IS subject to all other required Occupancy Taxes.

CONCESSIONS: Hotel agrees to the following Special Terms/Arrangements

Substantially reduced guest room rate

Substantially reduced meeting room rental

Free WiFi in meeting rooms, and in all guest rooms

Complimentary guest room policy of 1/40 realized guest rooms, to be credited to the Master Account

Each evening, Friday, October 25, 2024 and Saturday, October 26, 2024, Ballroom will stay open for recreation of group

Until 2:00am. Group will pay an additional \$250.00 per night for labor charges. Group will be providing it's own security to

Be composed of around 15 adult leaders.

GROUP WILL ALSO BRING IN THEIR OWN AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND WE WILL NOT CHARGE THEM TO DO SO.

RESERVATIONS:

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS:

Each individual guest will make their own reservations by calling 1-(800)-333-3333 or by visiting our website by Wednesday, September 25, 2024. After this date, the contracted room rate cannot be guaranteed. They must identify themselves as members of the Client's program or event. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Reservations canceled within 24 hours prior to day of arrival will be charged for the first night's room and tax.

HOTEL WILL ALSO FURNISH A BOOKING LINK IN ORDER THAT GUESTS MAY MAKE THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. BOOKING LINK WILL BE FURNISHED AFTER CONTRACT IS FULLY EXECUTED. (SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES)

EVENT ROOMS: Upon the signature of this Agreement, Hotel reserves and Client guarantees payment for the following Event Room space for the specified days/times:



	Time	Event Name	Function Room	Setup	AGR	Rental
Fri, 10/25/24	7:00 AM - 12:00 AM		Barons	Existing		200
Fri, 10/25/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Courtright	Theatre	40	200
Fri, 10/25/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Pickett	Theatre	40	200
Fri, 10/25/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Parker	Theatre	40	200
Fri, 10/25/24	8:00 AM - 2:00AM		Ballroom	Theatre	500	1250.00
Fri, 10/25/24	12:00 PM - 11:45 PM		Pre Function	Registration		0
Sat, 10/26/24	7:00 AM - 12:00 AM		Barons	Existing		200
Sat, 10/26/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Courtright	Theatre	40	200
Sat, 10/26/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Pickett	Theatre	40	200
Sat, 10/26/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Parker	Theatre	40	200



Sat, 10/26/24	8:00 AM – 2:00AM		Ballroom	Theatre	500	1250.00
Sat, 10/26/24	12:00 PM - 11:45 PM		Pre Function	Registration		0
Sun, 10/27/24	7:00 AM - 12:00 AM		Barons	Existing		200
Sun, 10/27/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Courtright	Theatre	40	200
Sun, 10/27/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Parker	Theatre	40	200
Sun, 10/27/24	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM		Ballroom	Theatre	500	1000
Sun, 10/27/24	12:00 PM - 11:45 PM		Pre Function	Registration		0

Hotel reserves the right to assign and change specific event room space at its discretion. Client must obtain final approval from Hotel before publishing event room names. If Client requests a specific event room that is already booked, Client shall be granted “first option” to occupy the specified room if the party currently occupying the room cancels its agreement. Hotel shall inform Client via telephone that the room is available. Client must respond within five business days or Hotel will be entitled to book another event in the specified room.

Client is responsible for arranging for the delivery and set-up of any non-hotel equipment and resources for the Event Room. Client must notify Hotel in writing and shall coordinate all such deliveries/set ups with sufficient advance notice to Hotel. Client will be responsible and shall indemnify Hotel for any damages it (or its employees, agents or contractors) causes to persons or property located at Hotel.

EVENT ROOM RENTAL: Event space Room Rental for the total amount of space listed above is \$ 5700.00
 Event space Room Rental is subject to a taxable 22% Hotel Service Charge and all applicable local and state taxes. If Client modifies the size and scope of food and beverage functions, the Hotel reserves the right to reevaluate/reneegotiate event Room Rental charges accordingly.

CATERING SERVICES: We are not assessing a minimum food and beverage dollar amount and will discount coffee and iced tea at \$30.00 per gallon respectively, plus 22% service charge and all applicable taxes.

FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY: Due to licensing and insurance requirements, all food and beverage to be served on Hotel Banquet floor must be supplied and prepared by Hotel. In addition, no remaining food or beverage shall be removed from the premises. At the conclusion of



the function, such food and beverage become the property of Hotel. Menu prices will be confirmed 3 months prior to scheduled function. **Food and beverage prices are subject to the prevailing service charge (currently 22%) and applicable taxes.** Final menu selections must be submitted to Hotel's Catering Representative at least 30 days in advance; otherwise, items selected cannot be guaranteed. At the time final menu selections are made, Client shall review, approve and initial the final menu. Other than specifically stated in the approved menu (or otherwise agreed in a separate written agreement signed by Client and the General Manager or his designee) Hotel will not be responsible for any specific dietary requests or requirements. **The Catering Office must be notified of the guarantee of attendance no later than noon 3 business days prior to the scheduled function.** Guaranteed attendance for functions scheduled Monday or Tuesday must be received by noon on the preceding Friday. Guarantees of attendance are not subject to reduction and Hotel will charge the Master Account, at a minimum, the amount due in accordance with the guaranteed attendance. **Client will have available an authorized representative at the event who will be presented a check prior to the conclusion of the event.** Such representative shall verify that all charges are correct and consistent with this Agreement and any changes and shall sign off on such check.

ADVANCE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

DEPOSIT: Hotel requires a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$2000.00 which Hotel must receive by February 1, 2024, in order to guarantee a hold on Client's sleeping room block and/or event space. If Deposit is not received by the above date, Hotel will no longer be required to continue to hold the room block or meeting space requested by Group.

PAYMENT(S): Hotel requires pre-payment of at least **50% of the balance of estimated charges by September 1, 2024**, in order to guarantee a hold on Client's event space. If not received by the above date, Hotel will no longer be required to continue to hold the event space requested by Group. Hotel requires pre-payment of **100% of the Balance of Estimated Charges By Wednesday, October 30, 2024** in order to guarantee a hold on Client's event space. If Balance of Estimated Charges is not received by the above date, Hotel will no longer be required to continue to hold the event space requested by Group.

METHOD/Form OF PAYMENT:

- Client may pay all or part of its obligation under this agreement with cash at Hotel Front Desk **prior to the Event Date.**
- Client may pay all or part of its obligation under this agreement with Check drawn on either a personal or organizational account. Checks require verification of a state approved identification card and authorization through the Hotel Check Verification processes and procedures.
- Client may elect to pay all or part of its obligation under this Agreement by credit card; **provided that Client completes and submits a signed Credit Card Authorization Form.** At the Hotel's sole discretion, the **credit card may be pre-authorized in order to secure funds up to (3) business days prior to arrival.** If Client fails to pay any of its obligations by the dates noted, Hotel is authorized to charge the credit card listed for all such obligations.

SERVICE CHARGE: A service charge of **22%** will be added to Food & Beverage Charges, Event Space Room Rental, Labor Charges, Audio-visual Charges, and any other Miscellaneous Charges incurred.

