

TO: Florida North Area AFG  
DATE: September 26, 2015  
SUBJECT: Area Service Seminar, District 4 Hosting

First let me express our gratitude for being allowed to be the chairpersons for this event. John & I put in many years of Service at the Area level in various positions, and not only loved doing it, but know it contributed immensely to our personal programs.

In spite of our love of Service, we are only too aware that not all Al-Anon members feel that way. It is my belief that a certain percentage of us will get into Service because it's what we do in the outside world too. There is also a certain number of us who will not get into Service no matter what. It is that last category, the fence sitters, that we are trying to reach with our Birthday Party. Although we welcome members from the entire Area, our main thrust is toward the members in our own District.

Since it will be Al-Anon's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in March of 2016, we have decided to throw a day long Birthday Party with the emphasis on Gifts—the gifts we have gotten from Al-Anon and perhaps more importantly the gifts we can give back. In this way, we hope to introduce the idea of Service without hitting people over the head with it.

I believe the fence sitters don't realize how much fun Service is. I also think they may have misconceptions about the various Service opportunities that are available. So we are striving to make the Birthday Party informative, encouraging, and FUN!

So far, we have secured a venue and we are in the process of compiling our committee. I have invited some members of past panels with whom John & I served. I want people to see how lasting those Service friendships can be. They have agreed to come and we are excited to have them.

We will be having a skit about Traditions; a talk show featuring the above-mentioned past-panel members; some songs and much more. Even the raffle items will be different. We don't want baskets, but rather birthday gifts wrapped in festive paper or put into gift bags.

We're very excited in District 4 about this event, and have even sold our first ticket! As we continue on this journey, we will be giving updated reports to the Area. We appreciate your support and love. Remember it's March 12, 2016. It's the Greater Daytona Beach area, and...**it's all about the gifts!**

Respectfully,  
John & Carolyn H

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