

WACYPA XII

RAISING THE BOTTOM 2009

JANUARY 2-4, 2009



FIELD GUIDE

Facts, Aim & Purpose

WACYPAA XII RAISING THE BOTTOM 2009



WACYPAA was conceived at the 1996 ASCYPAA (Arizona State Conference of Young People in AA), and was later founded in Anaheim, California on September 8th, 1996 at the 39th ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in a meeting of AA members from around the region to be served by WACYPAA. At that meeting the region was defined as the states of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; as well as Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, Sonora, and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Alberta. Each year, the conference must be held within this region.

The purpose of WACYPAA is to build and strengthen unity in Young Peoples Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous in the western area of North America and Hawaii. The focus is especially to reach those areas which historically had little exposure to such conferences. The WACYPAA Advisory Council and the members of the Conference will encourage the participation from all states, provinces, and countries within the scope of the Conference. All bids will be given equal consideration regardless of size, population, or location. We recognize that not all AA members will find our conference necessary to their recovery from alcoholism, we seek only to provide it for those who find it desirable.

At the Anaheim meeting, the state of Arizona was tentatively chosen as the site for the first WACYPAA. The Arizona group was to present their bid in February 1997 at the All California Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous in San Francisco. Seven AA members volunteered to attend and serve as a temporary advisory council for the purpose of approving Arizona's bid, or to solicit further bids at a later date if the Arizona bid was not deemed to serve the best interests of the region. Once an initial site is chosen, a bid session will be held annually at each subsequent WACYPAA where a site will be chosen for the next year's conference. Any group of three or more AA members from within the region is welcome and encouraged to bid for a chance to host a WACYPAA in their local area.

Each year, AA conferences provide overwhelming evidence that large numbers of alcoholics are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. These conferences offer an environment for celebration of our sobriety, as well as an opportunity to meet and share experience, strength, and hope with AA members who reside in areas other than their own.

WEDNESDAY

Summit Pavilion

Crystal 1 & 2

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DOORS OPEN

Banquet

(serving ends 7:30pm)

Opening Speaker

Vincent J. - Reno, NV
"Pass it on"

Main Speaker

Debbie D. - Concord, CA
"AA's had to hang together or die separately"

Dance Party

"On the move"

COUNT DOWN!!!

Comedy Show

w/ Ken T. & Moshe K.
"You may think our illustration is too ridiculous"

First Meeting

of the New Year

Hosted By: Young at Heart
Reno, NV

THURSDAY

Summit Pavilion

Crystal 1 & 2

Back to the Basics

workshop

"Spiritual program of action"

(bring your big book and your sponsor)

"Not A Glum Lot"

(open discussion mtg)

Capture the Flag

"but the more we fought"

Big Glove Boxing

"leading with the chin"

Gladiator Joust

"beat into a state of reasonableness"

Midnight Madness Meeting

FRIDAY

RAISING THE BOTTOM

WACYPAA XII

Reno Ballroom

Tahoe Room

Carson 1

Carson 2

Carson 3

Midnight

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Midnight

General Service

Panel

"join the tribe"

Native American

Panel

"the realm of the spirit is broad"

Opening Speaker:
Chapin - Reno, NV
Local Speaker
Kerrie M. - Reno, NV

"what we used to be like, what happened,
and what we are like now"

Families in Sobriety

Workshop

"Drinking isolates most homes"

Sponsorship

Panel

"I wanted to consider
myself grown up"

How to Bid for WACYPAA

Hosted by: WACYPAA Advisory

OPENING EVENT - RENO BALLROOM

David W. - Livermore, CA

"The dark past is the greatest asset"

w/ NSDYPA

"the road to happy destiny"

Dance Party

Top 40, Hip Hop, Soul Electric

"we absolutely insist
on enjoying life"

80s Dance

80's, New Wave, Club

"they stopped in time"

*For panel details see info page

schedule is subject to change

SATURDAY

RAISING THE BOTTOM

WACYPAА XII

Reno Ballroom

Tahoe Room

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Carson 2

Carson 3

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Bid Sessions

"young people may be encouraged"

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Controversial Forum

"some of us veered from extreme to extreme"

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Midnight

House Dance

"clean house"

H & I

Panel

"to carry the AA message"

6th & 7th Step

Workshop

"When ready we say something like this"

Al-Anon Panel

Suicide of a Loved One:
Growing Beyond Silence,
Shame & Survival

Raising the Bottom

Panel

Step One from the 12 x 12 pg 6
CONFERENCE THEME

Staying Fired Up

Workshop

"our awakening has to go on"