CANCELLATION/ATTRITION: Client and Hotel have entered into a binding commitment. The Hotel is committed to providing the rooms and services specified in this Agreement and the Hotel has offered special rates and other concessions based upon anticipated revenues for Client's event(s). The anticipated revenue includes the revenue from the food and beverage services Client may have requested and any ancillary services, such as special labor fees, equipment rentals and other charges.

If Hotel cancels this Agreement or is unable to provide the requested event space, the Hotel will work with Client to arrange alternative space at the prices set forth herein. Hotel will arrange for comparable space in the same vicinity of the Hotel and shall provide, without charge, necessary transportation between the alternative site and the Hotel. Hotel's liability is limited to these remedies and Hotel shall not be liable for any consequential, punitive or special damages.

If Client decides to cancel this Agreement, reduce the size of the event(s) and/or reduce the agreed number of attendances, or reduce the amount of food and beverage services, Client agrees that the Hotel will suffer damages. Such damages will be a result of Hotel's inability to offer Client's unused space or services to another party and /or the cost to the hotel of trying to re-sell space/services. The exact amount of damages will be difficult to determine. Therefore, Client agrees that the following liquidated damage clauses are a reasonable effort by the parties to agree in advance on the amount of damages. It is agreed that these amounts will be due regardless of the Hotel's ultimate ability to re-sell some or all of the space or services.

ATTRITION CLAUSE: The parties agree that the Client and the Hotel will share in the loss of revenues suffered by the Hotel in the event of the Client's failure to utilize all of the sleeping rooms, event space, and services agreed to herein. The Client therefore agrees to pay a percentage of lost revenue.

- For food and beverage revenue, lost revenue will be calculated by subtracting the exact amount of food and beverage consumed from the agreed upon F&B Minimum Revenue Guarantee. The lost revenues for Room Rental and/or other services will be a function of agreed upon rates and/or charges as outlined in this document.



- Hotel is relying upon Client’s use of the Room Night Commitment. Client agrees that a loss will be incurred by Hotel if Client’s actual usage is less than **80** of the Room Night Commitment. If Client’s actual usage is less than **80%** of the Room Night Commitment, Client agrees to pay, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the difference between **80%** of the Room Night Commitment and Client’s actual usage, multiplied by the average group room rate, plus applicable taxes. In the event of reductions in the Room Night Commitment of more than **80%**, the Hotel may adjust any concessions previously offered in this Agreement, including those concessions offered on a complimentary basis, and may also adjust the Function Space in direct proportion to the reduction in the Room Night Commitment.

CANCELLATION SLIDING SCALE: Client agrees that if it cancels this Agreement for any reason, the Hotel will suffer damages. The closer in time the cancellation occurs, the greater the damages will be. Therefore, Client agrees to pay Hotel at the time of cancellation a liquidated damages fee, as follows:

More than 365 days prior to arrival date:	forfeiture of any/all event deposits
More than 180 days, less than 365 days prior to arrival date:	amount equal to 25% of total anticipated revenue
More than 90 days, less than 180 days prior to arrival date:	amount equal to 50% of total anticipated revenue
More than 30 days, less than 90 days prior to arrival date:	amount equal to 75% of total anticipated revenue
Less than 30 days prior to arrival date:	amount equal to 100% of total anticipated revenue

For food and beverage revenue, lost revenue will be the agreed upon F&B “Guaranteed Amount” in Section 3.5. The lost revenues for Room Rental and/or other services will be a function of agreed upon rates and/or charges as outlined in this document.

SIGNS AND DISPLAYS/USE OF HOTEL NAME: Client shall not display signs in Hotel nor use the name/logo of the Hotel in any promotional brochures or ads without prior approval of the General Manager of Hotel. It is further agreed that no sign, banner or display shall be affixed to any part of Hotel. Any damages caused to the walls, fixtures or carpet will be billed to Client.

SECURITY: Hotel may, in its sole discretion, require Client to take certain security measures in order to maintain security in light of the size or nature of the function. Such security measures may include the requirement to hire sufficient security personnel from a reputable agency that is approved by the Hotel prior to the function.

SHIPPING AND PACKAGES: In the event Client will be shipping packages to Hotel, Client must notify Hotel at least one week in advance. All packages sent to Hotel should include the name of Client Event, date of program and number of items. Shipment should arrive no earlier than three (3) days prior to event. Hotel accepts no responsibility or liability for the delivery, security or condition of the packages.

PARKING: Current self-parking for overnight guests is complimentary.

HOTEL CONTACT/NOTICES: All notices, offers, acceptances, requests and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to delivered if hand delivered or sent by overnight Express, or certified or registered mail to the Client contact on the first page of this Agreement, or, if to Hotel, to the following address: 2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76106 Attn: Director of Catering and Convention Services. Hotel may change Hotel’s designated contact at any time upon notice. Hotel will not be bound by any notice unless delivered to Hotel in the manner specified herein.

SIGNING AUTHORITY:The following individuals have the authority to sign for the Master Account and/or act on behalf of and bind the Client pursuant to the terms of this Agreement:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

DAMAGE CLAUSE: In the unlikely event that damage to any Hotel property occurs as a result of any guest related to Client, Client agrees to assume all liability and expense and agrees that, in addition to any other rights as against such guest or others, Hotel may charge Client’s Master Account or directly bill Client for all such charges. Client shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Hotel and its officers, directors, partners, affiliates, members and employees from and against all demands, claims, damages to persons and/or property, losses and liabilities, including reasonable attorney fees (collectively “Claims”) arising out of or caused by Client’s negligence or intentional misconduct. Client shall not have waived or be deemed to have waived, by reason of this paragraph, any defense that it may have with respect to such claims.



CLIENT'S PROPERTY: Client agrees and acknowledges that Hotel will not be responsible for the safe-keeping of equipment, supplies, written material or other valuable items left in function rooms, guest rooms or anywhere on Hotel property other than the Hotel safe. State laws will govern Hotel's liability for items stolen in guestrooms or items kept in Hotel's safe. Accordingly, Client agrees that it will be responsible to provide security of any such aforementioned items and hereby assumes responsibility for loss thereof. Client may not rely on any verbal or written assurances provided by Hotel staff, other than as provided in this Agreement.

INSURANCE: Property of Client is the sole responsibility of the Client and/or its owner. Client agrees that it has procured sufficient insurance to cover the loss of such property. Client hereby waives any claims under Hotel's insurance policy for the loss of Client's property or the property of any of its attendees or invitees.

FORCE MAJEURE: No damages shall be due for a failure of performance occurring due to Acts of God, war, terrorist act, government regulation, riots, disaster, or strikes, any one of which make performance impossible. The Resort shall have no liability for power disruptions of any kind. The performance of this Agreement is subject to any circumstances making it illegal or impossible to provide or use Hotel facilities, including Acts of God, war, government regulations, disaster, strikes, civil disorder or curtailment of transportation facilities. This Agreement may be terminated for any one of the above reasons by written notice from Hotel.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Hotel and Client agree to use its best efforts to resolve any disputes under this Agreement through informal means. In the unlikely event that formal action must be taken, this Agreement will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State in which the Hotel is situated and the exclusive venue for any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be in the county or city in which the Hotel is situated. The prevailing party to any litigation shall be entitled to recover, in addition to damages, all legal costs and reasonable attorney fees as fixed by the Court, both at the trial and appellate levels, and in any bankruptcy case and post judgement proceedings.

