

Suggestions for making the weekend better:

Perfect! Microphones for workshops please.

Sound system in each workshop

Hard to hear in workshops – microphone??

Keep expenses for participants low. Boutique-merchandise priced a little high. Workshops-As of Saturday lunchtime, I know of 4 workshops where chairs were “no shows”.

I had a really good time. Thank you!

Have another one soon!

Have better communication for the ones who register on-line. Pray before the meals.

Better scheduling of workshops so workshops' times didn't overlap. Wonderful convention. Thanks!!

More speakers

Craft/rock painting. Larger hospitality area downstairs.

Chairs were set too close.

1. The workshop rooms had several people standing because of lack of room/chairs. Would suggest larger rooms or more choices of topics. 2. Longer time for lunch (1 ½ hrs.) for those of us who prefer to dine out. 3. Did not like Saturday night meal, except for dessert.

Please have all AA workshops easier to find times in the program. Never even announced mistake in program. Very poorly executed.

Be sure facilitators for workshops show up.

Hospitality – they worked so hard, but I think they would have done better if they asked for food donations, could have been more choices, selections. (Tried to have sugar-free, gluten-free, and so much in the way of regular stuff.

1. The rodeo theme was great however it was difficult to choose sessions to attend because the titles were not descriptive. 2. Expensive hotel especially in terms of meal options. Loved it overall. Great time.

My how those circuit speakers love to hear themselves talk. One hour is long enough!

The theme was a creative idea however I found it sort of unnecessary. The message of Al-Anon was clear w/out it. Perhaps a slogan would be a more fitting theme.

Please put schedule on website – many mentioned difficulty (?) schedule when not staying entire weekend.

We prefer to have fewer choices at one time; (?) could then have more total workshops.

Hats in front row made it difficult to see in workshops.

Better hospitality suite. Poor quality.

Keep up the good work!

Paid dining room meals were rushed.

Bigger hospitality room; no space to walk through.

As a “control freak” I would like to see that there is more direction from the chairs and limit sharing by helping people focus on the topic. ie: the workshop on Loss sounded like people telling their woes and people trying to “one up” each other with more painful recollections. Set up more groups to meet in less formal way-like coffee and whatever that are smaller and more intimate.

Less time after dinner- more time after lunch – breakfast too early.

The Anger session needed to be in a bigger room. The session on unacceptable behavior did not have a Chairperson. Thank goodness for the married couple, John and Carolyn stepped up and did the workshop. In my opinion, the Relationship session would have better attendance if it was listed in BOTH AA and Al-Anon area. Start workshops at 8 AM please. HOTEL WAS FANTASTIC.

Hotel was fabulous. Food was a pleasant surprise. There was always a hotel person available when needed.

Centerpieces should not be so tall as to block view of speakers.

It was unclean in AA workshop. Need larger workshop rooms.

Keep speakers on schedule

1. Need larger workshop rooms to accommodate the number of people. 2. Rooms for some workshops were too warm.

Have microphone/pa systems in all workshop rooms – hard to hear in those rooms. Add yoga/beach walks for Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Adjust Saturday afternoon schedule to open up a couple of hours of free time.

Add a workshop on the concepts and warranties. Print instructions for Wi-Fi password for hotel meeting rooms.

Don't think it could have been any better! Except maybe having coffee available.

Start and end speakers on time.

More workshops – too much down time.

Food selection

More food in Hospitality; more items in Boutique; more things in welcome bag; yoga, ocean

Workshop schedule on-line

Better seating for workshops. Some were standing room only. Don't have workshops same time as breakfast.

Alateen speaker was hard for some to hear. Great accommodations.

Please have times and workshop and session titles listed on website!!

Thank you. Thank you! If anyone has/had a negative experience, they need more meetings. Wonderful weekend. Thanks.

Food in Hospitality could be more variety, less just food and please more gluten free food. Thank you. A little more fun, like skits, talent shows.

Raffle – use a computer to organize winning numbers numerically. There were many baskets left.

Some rooms were not big enough for the turnout. A “preconf” survey for workshops might help.

None – excellent weekend

I wear hearing aids – as many of us do – and I was unable to hear Alateen and parts of all speakers-sound system?

Please make program available on-line next year - times & program needed - kept looking in vain-program also needed to promote meetings

This hotel was awesome!

Small meeting rooms for workshops. More variety in Literature area.

Cold/cold meeting rooms

Healthier variety in Hospitality.

It was great

Larger rooms for popular topics. Start large events on time!!