Long Timers

Panel

"a drunk like you"

G&L

Panel

"we alcoholics have much in common"

Las 12 Tradiciones

Workshop

Men's

Panel

"the old boy was on fire all right"

Women's

Panel

"women suffer too"

MAIN EVENT - RENO BALLROOM

Sterling H. - Omaha, NE

"the story of how many thousands of men and women have recovered from alcoholism"

Dance Party

Funk, Soul & Old School Hip Hop

"we absolutely insist on enjoying life"

Ride "TORNADO"

The Mechanical Bull in the Grand Salon

"ain't it grand the wind stopped blowin"

House Dance

"clean house"

*For panel details see info page

schedule is subject to change

	Carson 4 Al-Anon Room	Crystal 1 & 2 Hospitality Room	Crystal 3 Prayer & Meditation Room	Crystal 4 Archives Room	Crystal 5 Marathon Meetings
Midnight		Dancing Queen			NSDYCAA
12:30am		Drag Show			
1:00am		host: We Are Family			LACYCAA
1:30am					
2:00am		Disco in the Desert			Monday Night YP
2:30am		host: EBYPAA			Oakland, CA
3:00am					Need a Meeting?
3:30am					
4:00am		Sober Cinema			There is a Solution
4:30am		host: Not a Glum Lot			Sparks, NV
5:00am					SOCYPAA
5:30am					
6:00am		Saturday Morning			Mammoth YP
6:30am		Cartoons			Mammoth, CA
7:00am		host: SOCALYPAA	Yoga		Young at Heart
7:30am			"freedom from bondage"		Mammoth, CA
8:00am		Sobriety Bingo			CCYPAA
8:30am	Volunteer or Victim	host: SICYPAA			
9:00am	If I Didn't Know I Had				
9:30am	Choices Then, What Others		Guided		Lost & Found
10:00am	Don't I Know I Have Now?		Meditation		Reno, NV
10:30am		Puzzled in Sobriety	"first envision a plan for it"		Auburn YP
11:00am	Sexual Infidelity	host: VALYPAA			Auburn, CA
11:30am	Healing From the Other				Tahoe City
Noon	Big Abandonment				Fellowship YP
12:30pm		Rock Band	Smudge		York St. Group
1:00pm		host: SACYPAA	Ceremony		Denver, CO
1:30pm			"many spiritually minded people"		Young at Heart
2:00pm					Reno, NV
2:30pm	Boundaries 101	The Dating Game			ASCYPAA
3:00pm	Do I Have to Give Up	host: VANYPAA			
3:30pm	Me to Be Loved By You?				PASYPAA
4:00pm		Cribbage			EBYPAA
4:30pm	Beyond Defensiveness	host: There's a Solution			
5:00pm	Developing Self-Respect,				SICYPAA
5:30pm	an Open Heart, and Joy at				
6:00pm	Being Me				EASYPAA
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7:30pm		MAIN EVENT - RENO BALLROOM			
8:00pm		Sterling H. - Omaha, NE			
8:30pm		"the story of how many thousands of men			
9:00pm		and women have recovered from alcoholism"			
9:30pm					
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10:30pm	Karaoke (for all)	Relay Scavenger			DVYPAA
11:00pm	"all the world's a stage"	Hunt			
11:30pm		host: Portland			Wild Bunch
Midnight					Sparks, NV

SUNDAY

RAISING THE BOTTOM

WACYPAA XII

Reno Ballroom

Tahoe Room

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Carson 2

Carson 3

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Midnight

Dance Party
(continued)

House Dance
(continued)

11th Step
Workshop

"Sought through prayer
and meditation"

CLOSING SPEAKER - RENO BALLROOM

Tina M. - Mission Viejo, CA

"a basic solution"

Carson 4
Al-Anon Room

Crystal 1 & 2
Hospitality Room

Crystal 3
Prayer & Meditation Room

Crystal 4
Archives Room

Crystal 5
Marathon Meetings

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Midnight

Poker Tourney

host: LVYPAA

Mafia

host: EASYPAA

**Coloring within
the Lines**

host: Denver

Yoga

"freedom from bondage"

Spiritual Walk

"commence shoulder to shoulder"

Contact Kids Game

host: ACYPAA

(Red Rover, Duck Duck
Goose, etc.)

LVYPAA

BCYPAA

**Wild Bunch
Berkeley, CA**

SLCYPAA

Need a Meeting?