To the extent allowed by law, the parties hereto hereby waive the right to a jury trial in any action or proceeding regarding this Agreement.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement and any Exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any previous communications, representations or agreements, whether written or oral. Any changes to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representative of each party.

MISCELLANEOUS: The persons signing this Agreement for Hotel and Client each warrant that they are authorized to bind the Hotel and Client, respectively. Any provision of this Agreement that is deemed unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such unenforceability without invalidating or rendering the remainder of this Agreement invalid. Each party shall execute such other and further documents as may be necessary to carry out the intention as well as to comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

NO ASSIGNMENT: Client may not assign or transfer this Agreement or any part thereof without the written consent of Hotel. Any attempted assignment or transfer by Client without such consent may, at the option of Hotel, be deemed to be a cancellation of this Agreement by Client, in which case Client shall remain liable for all liquidated damage charges set forth herein.

RIGHT OF HOTEL TO TERMINATE: If any information provided by Client to Hotel regarding Client's financial status, its activities, purpose or other material information about Client changes or is incorrect, Hotel shall terminate this Agreement in whole or part and Client will be liable for all payments due pursuant to Section 5 above.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION/ENTRY: Hotel will have the right to enter and inspect all functions. If Hotel observes any illegal activity or activity that may result in harm to persons or objects, Hotel has the right to immediately cancel the event, in which case all of Client's guests and invitees must immediately vacate the event room premises. In such event, Client will remain liable for all fees and charges related to the function pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: If a signed original of this Agreement has not been received by the Hotel prior to **Thursday, November 30, 2023**, Hotel shall have the right to contract with other parties for the use of the room block, event room(s) and catering services without further notice to Client. In the event Hotel has a request for the rooms requested by Client prior to **October 16, 2023**, and Hotel has not received Client's signed Agreement, Hotel will contact the Client for a decision. In such event, if Hotel does not receive Client's signed Agreement within five (5) working days, Hotel will have the right to contract with another party without any further notice to Client.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hotel and Client have executed this Agreement in manner and form sufficient to bind them as of the date and year set forth on page one of this Agreement:

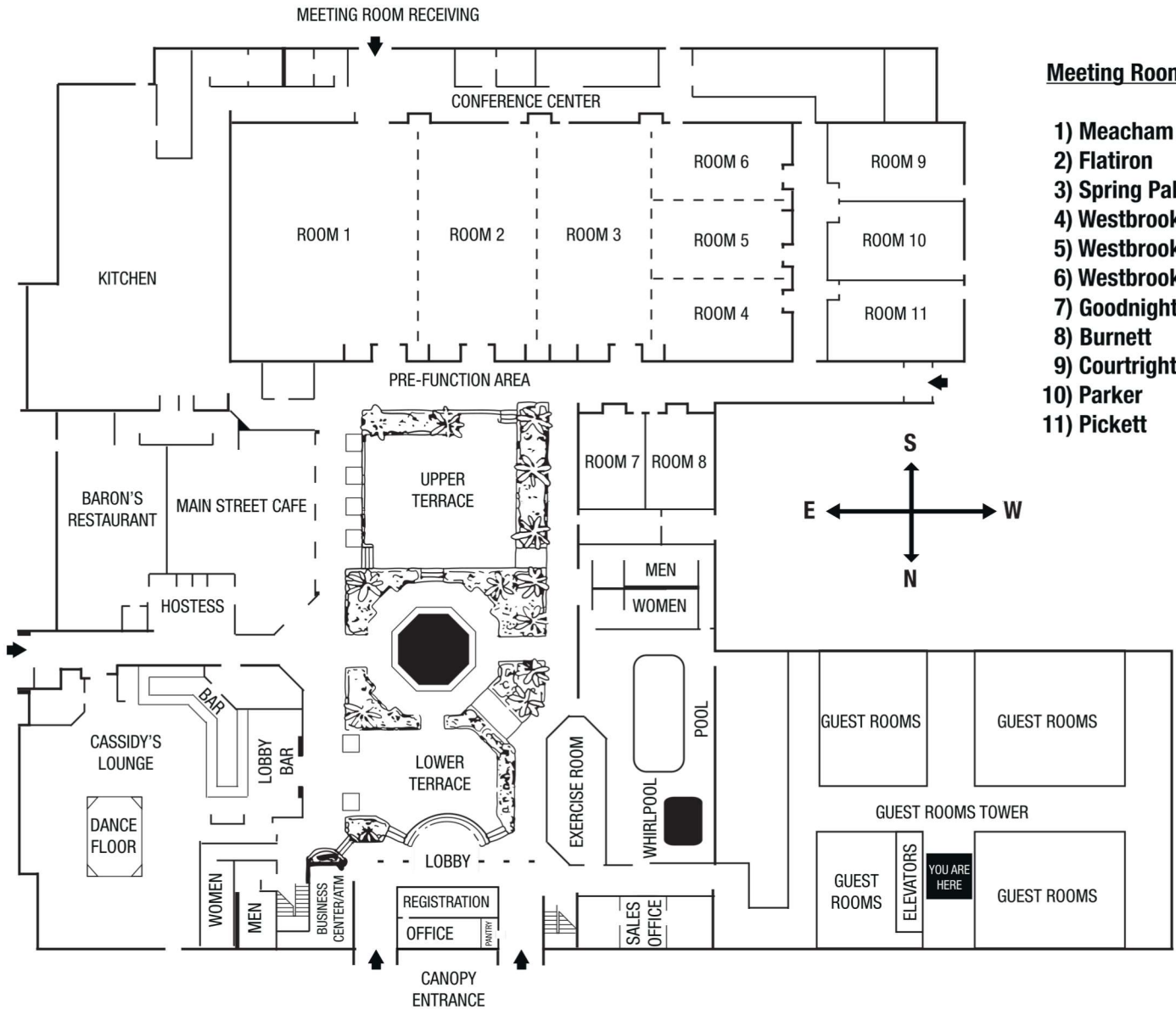


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DATE: _____

DATE: _____

Radisson®



Meeting Rooms

- 1) Meacham
- 2) Flatiron
- 3) Spring Palace
- 4) Westbrook A
- 5) Westbrook B
- 6) Westbrook C
- 7) Goodnight
- 8) Burnett
- 9) Courtright
- 10) Parker
- 11) Pickett

Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek
2540 Meacham Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76106
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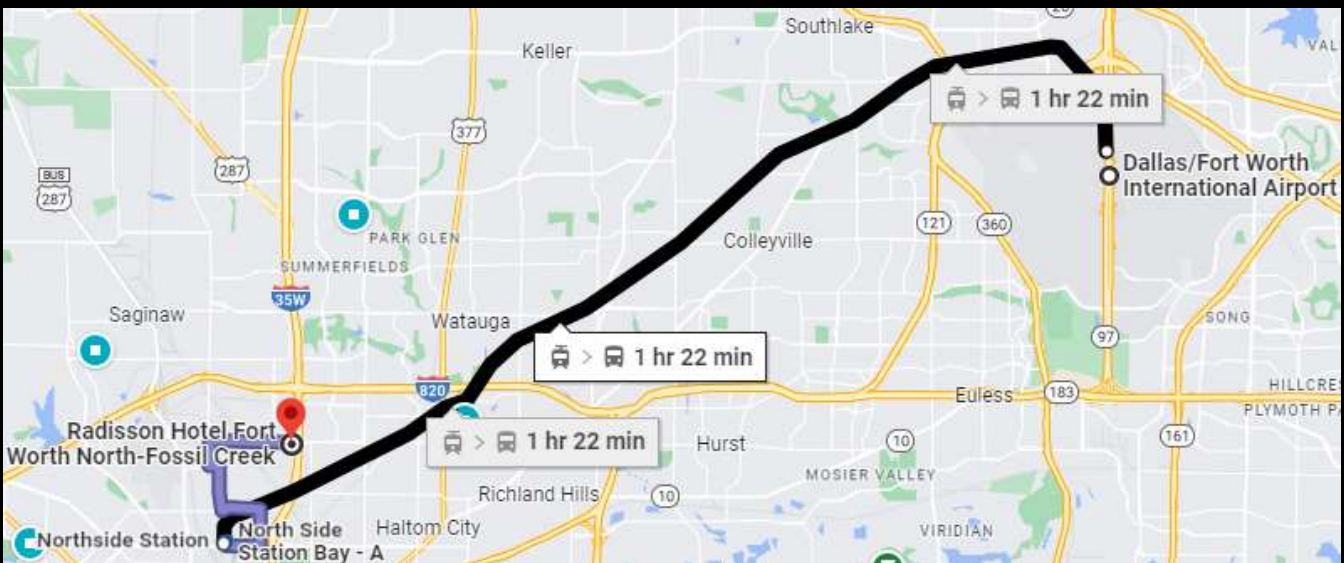
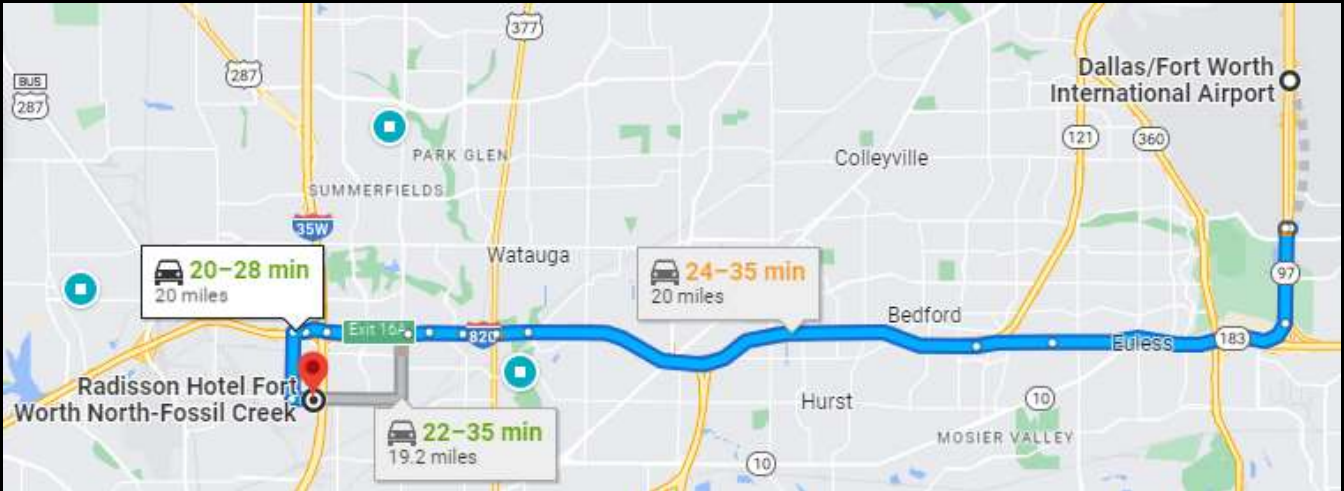
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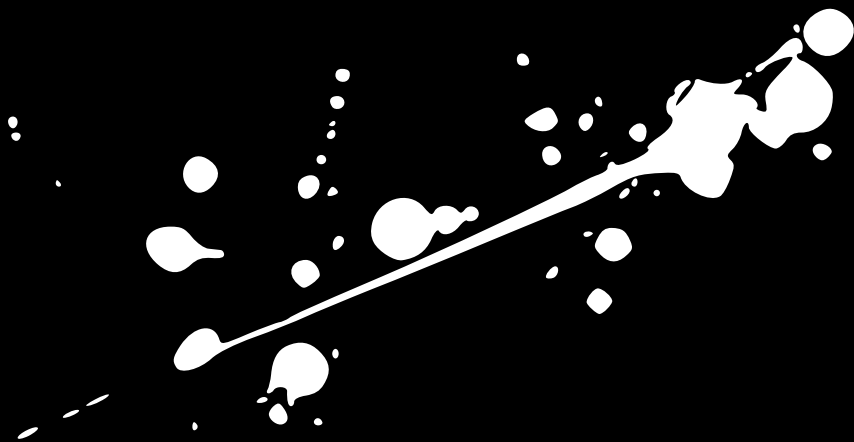
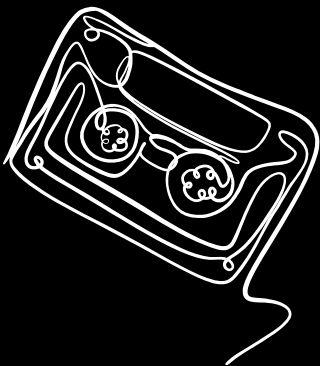
RADISSON NORTH FORT WORTH, FOSSIL CREEK



FROM AIRPORT BY PERSONAL VEHICLE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



RIDESHARING WILL BE COORDINATED VIA FACEBOOK GROUPS TO REDUCE COSTS AND EMISSIONS.





GROUP SALES AGREEMENT

This **Group Sales Event Agreement** (“Agreement”) is by and between **Texas State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous** (“Group” or “you” or “your(s)”) and **JDHQ Hotels, LLC dba Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel** (the “Hotel” or “we” or “us” or “our”). Group and Hotel are each a “Party” and, collectively, the “Parties”).

