

2017 Fall Assembly Report  
2017 Convention

Greetings North Florida,

It is with great pleasure that I provide you with the final report for the 2017 convention. As Hurricane Irma blew through, we continued to saddle up to serenity and hang on to hope. We had to cancel our September convention committee meeting because of Irma's devastation. We finally met on Saturday, September 30. We normally have between 30 and 35 persons attending our meetings but only had 14 at this meeting. I have received notebooks from almost all the Chairpersons.

At last count, we had 710 attendees – 695 registered adults and 15 Alateen. We served 178 chuck wagon dinners on Friday, 161 Saturday morning buffets, and 210 Saturday night meals. We had several people who did not have their badges with them, but were allowed to participate in the meals since we are all in an honesty program. We believe this cost us approximately \$1,100.00.

Although the DJ did not prove to be a big success, the photo booth went way beyond expectations. Our speakers were awesome. We had a few complaints about the workshop rooms – too hot, too cold, too large, too small, no facilitator. Many peoples seem to forget these events are Area functions and unless each District fully participates, some things will not be accomplished. My thanks goes to the couple who stepped up to chair workshops where the facilitators did not show. I would also like to thank everyone who did chair workshops. A grateful and heartfelt thanks to my committee chairpersons, their committee members and everyone in Area 9 who volunteered. Finally, thank you to Past Convention Chairpersons, who were willing to give me their valuable time, expertise, experience and hope.

We are still working on the survey results and I hope to have it ready by Friday. I am not sure if Roger posts it to the website or not. The "congratulations on a job well done", far outnumbered the small amount of criticism we received. We applauded ourselves with the good comments and took the criticism with a grain of salt. We were volunteers doing our best with what we had and I feel so blessed to have led this wonderful group of people.

Oh, by the way, we do not have a total for you yet – possibly by Saturday, but not sure.

Love in Service,

Lou D  
2017 Convention Chairperson