**There is a Solution
Sparks, NV**

**What's the Topic?
Paying Attention!**

**Young People
Bozeman, MY**

WACYCAA XIII

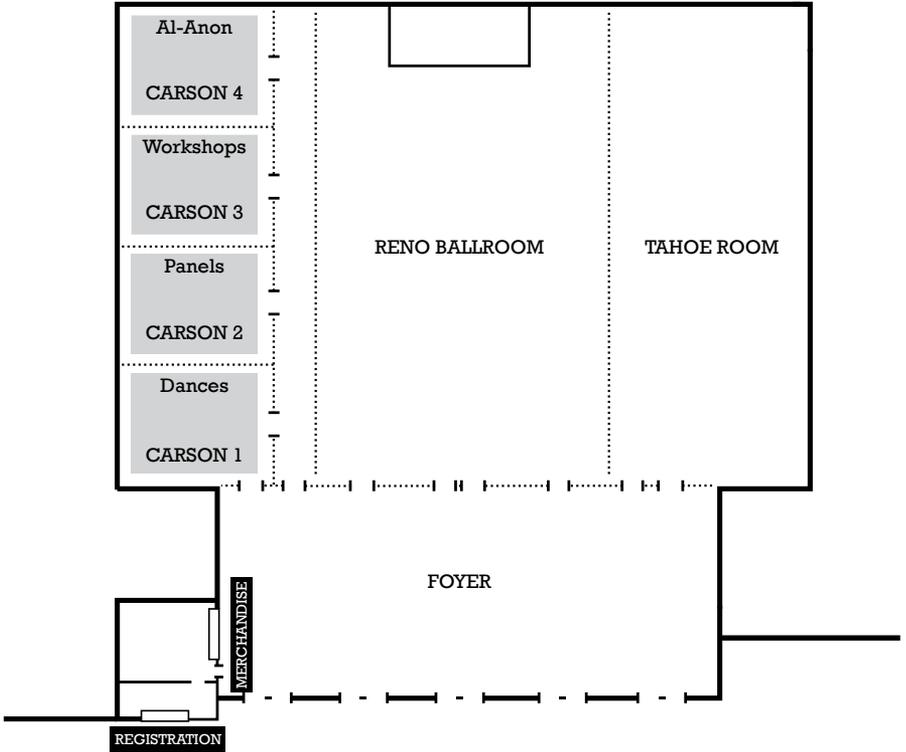
**Minden/Gardnerville
Group**

CLOSING SPEAKER - RENO BALLROOM

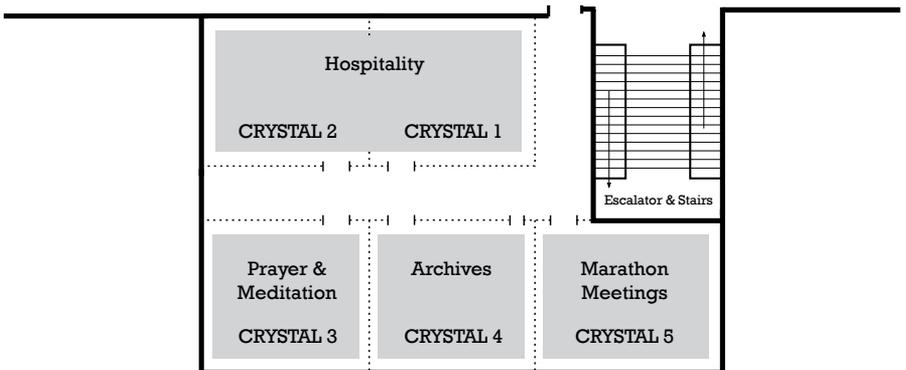
Tina M. - Mission Viejo, CA

"a basic solution"