Especially Prepared for:		Event & Hotel Information:	
Client Contact Name:		Name of “Event”:	TXSCYPPA
		Date(s) of Event:	10/25/2024 - 10/27/2024
Responsible Party (Company Name or Individual):	Texas State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous	Post to Reader Board as:	TXSCYPPA
		Hotel Contact:	Niki White
		Title:	Sales Manager
Reference #	M-R4P9RIH	Property Address:	900 E Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX, 75082-4104
Phone:		Phone:	972.367.6417
Email		Email:	Niki.white@atriumhospitality.com

GUEST ROOM BLOCK AND RATES

Once this Agreement is accepted, we will remove from our inventory and consider sold to you for your use guest room nights (i.e., sleeping rooms) pursuant to the following arrival and departure schedule (the “Total Contracted Rooms” or “Room Block”).

Rates for your Event are confirmed as shown in the schedule.

Attendees

Date	Day	Run Of House	Total Rooms
10/25/2024	Fri	55	55
10/26/2024	Sat	55	55

Start Date	End Date	Room Type	Single
10/25/2024	10/26/2024	Run Of House	\$120.00

All guest rooms are run-of-the-house unless otherwise set forth above. Guestroom types (kings, double/doubles, etc.) cannot be guaranteed and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Room rates quoted above are non-commissionable, net rates, subject to tax, which is currently 13.98% but will be the tax rate in effect at the time of the stay. You confirm that you have dealt directly with us, and have not used any person or service entitled to a commission.

Group shall be solely and fully responsible for informing its attendees of these fees and that they are separate and distinct from the room rate and from taxes. Group may not, in any printed materials regarding the Event or in any other manner, lump these fees into any category such as tax or room rate.

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS

- Overnight self-parking included in rate (Valued at \$15 per car, per day)
- Guest room wifi included in rate (Valued at \$12.95 per day)
- Flat fee of \$2500 for local attendee self-parking, charged to the master account (Valued at \$15 per car, per day)

ROOM RESERVATION PROCEDURES

In order to assign specific room types to your attendees, each guest room in your Room Block must be confirmed no later than **10/11/2024** ("Reservation Due Date"). The Hotel has no obligation to provide room nights beyond those contained in the Room Block.

Online Reservations:

In order to assign individuals to specific rooms, room reservations will be required. Your attendees must make their reservation requests online, through the reservation link provided by the Hotel. Attendees must identify themselves online as part of your group by inserting the group identification code, which will be provided to you by Hotel. You must separately provide the Hotel with any attendee's VIP status. It would be appreciated if the Hotel could be included on the attendee mailing list (traditional mail or e-mail), to stay informed as to when reservations are likely to begin arriving. The Hotel does not confirm reservations to individual attendees in writing. The Hotel reserves the right to change the method used, information required, email address or other aspects of the reservation process.

After Reservation Due Date as described above and prior to your arrival date, all room nights which have not been reserved as described above will be deemed to be room nights which your group will not use, and they will become subject to the attrition provisions herein. Such room nights will at that date be returned to the Hotel's general inventory. Reservation requests from your attendees received after Reservation Due Date will be accepted on a space available basis, at the higher of the contract rate or rate available at that time. Should such requests be accepted, such room nights will be credited to your block for purposes of any calculation of attrition.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

Guest accommodations will be available at **4:00 P.M.** on arrival day and reserved until **11:00 A.M.** on departure day. The Hotel would appreciate receiving flight arrival times for your group, if available. Any attendee wishing special consideration for late checkout should inquire at the front desk on the day of departure.

GUEST ROOM CHARGES

No charges to Master Account:

Each Event guest will pay his or her account upon departure. Group assumes full and sole responsibility for informing all attendees of the room rate, applicable taxes are separate and distinct from the room rate and from taxes. Each guest will be required to present a valid credit card upon check-in on which an amount of sufficient pre-authorization can be obtained to cover the room and tax charges for the length of the guest's stay, plus any charges for the guest's use of the Hotel's ancillary services. Should any guest not settle his or her account in full upon departure, you will be responsible for the outstanding balance (which may be added to your Master Account or billed to you separately).

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The Hotel will provide your requested function space in accordance with and at the rates set forth in the following Schedule of Events. The Hotel reserves the right to adjust function space at the reservations due date if attendance projects lower than contracted. Please ensure that the Schedule of Events includes all space necessary to accommodate your set-up and break-down times, all audio-visual needs, head tables and displays. Diagrams and identification of the Hotel's meeting space to be used for your Event may not be disseminated by the Group without the Hotel's prior approval.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Start	End	Function Type	Setup	# People	Rental
10/25/2024	Fri	12:00 PM	11:59 PM	Meeting	Theatre	800	\$7,500.00++
10/25/2024	Fri	12:00 PM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/25/2024	Fri	12:00 PM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/25/2024	Fri	12:00 PM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/26/2024	Sat	8:00 AM	11:59 PM	Meeting	Theatre	800	
10/26/2024	Sat	8:00 AM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/26/2024	Sat	8:00 AM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/26/2024	Sat	8:00 AM	11:59 PM	Breakout	Theatre	40	
10/27/2024	Sun	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Breakout	Theatre	120	
10/27/2024	Sun	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting	Theatre	800	

GUARANTEED ATTENDANCE AND MENU SELECTIONS

Though this number will not affect the Agreed Minimum Food and Beverage Revenue figure noted below, the final attendance for your function must be received in writing by the event services office NO LATER THAN 12:00PM, three (3) working days before the date of the function. This will be the number for whom the Hotel will prepare food for the function. The Hotel cannot be responsible for service, accommodations or guaranteeing the same menu items for more than three percent over your guaranteed number of people. If a guarantee is not given to the Hotel by the specified time and date, the original estimated attendance would be considered the final guarantee. Your final menu selections must be made no later than 10 days prior to commencement of your Event. A Banquet Event Order will be sent to you to confirm all final arrangements and prices. If you do not advise Hotel of any corrections or changes to the Banquet Event Order by the date requested by Hotel, the Banquet Event Order will be considered accepted by you as correct. Group will be responsible for the charges listed on the Banquet Event Order or the Agreed Minimum Food and Beverage Revenue figure, whichever is greater, plus applicable tax and service charges.

SERVICE CHARGE

A service charge of 25% (or the current service charge in effect on the day of the Event) will be assessed on all charges relating to your Event including, but not limited to, food and beverage, audio visual, connectivity, meeting room rental, labor fees and any other charges relating to your Event, plus any applicable state and/or local taxes. This service charge is not a gratuity and is the property of Hotel to cover discretionary and administrative costs of the Event. We will endeavor to notify you in advance of your Event of any increases to the service charge should different amounts be in effect on the day of your Event.

AGREED MINIMUM ROOM NIGHT REVENUE

Based on the Total Contracted Rooms and the stated rates, the "Agreed Minimum Room Night Revenue" is \$13,200.00.

AGREED MINIMUM FOOD AND BEVERAGE REVENUE

Based on the above Schedule of Events, the "Agreed Minimum Food and Beverage Revenue" to the Hotel from such events is \$10,000.00. This amount does not include service charges or taxes, if applicable, which are noted separately herein, and any additional requested function space or food and beverage shall be extra.

