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## July 2025

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STEP SEVEN: "Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings."

TRADITION SEVEN: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting declining outside contributions."

CONCEPT SEVEN: "The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness."

## **CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE**

I attended the Arizona Area 03 2025 Correction Conference on May 16 and 17 in Tempe. The purpose of the conference was to foster cooperation between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Corrections Professionals who administer the facilities. The conference was open to all who might be interested in carrying the AA message of recovery to the incarcerated alcoholic. I am the coordinator for men bringing AA meetings into the Camp Verde and Prescott jails. I have also been an AA volunteer going into the jails in Yavapai County for 16 years.

The conference was organized and run by the Area 03 (Arizona) Corrections Committee. This conference started Friday night with an ice cream social and then an AA speaker. On Saturday after opening remarks there was a volunteer panel of AA people taking meetings into the correction facilities. After another AA speaker there was an administration panel of the people who work with the volunteers to have meetings brought inside. These are the people who work at the jails and approve the AA volunteers. After an excellent lunch prepared for all by the conference committee, there was another panel of AA members explaining their service. They were representatives from Bridging the Gap, Cooperation with the Professional Committee, and Hospitals and Institutions. The closing speaker is the assistance warden at the prison in Kingman, Arizona. She was especially interesting in sketching her career in law enforcement and explain how much alcohol and drugs are involved with people who spend time incarcerated.

I am always looking for how I can better serve the AA people who volunteer at our jails. I have found that people who want to volunteer have trouble filling out the application. One of the other coordinators said that he has prospective volunteers come over to his house and he helps them fill out the application. Sounds like a good idea. I got to see some old friends from around Arizona besides hearing the stories of service in the correction system.

There were 84 people registered at \$25 each. I spoke to the Corrections Coordinator. He told me they covered the rent at the church, ice cream social, coffee, water and the outstanding lunch with the registration fee. There was no need for a seventh tradition. As long as I have been doing corrections work I have always heard AA people going into jails and prisons hardly ever relapse themselves. If interested in going into either the Prescott or Camp Verde please reach out to me at 928-899-8274

Dan S. Intergroup Corrections Coordinator



## *The AAer Finance game*

Finances are simply a game,  
It's complicated & simple but lame,  
But if you don't play right,  
It's easy to lose sight,  
Looking for someone to blame..

It's great being the ONE in control,  
Of our massive and bulky bank roll,  
We think we're so smart,  
Our egos off the chart,  
Till we hit that unseeable pot hole...

It's hard to really let go,  
We only know what we know,  
Yet we try even harder,  
Even being the martyr,  
Still struggling while running the show.

But... If we live on the AAer bus,  
All it's programs, sayings and plus...  
Let Higher power run the show,  
And true faith as we go,,  
Our financial insecurities will leave us.

As AAer's we rally and cheer,  
Even though I explain it all here,  
You still may be broke,  
And that's really no joke,  
But you'll be broke without any fear..

## No Matter What!

Early in sobriety I was often told by my sponsor “don’t drink, no matter what” which included the thought that there is no problem, situation or circumstance that a drink won’t make worse. And there were days during that first year that I clung to that thought...just get through the day without drinking. Yes, I also needed to talk to other alcoholics, pray, go to a meeting, do some Step work, and maybe think of others.

I recently made the mistake of reading posts on a recovery Facebook page which were critical of this mantra. The author thought that there is an implication of self-will...that telling ourselves not to drink is contrary to the teachings of AA...that the solution is outside of ourselves and entirely in the hands of a Higher Power.

I do have some power. I was given a “free will” at birth. The spark of life. It’s not enough for sure (read “lack of power” or “insufficient”) but I sure needed to point what little I had in the right direction. This is called willingness.

I would complain to my sponsor that this whole AA sobriety thing was too much for me. I was being asked to “completely give myself” and I really had no experience with such an effort. He said “well, give me what you got” and that I could do.

Hugh H.