GRAND BALLROOM



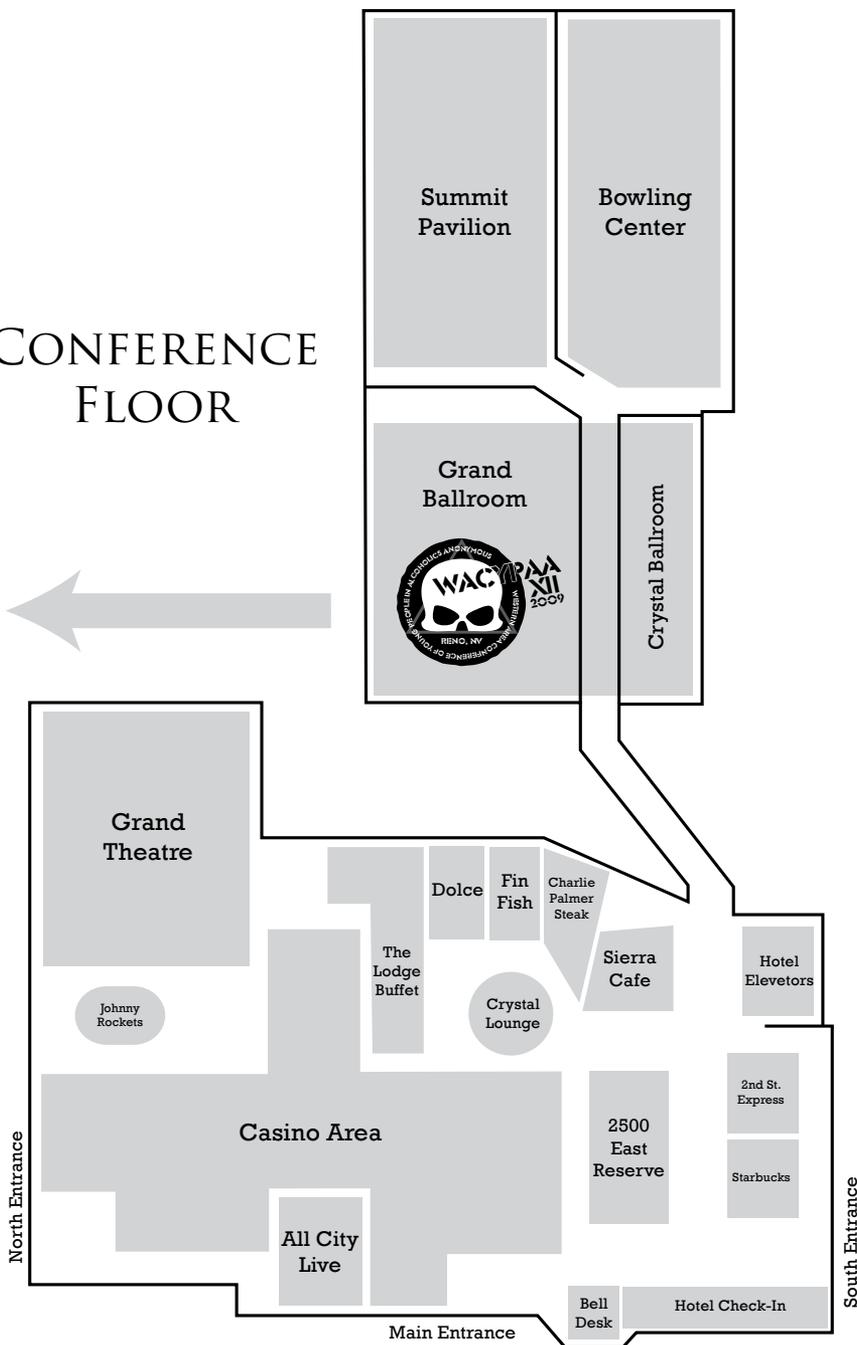
TO HOTEL AND CASINO



CRYSTAL BALLROOM

THE MAP

CONFERENCE FLOOR



1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

PANEL INFO

• GENERAL SERVICE PANEL

Hosted By: EBYPAA
 Panelists: Jason C. - Sparks, NV
 Joey J. - Reno, NV
 Eric V. - Eugene, OR

• SPONSORSHIP PANEL

Hosted By: DVYPAA
 Panelists: Don M. - Libby, MT
 Sarah B. - Walnut Creek, CA
 Rachel C. - Reno, NV

• H&I PANEL

Hosted By: CHICYPAA
 Panelists: Joanne B. - San Clemente, CA
 Chuck B. - Reno, NV
 Dusten S. - Reno, NV

• RAISING THE BOTTOM PANEL

Hosted By: BCYPAA
 Panelists: Joshua H. - Toronto, ON Canada
 Brandi S. - Reno, NV
 Cherie E. - Reno, NV

• G&L PANEL

Hosted By: Cornerstone - Reno, NV
 Panelists: Gil G. - Reno, NV
 Jessica M. - Reno, NV
 Laura K. - Reno, NV

• MEN'S PANEL

Hosted By: Truckee River Men's Stag - Reno, NV
 Panelists: Ted V. - Reno, NV
 Doug S. - Placentia, CA
 Jonathon G. - Reno, NV