ROOM BLOCK AND SERVICES COMMITMENT

When you contract for a block of rooms and meeting facilities and for food and beverage services, those room nights, facilities and services are removed from our inventory and considered sold to you, and the Hotel makes financial plans based upon the revenues it expects to achieve from your full performance of this Agreement. It is impossible for the Hotel to know in advance whether or under what circumstances or at what rates it would be able to resell your contracted room nights, services or facilities if you do not use them, either as the result of a cancellation of your Event ("cancellation") or as the result of usage of less than your Total Contracted Rooms and/or contracted food and beverage services for the above Schedule of Events ("attrition"). In most instances, when groups do not use their contracted room nights or services, the Hotel is unable to resell those room nights or services and even when room nights or services are resold, they are generally not resold at the same rates, may be resold to groups which would have utilized the Hotel at another time, are resold to groups that do

have the same needs as the original group, etc. Even when rooms or services may be resold, it is costly to re-market the rooms and facilities, and such efforts divert the attention of our sales staff from selling the Hotel's rooms and facilities for other times. While your Room Block has been held out of our inventory, we may have turned away more lucrative groups in order to meet our commitment to you.

For all these reasons and others, the Parties agree that in the event of cancellation or attrition, the following charges, which represent a reasonable effort on behalf of the Hotel to establish its loss prospectively, shall be due as liquidated damages. Because the Hotel reasonably expects to derive revenue from your Event above and beyond the revenue derived from the provision of room nights and food and beverage services, and because it is difficult to estimate the actual revenue which may be derived from your Event, the amounts due as and for liquidated damages are intended to compensate the Hotel for all of its losses associated with cancellation and/or attrition, which is addressed separately in the attachment hereto, and which shall be due in addition to the liquidated damage amount set forth herein.

ATTRITION

We agree to allow for a 20% reduction in the "Agreed Room Night Revenue Figure" if said reduction is requested by the Reservation Due Date. After the Reservation Due Date, Group will be responsible for the total value of the guestrooms reserved on that date (# of rooms held x room rate) or the original contracted block with attrition, whichever is greater. Any applicable taxes and service charges will be added and posted as a charge to Group's Master Account.

CANCELLATION

It is understood that Hotel loses substantial revenue upon the Group's cancellation of an event. The amount of those losses is often difficult or impossible to determine. Hotel has set forth the following fee schedule in the event of cancellation. The parties agree that these fees are a fair and reasonable estimation of Hotel's loss as a result of cancellation. Group shall pay the cancellation fee as liquidated damages, plus applicable taxes, if Group cancels or is deemed to have cancelled the Event.

If any single function is cancelled, the Group is responsible for the meeting room rental and any other applicable charges associated with that function. The Group is still expected to meet the Agreed Minimum Food and Beverage Revenue. Group agrees to notify Hotel in writing within five (5) business days of any decision to cancel. If the entire Event is cancelled Group agrees to pay Hotel, as follows:

CANCELLATION FEES:

Cancellation Fee is based on Agreed Minimum Room Night Revenue and Agreed Minimum Revenue, all other applicable Event charges (e.g., setup charges, audio visual charges, etc.), service charges and applicable taxes for a total amount of \$33,200.00.

Cancelled 30+ days prior to 04/30/2023	70% or \$23,240.00
Cancelled within 29 days and less	80% or \$26,560.00

Your written notice of cancellation must be delivered to Hotel, and may be made by facsimile or electronic transmission. Cancellation date will be considered the date such notification was received by Hotel. Liquidated damages resulting from cancellation shall be due and payable at the time of cancellation.

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In addition to any other amounts authorized by this Agreement, the following items shall be charged to the Master Account: cancellation charges, charges for third-party services and/or supplies arranged through the Hotel and agreed in advance by the Group, and any other charges billed to the Master Account at the request of the authorized representative of the Group, as designated by the Group in advance of the Event, plus applicable taxes and governmental charges.

A secure credit card link will be sent, please complete and return it with the signed Agreement. The credit card will be charged in the case of, cancellation charges, or any other authorized charges. All credit card charges over \$10,000.00 will incur a 2.5% processing fee unless prohibited by law.

Date	Deposit Due
Upon return of signed Agreement to Hotel <i>(20% of estimated charges)</i>	\$5300.00
Two weeks prior to Arrival <i>(October 11, 2024)</i>	\$5300.00
Three business days prior to Event* <i>(October 21, 2024)</i>	Remaining balance

* Final deposit payment must be by cash, credit card, certified or official bank check, bank transfer or money order.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to and be delivered to:

Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel
 Attention: Accounting Department
 900 E. Lookout Drive
 Richardson TX 75082

If any deposit payment is not made when due, Hotel may, at its option, deem the Event to be canceled, in which case cancellation charges will apply as noted above and the Hotel will retain any deposits on hand and apply them to the cancellation charges.

Individual guest accounts are paid via the credit card provided by the guest at check-in.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS

If Group maintains a tax exempt status, Hotel must be provided with a valid exemption certificate no later than thirty (30) days prior to Group’s arrival in order to be exempt from taxes. **Please note, tax exempt status pertains to the Master Account only.** Individual attendees are not tax exempt. Tax exempt status applies to sales tax only; other taxes may apply.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Group agrees to work exclusively with Hotel or Hotel’s exclusive audio-visual provider for Group’s audio-visual needs. Any exceptions require Hotel approval and shall be subject to a Hotel fee of \$1500.00, plus tax. Applicable service charges and taxes will apply to all charges for audio-visual services, whether provided by the Hotel or Hotel’s exclusive provider.

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Hotel and Group each agree to carry and maintain and provide evidence of liability and other insurance in amounts sufficient to provide coverage against any claims arising out of its activities or relating to its respective obligations under this Agreement, with liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Group’s insurance policy shall name the **JDHQ Hotels LLC, dba The Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel and Atrium Hospitality LP** (collectively, the “Hotel Parties”) as additional insureds. With respect to any claims or other liability for which Group is responsible, Group’s insurance will be primary and not contributory to any insurance maintained by the Hotel Parties. Damage caused by the Group or its attendees or contractors will be the Group’s responsibility. The Hotel is not responsible for any loss or damage no matter how caused, to any samples, displays, properties, or personal effects brought into the Hotel, and/or for the loss of equipment, exhibits or other materials left in meeting rooms. Group will carry workers compensation coverage as required by law.

The Group shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless **JDHQ Hotels LLC, dba The Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel and Atrium Hospitality LP** and their respective officers, directors, partners, agents, members and employees from and against any and all demands, claims, damages to persons or property, losses and liabilities, including reasonable attorney’s fees (collectively “Claims”) arising out of or caused by the Group’s and/or its attendees’, members’, agents’, employees’, independent contractors’ or exhibitors’ negligence, except to the extent and percentage attributable to the Hotel’s negligence .

ELECTRICAL/PHONE SETUP

All electrical services and utilities, including phone and riggings, must be contracted for through the Hotel’s Event Services Department.

OUTSIDE BEVERAGE

Due to applicable law, you may not bring alcoholic beverages into the Hotel for your Event.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

Due to limitations in secured storage space, the Hotel will only accept packages as follows:

Boxes/packages may be sent for arrival a maximum of 48 hours prior to group arrival and will be marked with the responsible party's name, Group name, plus "Hold for Arrival Date of 02/21/2023."

