



WHEN: MAY 22 -26, 2025

WHERE: DOUBLE TREE RESORT BY HILTON SCOTTSDALE

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### **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM JAY P, CHAIR OF CAWS2025**

Welcome.

We are waiting for you with a great deal of anticipation. We are proud of our Place in the Sun, called home. We have amazing experiences waiting to be shared with our host of friends. May is a great month to visit Arizona. It's warm during the day and cool at night. Pools, hikes, horseback riding, drum circles and golf are just a few experiences you can partake in. But perhaps, the most memorable will be the Arizona sunsets. Make sure you share them with somebody.

Our house, for the event, is the beautiful Double Tree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The rooms are spacious and have patios or balconies. The resort sits on 20 acres, and every room will be used for the Party. And guess what? It's all ours! Every person on site will be family. Scottsdale is world known for shopping, restaurants and site-seeing.

Our fellowship will be waiting with open arms (coming in for a hug)! Together, we will embrace this unlikely second chance at life. So please, come, visit us and allow us the privilege of rolling out the red carpet for you. All you have to do is get here. We will take care of the rest.



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## **COMMITTEE CHAIR SPOTLIGHT**

The Frank Lloyd Wright inspired Biltmore Resort aka the “Gem of the Desert” located in Phoenix, Arizona, was humming with recovering addicts from all over the US and some even from across the pond. One of our founders, the late Johnny S. shared his experience, strength, and hope with us, and inspired us to grow CA all over the World. As I looked around at our members, I laughed thinking how this beautiful place had been the host to presidents and royalty throughout its history, and yet here we were, a bunch of junkies running around this gorgeous venue.

On Sunday night Kate S. and Bonnie B. sang the blues and we were all arm in arm, swinging back and forth to the beautiful music. I felt high in a way I never had before. I was so proud to be a member of this great community. I finally found a group of misfits like me that curiously all fit together.

That was my first CA World convention. The year was 1990 and the fellowship of CA was still in its infancy. No one knew what our future held for us. We would have been beyond delight to know that a little over 30 years later CA would have meetings all over the globe. From London to Stockholm. Berlin to Johannesburg. And growing at a breakneck pace.

Since then, I have gone to many World conventions all over the World. Each with its own special charm. But the Oldtimers agree that the 1990 convention still tops the list. I am grateful to have witnessed it firsthand. In Arizona, we have hosted 3 prior CAWS convention. The aforementioned 1990 convention, the 2000 CAWS in Scottsdale and the 2011 CAWS back at the Biltmore. I have had the honor to serve on all 3 as well as the 2015 CAWS held in Las Vegas.

I am especially proud that in 2011, I chaired the very first H&I committee for CAWS. We had over 400 H&I registrants and held a special banquet for all who couldn't afford the expensive main banquet (It was open to everyone). We had free pizza on the main lawn accompanied by Island music. It was a great time for all. God turned down the heat that day so we could really enjoy being outside dancing to the music and eating great pizza (normally it is well over 100 in late May). Fancy dressed members on the way to the indoor pricy banquet were envious of the fun we were having on the great lawn.

For 2025 I am the Workshop chair. Workshops are very dear to me. It gives a way for some of our members to share varied experiences that deep dive into important topics related to recovering from addiction.

My committee's intention is to connect to our theme of Awakening as the driver behind the topics selected. Not only will the workshops be geared towards the steps, but also other life matters.

Serving Cocaine Anonymous in any way is important, not only for CA, but for sobriety. Being a part of has been critical to my success in sobriety. This is one of many great ways to be of service. As the commitment is two years, you really get the opportunity to serve with a dedicated group of folks and learn a lot about working with others.

I am super excited to serve in this capacity. I am open to suggestions from our membership and hope to have presenters representing all our incredible diversity.

In Love and Service,

Doug G. Flagstaff, Arizona

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To become a member of a committee or to be of service before, during, or after the event, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator

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