

# GCYPAA for Drunks

**A Collection of Experience, Strength &  
Hope from the GCYPAA Advisory Council**

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## **PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDEBOOK**

The purpose of this Guidebook is to preserve the experience, strength and hope of those who have had the opportunity to participate in the Georgia Conference by Young People in A.A. The authors hope this material will help others be of maximum benefit to GCYPAA and enjoy their participation in the Conference.

While we are attempting to provide a comprehensive resource, we realize we cannot foresee all situations that may arise and strongly encourage readers to use common sense and spiritual principles in all activities related to GCYPAA.

With this Guidebook, we hope to simplify service to GCYPAA. The experience of bidding for and hosting a Conference should not be characterized by anxiety and conflict, but rather harmonious action for the noble purpose of carrying the message of recovery, unity and service to those who suffer from alcoholism, particularly young people in Georgia. The suggestions in this Guidebook are largely the lessons learned from past mistakes or the solutions we developed to problems that arose when bid for and hosted GCYPAA. We hope those who read and rely on this Guidebook will remain loyal to our primary purpose and enjoy their participation in GCYPAA.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE**

GCYPAA is an annual A.A. Conference. GCYPAA stands for the Georgia Conference by Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Conference is a weekend celebration of recovery from alcoholism hosted by a group of recovered alcoholics that are trying to carry the message of recovery, unity and service to those who suffer from alcoholism. Generally, the Conference takes place at a hotel in Georgia and features large speaker meetings, entertainment, workshops, AA meetings and other sober activities that celebrate our recovery from alcoholism.

Each year, the Conference is hosted by a “Host Committee” representing a particular city or area. At the Conference, the next group to host GCYPAA is selected. In this way, the Conference travels the state of Georgia. Those interested in Conference history are encouraged to consult the archives displayed at the Conference and on the Conference web site, [www.gcypaa.org](http://www.gcypaa.org).

Generally, one begins their GCYPAA service by bidding to host the Conference in his or her area. A group of recovered alcoholics working together to bring the Conference to their area is a “Bid Committee.” At the Conference, a Bid Committee is selected to host the Conference the following year. After having the experience of hosting the Conference, some Host Committee members

continue to serve the Conference as members of the  
“Advisory Council.”

It is hoped that an individual’s GCYPAA service may  
evolve from bidding for the Conference to hosting the  
Conference to advising other involved in GCYPAA service.  
Together, we help carry AA’s message to alcoholics who still  
suffer and along the way develop deep and lasting  
friendships.