There will be a handling charge as follows:

Boxes up to 36" x 24" x 24"	\$8.00 per box
Pallets	\$100.00 per pallet

Charges will be placed on the Master Account unless otherwise directed. Additional labor charges may be incurred depending on the size of the shipment, at the discretion of the Hotel. Hotel will not be responsible for any shipping charges, damages or loss to any packages or boxes.

MARRIOTT BONVOY EVENTS:

Marriott Bonvoy Events provides Points or Miles to eligible Marriott Bonvoy Members who book and hold qualifying meetings and events at Participating Properties.

Approximately ten (10) business days after the conclusion of the Event (provided that the Event is not cancelled and Group, Incorporated has otherwise complied with the material terms and conditions of this Agreement), the Hotel will award Points or Miles to the Member and relevant account identified below. By inserting the airline frequent flyer account information, the recipient elects to receive Miles instead of Points.

Marriott Bonvoy Events is not available in certain circumstances, including (1) for any government employee or official booking a government event (U.S. government event or non-U.S. government event); (2) for any employee of a state-owned or state-controlled entity ("SOE") booking an event on behalf of the SOE; or (3) for any other planner or intermediary when booking an event on behalf of a non-U.S. governmental entity or SOE. Hotels in the Asia Pacific region are restricted from awarding Points or Miles to any intermediary booking an event on behalf of any governmental entity or SOE.

GROUP MUST CHECK ONE OPTION BELOW:

The Contact (as identified on below) is eligible to receive Points or Miles.

Member Name _____
Marriott Bonvoy Membership Number _____

*If Miles are desired instead of Points, please also provide:

Participating airline name _____
Participating airline frequent flyer account number _____

OR

The Contact (as identified on page 1 of this Agreement or the Authorized Signer of this Agreement) declines or is not eligible to receive Points or Miles and hereby waives the right to receive Points or Miles in connection with the Event.

The individual identified above to receive either Points or Miles may not be changed without such individual's prior written consent. The number of Points or Miles to be awarded shall be determined pursuant to the Marriott Bonvoy Terms and Conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"), as in effect at the time of award. All Marriott Bonvoy Terms and Conditions apply. The Terms and Conditions are available on-line at <https://www.marriott.com/loyalty/terms/default.mi> and may be changed at the sole discretion of Marriott International, Inc. at any time and without notice. Capitalized terms used in this section have the meanings given to them in the Terms and Conditions.

Individual guests within the group block are responsible for their own guest room charges. The Marriott Bonvoy members within the block are eligible to receive their individual Bonvoy points.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the below-referenced **Additional Terms and Conditions**, and the appendices, attachments, addenda and exhibits attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties superseding any and all prior proposals, negotiations, representations, commitments and other communications between the Parties, whether oral or written, concerning the Event. This Agreement shall be deemed "accepted" and binding on the Parties only after it has been signed and delivered by a representative of the Group and thereafter by a representative of the Hotel. No representative of the Hotel is authorized to make any representation which varies from the express terms of this Agreement. This Agreement cannot be amended or supplemented except in writing signed by a representative of the Group and the Hotel's Director of Sales or General Manager. Group shall present Hotel an executed version signed by Group's representative prior to **December 15, 2023**.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: By signing where indicated below, you are agreeing that in addition to the terms and conditions of this Agreement as set forth above, this Agreement also includes the general terms and conditions set forth in the Additional Terms and Conditions (collectively, the "Additional Terms and Conditions") located on the following website, which terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement: <https://atriumhospitality.com/terms-and-conditions/>

The undersigned expressly agree and warrant that they are authorized to sign and enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party for which they sign and if applicable on behalf of Group/Client named above.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

HOTEL:

43rd Annual TXSCYPAA

JDHQ Hotels LLC
d/b/a Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

By:

By:

Name:

Name: Niki White

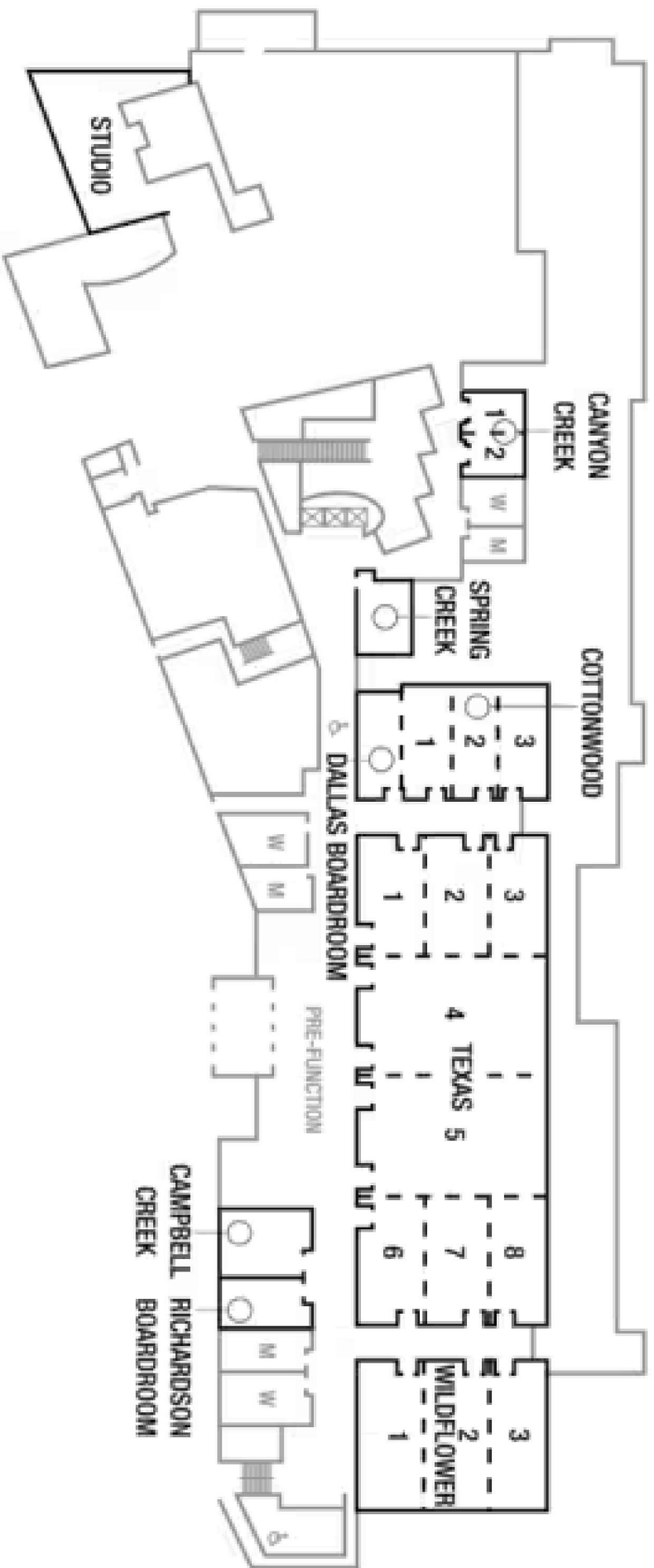
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By: _____
Lauren Crenshaw
Director of Sales and Events