Friday, July 25 — Sunday, July 27

**YAVAPAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1100 E Sheldon St, Prescott, AZ 86301

- *AA Speaker Meetings*
- *Al-Anon Meetings and Speaker*
- *AA Longtimers Meeting*
- *Marathon Meetings and Workshops*
- *On-site Food and Entertainment*
- *Raffles, 50/50 and Baskets*
- *Potluck Saturday 10 am - 4 pm*
- *Sobriety Countdown*

**REGISTER**

**\$30 PRE-PAID** UNTIL 7/21/25

**\$35 AT THE DOOR**



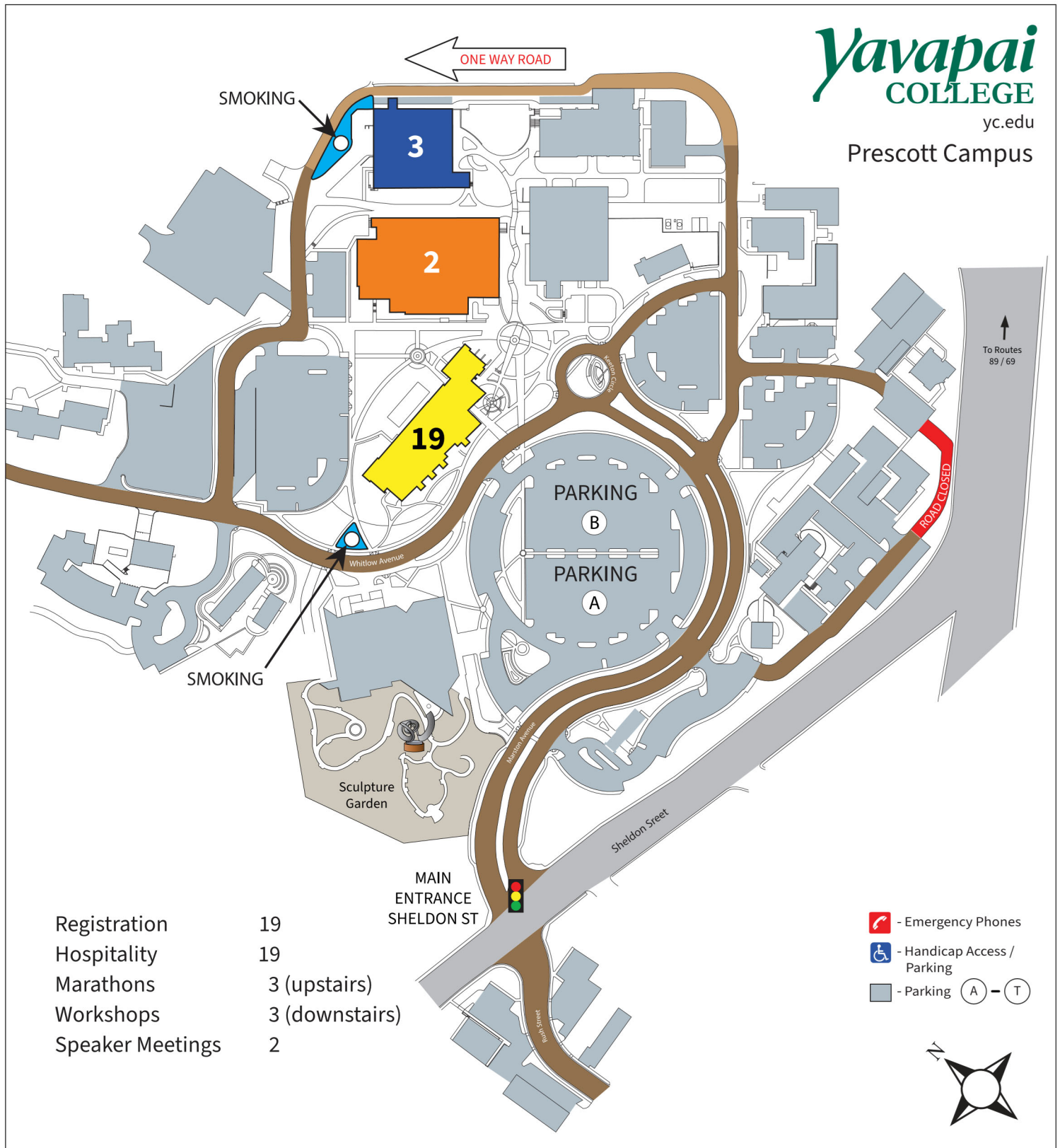
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