



2020 Convention Chair Report AWSC February, 2020 Report dated: January 22, 2020

The 31st North Florida Area Convention will be held on August 28-30 in beautiful Orlando, Florida at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace. Rooms start at \$120.00 per night (2 double beds), with reduced rate parking (50% of going rate, approximately \$11). Day trippers will be required to pay for parking on the Hilton property. Registration is \$35.00 through 8-18-20 and \$45.00 at the door; \$10.00 for Alateen; and \$40.00 for the Saturday night Banquet. Publicity Items: Water bottles \$8.00; Tote bags \$15.00; T-shirts \$15.00, neck wallets \$6. Our website is www.afgarea9.org/convention2020 where you can register online or print out a form, fill it out and mail it in.

Some of the highlights of our preparation so far include:

In March 2019 committee members enjoyed a site inspection of the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace where we saw meeting rooms, hotel rooms, a super hospitality suite, and lunched on some excellent grub!

October 2019 turnover materials from previous conventions were received from the 2019 team in Ocala at the Area 9 Imagine Workshop.

With the Area Treasurer's help, we established a bank account with Area seed money. Our budget is under continuous review and is updated.

Visited aforementioned Ocala workshop, a couple of District Gratitude Luncheons (6 and 9), and a few holiday parties where registrations were taken, and merchandise was sold. Flyers, registration forms, bookmarks and tent cards are to be placed in each DR's folder to be distributed to GR's at next district meetings.

The Workshop team is currently working on the program schedule with input from Alateen, Spanish, and AA teams.

Al-Anon Workshop assignments are in DR folders.

Webpage can take registrations and is also set up to take volunteer information. We've added a Volunteer Coordinator to the team.

Spanish web page is up and running, complete with an online registration option.

All four speakers have been secured and the search is on for local back-ups.

Alateen will be assigned a room within our rooms so that they feel like part of our convention. Cool events planned include arts and crafts, creating media shows, digital meet up with WSO, maybe a meetup with west coaster Alateen group, etc. Cell phones will be invited along with the teens so long as they fill out the required docs, also provided through our website.

Have need of a Hospitality and Entertainment Co-Chairs —shout out to those who would enjoy working with our incredible team.

Registration is working on the numbers—a bit of a hiccup with squaring up with the square reports. 128 registrations, 52 banquet tickets, 48 women's Ts, 13 Men's Ts, 15 Water bottles 15, Totes 22.

We have the following positions open: Hospitality Co-Chair and Entertainment Co-Chair. Please see me if you would like to volunteer for these positions or be a member of one of our committees. Members can sign up to volunteer to help before or during the convention using the online link or contacting me. With love in service,

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