

**Round Table Topic:** Young People in AA

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**Moderator:** Tonia C. **Secretary:** Not identified

**Identified Topics:**

1. **How does a young people's meeting get started?** Central Office, Group number, have members that keep functioning, including events. Five to 10 people meet at a set time, have Group conscience before starting the meeting, commitments are filled. I find out what people want to do, have fun with it, and provide outreach. Play off the strengths of your Area to have events. Make sure events are accessible to everyone and cost effective. Provide outreach and support others.

2. **Is high school too young to start a YPAA meeting?** High school might be too late. The sooner the better to give them other options. Start at middle school. They need to know where to go. Maybe have YPAA Groups or members go to schools. High school students need us as the alternative to the authoritative view.

3. **How does Intergroup office make it known the YPAA is YPAA?** Publish on an Area website on have YPAA in the title. YPAA meeting an Area suggested.

4. **Should we separate sexes?** No, keep them together. Mixed meetings may motivate people to go to meetings.

5. **If conferences ban AA members are they still allowed to claim the AA name?** This is against the Traditions. Every group is autonomous. If someone's actions effect a Group, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition trumps the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition.

6. **What do we as YPAA bring to General Service? What are Area-level responsibilities?** We are the future. No different responsibilities; we are AA, not separate. Responsibilities are to make General Service look attractive. Why do we need a seat at the Area level? Unclear responsibilities for Area 18. Workshops for YPAA to inform attendees about General Service, Traditions, Concepts, etc. Area 72 failed because they came as General Service in their own way.