



2018 Convention Chair Report Fall Assembly - October, 2018 Report dated: September 28, 2018

What's your Emoji? Mine is blessed, grateful, happy, loved, hugs and full of our program.

The 29th North Florida Area Convention was held on September 14-16, 2018 at the Renaissance Orlando @ SeaWorld Hotel.

The weekend began Friday with Registration opening at 3pm followed by workshops starting at 4pm and general session and first speaker at 7pm. By the end of the weekend, we had listened to 3 Al-Anon speakers, 1 AA speaker and an Alateen Panel, shared a delicious Banquet with 254 close friends, attended over 40 workshops, shopped in the What's your Emoji Literature Raffle Boutique and our publicity table, gave over 100 emoji fans to first time convention goers, shared snacks and fellowship at the hospitality suite and enjoyed the amenities our venue provided. The highest attended workshops were Reality and Communications. The Alateens had their own hospitality suite for fellowship and meals which they fully enjoyed. Spanish speaking members were able to hear the speakers' message through our translator. AA enjoyed having their own room for workshops.

The committee began each day with a prayer holding hands, as we have started all our committee meetings. We had 28 committee chairs who were supported by many volunteers throughout the weekend and our journey that began 2 years ago.

We began the weekend with 608 pre-registered members, by the end of the weekend, we had 737 final total registered which consisted of 623 Al-Anon, 28 Alateen, 58 AA and I am told a record 45 Spanish speaking members registered.

We had a total of 91 baskets which collected \$2,675.00; Alice Al-Anon collected \$1,124, giving the winner \$562 and the Serenity Prayer Quilt brought in \$168.00.

Our Boutique sold \$1,543.00 in donated items. About 80% of Publicity items were sold. Our bags sold out, we have 30% of our fans left and about 2 dozen t-shirts which we plan to donate to Alateen.



The literature Basket brought in \$227.24 which was donated to the convention. \$2,849.72 in CAL was sold which was District 8's inventory and the proceeds will go to District 8.

Our total Hotel bill was \$14,500.00, we had \$1,686.45 in tax and room credits, \$1,000 initial deposit, making our final amount due to the hotel \$11,813.55.

Our total convention expenses were \$25,812.40

We are blessed and grateful to present a check to Area in the amount of \$.....

We had our wrap up meeting on September 27, 2018 and planned our turn over meeting to 2019 Convention Committee where we will celebrate 2018 as a committee and welcome 2019. At this luncheon, we will provide each 2019 Chair with a thumb drive containing the 2018 corresponding chair's file. We will also provide a thumb drive containing all our combined documents from all the committee chairs to the Area Archivist for posting to the area website.

We are grateful for the opportunity to give back to this program that has given us so much. This experience has changed our lives forever.

Wishing the 2019 North Florida Convention Committee the best, we cannot wait to see what they have Imagined for us.

With love in service,



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“Participation is the Key to Harmony”