• WOMEN'S PANEL

Hosted By: Ladies of the Evening - Reno, NV
 Panelists: Aimee S. - Ann Arbor, MI
 Domenica O. - Sacramento, CA
 Regina M. - Sparks, NV

• CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

Hosted By: SACYPAA
 Panelists: Matt H. - Los Angeles, CA
 "Group behavior and tradition of autonomy"
 Matt S. - Seattle, WA
 "How we treat people who relapse"
 Beverly C. - Reno, NV
 "Court Cards, to sign or not to sign"

• NATIVE AMERICAN PANEL

Panelists: Ruben D. - Las Vegas, NV
 Notah C. - Phoenix, AZ
 Ella L. - Phoenix, AZ

• LONG TIMERS PANEL

Panelists: Long Timers

WORKSHOP INFO

• BACK TO THE BASICS WORKSHOP (bring your big book & sponsor)

Workers: Pat R. - Sun City, AZ
 Cindy S. - Tucson, AZ

• FAMILIES IN SOBRIETY WORKSHOP

Hosted By: LVYPAA
 Workers: Dean H. - Reno, NV
 Kaerlig H. - Reno, NV
 Sarin P. - Reno, NV
 Sheila P. - Reno, NV

• 6TH & 7TH STEP WORKSHOP

Hosted By: SICYPAA
 Workers: "D" J. - Reno, NV
 Emily S. - Ann Arbor, MI
 Erin L. - Reno, NV

• STAYING FIRED UP WORKSHOP

Hosted By: ACYPAA
 Workers: Kyle O. - San Diego, CA
 Stacy V. - Reno, NV
 Kelly B. - Bozeman, MT

• LAS 12 TRADICIONES WORKSHOP

Hosted By: Fe Y Esperanza
 Workers: Julio A. - Reno, NV
 Erika C. - San Jose, CA
 Clara A. - Reno, NV

• 11TH STEP WORKSHOP

Hosted By: LACYPAA
 Workers: Amber N. - Reno, NV
 Tony H. - Reno, NV
 Pat O. - Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

MUSIC & DJ INFO

WEDNESDAY:

New Years Eve: DJ Greg - Gardnerville, NV

THURSDAY:

Atmosphere: DJ Earache - Reno, NV

FRIDAY:

Dance Party: James Jordan - Los Angeles, CA
 A.D.D. - Reno, NV
 80's Dance: DJ Step Sister - Portland, OR
 House Dance: Melicious and Funky J - Sacramento, CA
 Karaoke: We Ain't Saints

SATURDAY:

Mechanical Bull: Featuring Hottest Country Hits
 Dance Party: DJ Food Stamp and DJ Chcane - Portland, OR
 House Dance: James Jordan - Los Angeles, CA
 DJ Homero - San Francisco, CA
 Karaoke: We Ain't Saints

GENERAL INFO

SECURITY

As, there are other guests staying at the hotel, please try and keep the noise level down around the hotel rooms.

Please keep smoking only to designated areas which are posted through the hotel as well as use the appropriate receptacles to dispose of your tobacco products.

ANONYMITY

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Come visit our Hospitality room located in the Crystal 1 and 2 Rooms. There will be a different host every two hours providing entertainment and activities. See the previous pages for the schedule.

BID CITIES

Where is WACYPAA going next? Check out the bid cities in the Foyer for next year's WACYPAA hosts.

MEDITATION ROOM

WACYPAA can be a bit much for some of us. Feel free to stop by the Prayer & Meditation area in the Crystal 3 Room to take a moment for yourself.

TRI DIMENSIONAL ARCHIVES

Come by to scope out the last 12 years of WACYPAA in the Crystal 5 Room.

GRAND SIERRA RESORT
AND CASINO

FEATURED ON-SITE:

BUSINESS CENTER, SWIMMING POOL, HEALTH CLUB,
WEDDING CHAPEL, RV PARK, GRAND SIERRA ADVENTURES,
NIGHT CLUBS, MOVIE THEATER, BOWLING CENTER,
ULTIMATE RUSH THRILL RIDE, MINIATURE GOLF, GO-CART TRACK,
FUN QUEST ARCADE, THE LODGE BUFFET, CAFÉ SIERRA,
2ND STREET EXPRESS COFFEE SHOP, STARBUCKS, JOHNNY ROCKETS,
PORT OF SUBS, ROUND TABLE PIZZA,
AND SO MUCH MORE!

