



2018 Convention Chair Report Fall Assembly 2017 Report dated: October 2, 2017

The 29th North Florida Area Convention will be held on September 14-16, 2018 at the Renaissance Orlando @ SeaWorld Hotel. Rooms start at \$119.00 per night (2 double beds), free parking. Registration is \$35.00 through 8-31-18 and \$45.00 at the door; \$10.00 for Alateen; and \$40.00 for the Saturday night Banquet. Publicity Items: Fans \$5.00; Drawstring backpack is \$15.00; T-shirts are \$15.00. Our website is www.afgarea9.org/convention2018 where you can register online or print out a form, fill it out and mail it in.

At the 2016 Fall Assembly, District 8 and I stepped up to host and chair the 2018 North Florida Convention. Before I officially became chair, I had 10 committee members and by the time we had our first meeting 80% of the chair positions were filled. In January we had our first convention committee meeting. In February I attended AWSC and gathered information from previous chairs and committee members and brought back to our committee the information collected and the new Convention Guidelines. We started working with Linda, our event planner who researched the hotels in North Florida and gave us a spreadsheet showing which hotels met our criteria. From there, we narrowed it down to three hotels and visited the hotels in March and at our meeting we voted our hotel in. We then worked on our Logo and marketing ideas. There were many ideas but the Emoji's took first place! What's your Emoji? would be part of our logo to emphasize the many emotions we go through in Al-Anon and how our tools and working our program can change our "Emoji". In June we finalized our skit and began practicing for kickoff at the 2017 Convention. In July we practiced registration procedures and all our committee chairs and volunteers registered and we finalized our skit. In August, we attended, volunteered and kicked off our 2018 Convention registration at the 2017 North Florida Convention. At kickoff 137 registered, 22 committee members registered prior to kickoff, making a total registered to date 159!!!

We have the following positions open: Entertainment Chair, Decorations Chair and Banquet Chair. Please see me if you would like to volunteer for these positions or be a member of one of our committees.

With love in service,



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"Participation is the Key to Harmony"