A room for fellowship 24 hrs. would be nice for night owls.

The schedule and separated speakers were excellent. Much better than the “doubled up” speakers for 2016 Convention.

Can't think of any.

Longer hours Registration on Friday. The ability to print a Program at home.

Visibility of meeting schedule on website before weekend.

Well organized – thank you.

I guess if I complain, I should try to host a convention myself. Kudus to you. Everything was awesome.

Great experience – nothing to add.

Can't think of anything. Great hotel!

On-line registration>access to see our order after placed. I ordered some meals but there was no record - so no meals - frustrating – e-mail confirmation – like hotels send

Have one more group of sessions before Saturday dinner.

It was perfect the way it was.

Have the schedule available before hand; e-mail or online. Larger Hospitality room. Larger workshop rooms.

Hospitality closer to the main room.

No suggestions, just a huge hug.

Keep it up! Great work

Try to predict which topics need the biggest rooms (Hot topics like Anger, Loss need bigger rooms than Step workshops).

Use this hotel again!

Can't think of anything except, can you slow the clocks down so it cannot go by so fast!!

No suggestions – it was an amazing weekend!

Nothing – very well done

Microphone (wireless) @ workshops. Hotel = GREAT!

Larger meeting rooms for workshops – pretty crowded.

Very thankful for those conducting workshops. However, if people sign up to conduct a workshop, they need to show up, even if it is early. Two of the workshops I wanted to attend, the people did not show up (one of those, two attendees jumped up and ran the workshop).

Do it over again!

Great 1st time experience. Wonderful hotel!

Notify LDC of any workshops that focus on CAL, because there was a Conflict Resolution workshop and LDC didn't have any for sale.

Speakers talk for just one hour

Having printed program clearer and loaded electronically on website.

No saving seat policy in workshop rooms – seats were vacant, being saved while early arrivers were left standing. Arrangement of seats in large rooms would be better going other direction all could hear and be heard.

Bigger space for workshops

Need more hospitable Hospitality Room hours – even if no food. More food for Alateen.

Stop ALL speakers on time!

Don't assign workshops to districts on the same day and time. I like to attend workshops that my district chairs for support. More information on website – time of workshops and how to confirm chairing – could not find on website.

Accept credit for raffle – private map of meeting rooms – make online reg. easier.

Don't let speakers go on so long!

Alateen suggestions – more than one slice of pizza!

Nothing – food was simply wonderful! Thank you!

Clearly mark program for AA/Alanon event –special welcome for 1st time attendees – explain layout, etc.- explain in advance clothing attire – dress up for banquet, etc.

Longer registration hours on Friday PM for folks arriving after work. In the Boutique, more “meetings in a box”.

Speakers follow time commitment – 1 ½ hours is way too long!

Trust teens to be responsible with cell. Allow teen to be able to chair meeting, not AMIAS. Please be open to new comers with registration.

Friday night party, like a pool party – funny skits – meditation workshop

Use the same hotel

Do we need to read all Concepts and Warranties at every General Session?

Food options – high priced. Hospitality needs better food – suggestion: homemade desserts. Chair – not friendly. Several volunteers – seemed very angry and not nice. Alanon speaker too long - workshops too crowded.

Just read Steps and Traditions.

Shut the speakers down after 1 hour

How about a game night instead of music – BINGO? Loved this weekend.

Smaller sized workshops; and, P.S. (Honestly) getting quality time on my own away from alcoholic.

The rooms for workshops were too small.

Wonderful work! Thank you for your service!

None- very good!

Healthy choices in Hosp. room nice – next time, more! Too many cookies, chips and sugary drinks. How about some juice? Great hotel! Love nature trail – saw manatee! Spend less \$ on decorations to lower costs. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Hotel is not near walk-to restaurants. Let people know that. I would have signed up for the meal plan had I known.

Make speakers adhere to time schedule.

Some of the facilitators never showed up. Some of the rooms were freezing. Some workshops were changed from what was published, ei. Step 10.

More reasonably priced meals. Ability to purchase single meals. Lanyards for everyone.

This was an excellent convention (much better than last year)

Better food in Hospitality. Programs were difficult to follow.

Come back to this hotel!

Better scheduling of breakfast & time between meals and speakers. Program should be clear!

Give yourselves a hug!

The schedule and separated speakers were excellent. Much better than the “doubled-up” speakers from 2016 convention. 2 rooms too small – Snowy Egret & Pelican. Literature much cheaper on Amazon than bookstore.