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"We are an ever-growing group of sober Chicagoans, diverse in age and sobriety, who want for our city a chance to host the next International Conference of Young People in AA (ICYPAA). We are committed to unifying newcomers and young people in AA, generating enthusiasm and participation for the 52nd ICYPAA in New York, NY, and ultimately creating a group of excited and capable AA members who can help bring ICYPAA to Chicago. Throughout our pursuit we aim to share our experiences with others, honor the traditions and spiritual principles of AA, and carry a message of gratitude, service, and fellowship."

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The countdown is on! As I write this, we have less than a month before thousands of young people descend upon New York City to celebrate sobriety! The excitement is really heightened this year since we'll be partying like sober rock stars in Times Square!

The theme for this year's ICYPAA is "A New Life," which was taken from a Grapevine article written in 1957 by Bill W: "Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life – the one that did not work – for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever." This theme is 100% appropriate for my life right now. The week preceding ICYPAA, I will be embarking on a new life – moving to a new city, living alone & returning to school. While this new chapter of my new life seems scary, it is the result of sobriety and a continuing awakening to a new life. My old life was filled with fear, drunkenness and constant failure, and it clearly did not work. This new

A New Life  
Mo B.

life takes me to places I never dreamt of; places like NEW YORK CITY!

Young people in Alcoholics Anonymous have saved my life countless times. I arrived in AA as an angry, fearful, and bratty 22 year old. You have loved me into a more understanding, optimistic, and slightly responsible mid-twenty something (I refuse to be considered an adult!). Through sobriety I have found fun, fellowship, and Higher Power, all of which have led me to experience a spiritual awakening. This spiritual awakening has led me to a new life. Thank you all for trudging the road of happy destiny with me!

The Chicago Bid for ICYPAA meets at 8pm, every Tuesday of the month, at CASO, located on the third floor at 180 N. Wabash in downtown Chicago.

New faces and opinions are always welcome!

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Or check us out online at:  
<http://chicagoicypaabid.org>

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# Fashion Show - "Urban Jungle"

## Saturday, August 14, 2010 - The Chicago Bid for ICYPAA presents its final event before New York

It all starts @ 8:30 pm with a "Meeting Raid Rally" - hear the experience, strength and hope of speakers from home groups throughout the greater Chicagoland area that the Bid has outreached to over the last year.

Then a Fashion Show - themed "Urban Jungle" - see what up-and-coming designers have created with the Chicago Bid for ICYPAA's new T-shirt designs, and our theme "Thus We Grow" as their inspiration.

Dance to follow.

**Rumble Arts Center**  
**3413 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois**  
**\$10 Suggested Donation**  
**Drinks and T-shirts for sale**

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*The 52nd ICYPAA will be held in New York City, August 26-29th 2010  
at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square!*

*Visit [www.icypaahost.org](http://www.icypaahost.org) to register.*

*The host committee encourages everyone to register ASAP!*

*There are nearly 1,600 people pre-registered!!!!!!*

*Discounted pre-registration has ended, but you can still register online for \$35  
until August 19. After that you'll have to register on-site at the conference.*

### Raid Requests

Want our Committee to  
Outreach at your home group?  
Know of any meetings with a  
strong group of young people?

contact Britt H.  
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### 52nd ICYPAA Hotel Update

Unfortunately, both the host hotel (the Marriott Marquis) and the overflow hotel (the Millennium Broadway) have sold out, but there are other options available. Check out the Hotel page at [www.icypaahost.org](http://www.icypaahost.org) to explore some other options, or visit the discussion pages of either the Chicago Bid for ICYPAA or The Super Secret ICYPAA Group - New York 2010 on Facebook to connect with fellow YPAAs in need of rooms or roommates for NYC.

*YP Meetings in need of Support  
Both Wednesday night at 8:00 pm.  
One on the North side, one on the South side.  
No excuse not to make a meeting.*

**Wednesday 8:00 pm**  
**Open Big Book - 924 S. Morgan,**  
**Chicago, IL**

**Wednesday 8:00 pm**  
**12 and 12 Meeting**  
**12 Step House - 4454 N. Damen,**  
**Chicago, IL**