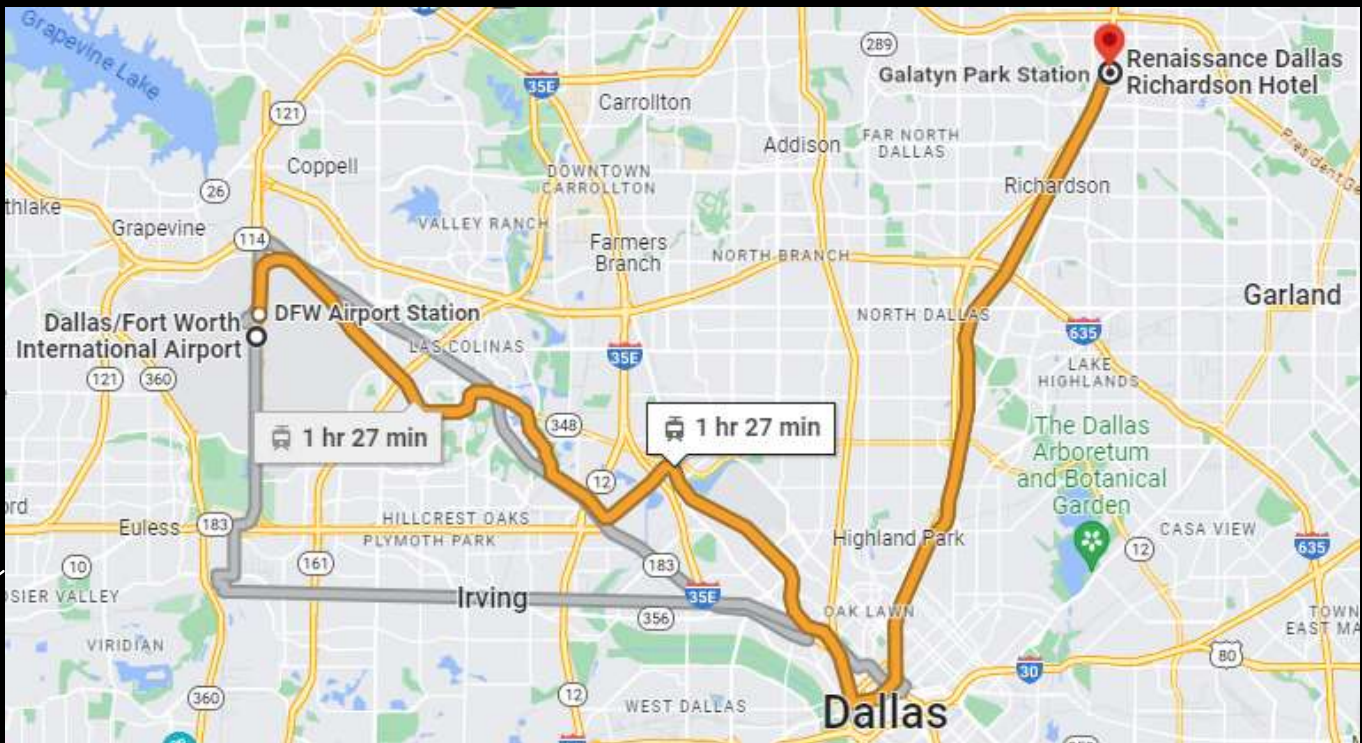
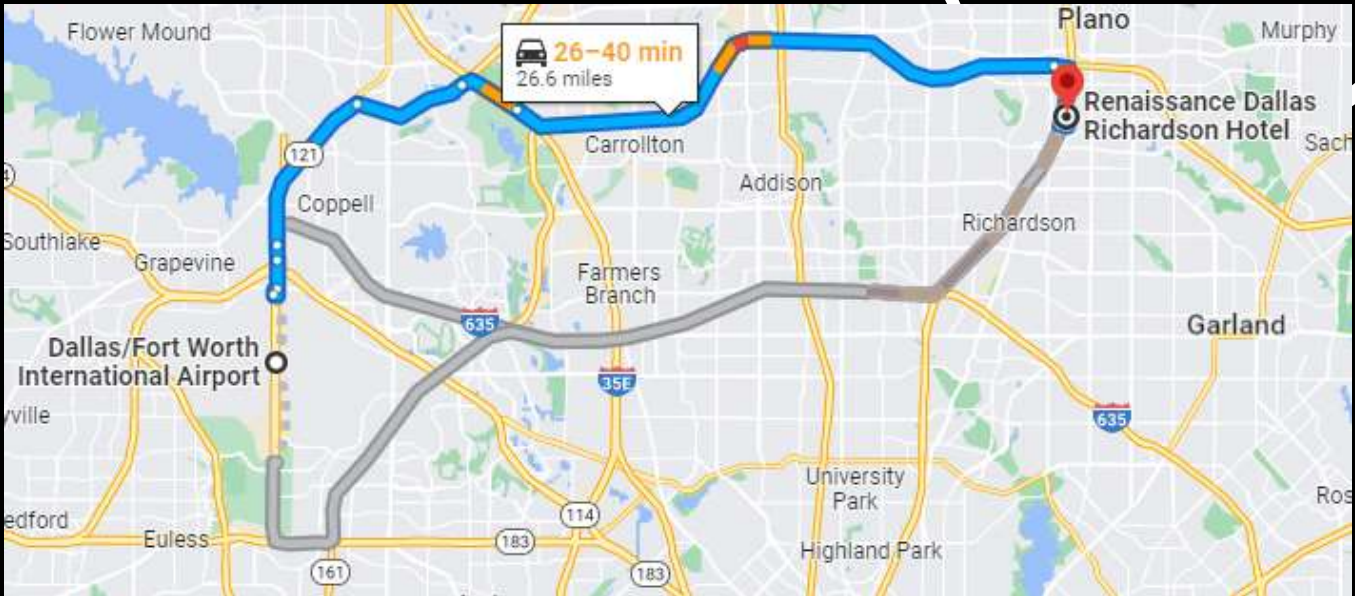
FIRST LEVEL



TRANSPORTATION RENAISSANCE DALLAS RICHARDSON



FROM AIRPORT BY PERSONAL VEHICLE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



RIDESHARING WILL BE COORDINATED VIA FACEBOOK GROUPS TO REDUCE COSTS AND EMISSIONS.





THE SET ASIDE PRAYER

GOD, TODAY HELP ME SET ASIDE
EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT
YOU, EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW
ABOUT MYSELF, EVERYTHING I THINK I
KNOW ABOUT OTHERS, AND
EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT
MY OWN RECOVERY SO I MAY HAVE AN
OPEN MIND AND A NEW EXPERIENCE
WITH ALL THESE THINGS. PLEASE
HELP ME SEE THE TRUTH

