Why Should We Pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. However, in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since “There are no dues or fees for AA membership…” there should be no fees to attend.

Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparations, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels/convention centers, there is a charge for the use of these facilities. Along with facility charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers, printing of flyers and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money.

This conference/convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for this event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees. No baskets are passed. The ideal goal for any committee of such an event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend’s worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members, we “pay our own way.”

hospitality room:
6th floor, room 628 (closed during speaker meetings)
FRI. 2PM – 12 AM; SAT. 7AM – 12 AM; SUN. 7AM – 11AM

AA marathon meetings – English:
Crestview: FRI. 2PM – 11PM; SAT. 7AM – 11PM
Crescent 2 upstairs: SUN. 7AM – 11AM

al-anon – English: canyon 3
FRIDAY – 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM - Boundaries; 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Slogans;
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM - Gratitude; 10 to 11 AM - 3 As;
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM - Al-Anon Speaker Claudia M. - Crescent Ballroom;
3 to 4 PM - Detachment; 4:30 to 5:30 PM - 3 Cs;
SUNDAY – 9 to 10 AM - Miracles

español – Spanish AA meetings:
Salón Canyon #1 – Canyon 1
(todas las reuniones en español)
VIERNES – 10:00 a 11:30 PM - Plenaria de Apertura;
SÁBADO – 10:00 a 11:30 AM - Junta #1;
12:00 a 1:30 PM - Junta #2; 2:00 a 3:30 PM - Junta #3;
4:00 a 5:00 PM - Orador Español Carlos M. en el salón Crescent;
10:00 a 11:30 PM - Junta #4 en el salón Crescent; DOMINGO – Junta #5

español – Spanish Al-Anon:
Salón Crescent #2, segundo piso
(todas las reuniones en español)
VIERNES – 5:00 a 6:30 PM - Límites;
SÁBADO – 9:00 a 10:15 AM - La gratitud;
10:30 a 11:45 AM - Conciencia, aceptación y acción;
1:30 a 2:30 PM - Orador Al-Anon Claudia M. en el salón Crescent;
3:00 a 4:15 PM - Desprendimiento Emocional;
4:30 a 6:00 PM - En busca de la libertad personal

arizona area 03 archives
and AA literature: Canyon 2

grapevine/La Viña and merchandise: Convention Lobby

registration: Convention Lobby
FRI 2PM – 10PM • SAT 7AM – 8PM
Registration Badge is required to attend all meetings and activities

no smoking or vaping indoors. Please use Butt Cans!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM, Crescent 1 upstairs
MORNING MEDITATION - Arne R.

8 AM to 9:30 AM, Crescent Ballroom
ALL THINGS GRAPEVINE - Ami B.

10 AM to 11:30 AM,
Crescent Ballroom
LONG TIMER PANEL: "...and the Wisdom to Know the Difference"

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Lunch On Your Own

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, Phoenix A
GRAPEVINE GAMES in the Rule 62 Room

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Crescent Ballroom
AL-ANON Speaker Meeting, Claudia M., Mesa AZ
(Español – Spanish Translation)

2 PM to 4 PM, Phoenix A
AA JEOPARDY in the Rule 62 Room

2:45 PM to 3:45 PM, Crescent Ballroom
YOUNG PEOPLE AA Speaker Meeting, Allison A., Surprise AZ

4 PM to 5 PM, Crescent Ballroom
ESPAÑOL/SPANISH AA Meeting, Carlos M. Santa Ana, CA

4 PM to 7 PM, Crescent Ballroom
GRAPEVINE RECORDING STUDIO
Record a 7 minute share!

5 PM to 7:30 PM – Dinner on your own

7:30 PM to 9:15 PM, Crescent Ballroom
Sobriety Count Down
AA Speaker Meeting, Candice M. Los Angeles, CA
(Español – Spanish Translation)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

8 AM to 2 PM, Offsite – GOLF TOURNAMENT

3 PM to 5 PM, Crescent 1 upstairs
GRAPEVINE RECORDING STUDIO
Record a 7 minute share!

4 PM to 5 PM, Crescent Ballroom
EARLYBIRD AA MEETING

5 PM - 6:30 PM – Dinner On Your Own

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Crescent Ballroom
WRITING A GRAPEVINE ARTICLE WORKSHOP
"Everyone Has a Story" - Ami B.

7:45 PM to 9 PM, Crescent Ballroom
WELCOME – Dave B. AZ Area 03 Delegate, Tuscon
AA Speaker Meeting, Ami B., New York, NY
(Español – Spanish Translation)

9:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Crescent Ballroom
COMEDY SHOW with Tony V.

10 PM to 1:00 AM, Phoenix ABC
DJ DANCE in the Rule 62 Room

11 PM to 12 AM, Crestview
YOUNG & SOBER PANEL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

9:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Convention Lobby
CELEBRATE LA VIÑA'S 20TH BIRTHDAY!

10:00 a 11:30 P, en el salón Crescent
REUNION ESPAÑOL

10 PM to 1:00 AM, Phoenix ABC
LIVE R&B BAND "Level 9"
in the Rule 62 Room

11 PM to 12 AM, Crestview
YOUNG & SOBER PANEL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM, Crescent 1 upstairs
MORNING MEDITATION – Howard P.

8 AM to 10:30 AM, Crescent 1 upstairs
GRAPEVINE RECORDING STUDIO
Record a 7 minute share!

9 AM - 10:30 AM, Crescent Ballroom
DIVERSITY IN AA: Are we carrying the message to diverse populations?

11 AM to 12 PM, Crescent Ballroom
AA Speaker Meeting, Howard P. Gilbert AZ
(Español – Spanish Translation)