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Young People in AA Do Their Thing

Inigorated by an abundance of young people attending from throughout the U.S. and Canada, AAs of various ages took part in a something-for-everybody three-day International Conference of Young People in AA, held during the last weekend of July in Philadelphia, Pa. About 550 persons purchased tickets for the climactic banquet; a total of 770 registered at the conference.

The Philadelphia conference was heralded and accompanied by many articles, announcements, or presentations by the press, radio, and TV channels. Both the unusual public attention and the massive intra-Fellowship drive to attract participation generated much direct and indirect Twelfth Step activity, certain to have a reverberating effect through the years.

Workshops were held under such titles as "Age Is Not My Problem," "Multiple Addictions," and "Is Sobriety Your Thing?"

Both Al-Anon and Alateen held sessions during the conference. Alateen put on a laugh-evoking fashion show and luncheon, and experts in the field of alcoholism took part in the Al-Anon discussions.

Entertainment highlights included dancing to a live orchestra in the main ballroom of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and a guitar-playing, folk-singing fete held in the hotel's Independence Room.

States and provinces represented included California, Iowa, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Georgia, Virginia, Montana, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Ohio, Hawaii, Ontario, and Quebec.

Meeting concurrently with the Philadelphia conferees, the International Advisory Council of Young People in AA announced that the site for the 13th International Conference of Young People in AA would be Fort Worth, Tex., during the weekend of August 14, 1970.

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