

Higherlights

April 2018

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Area 14 North Florida Area Conference Panel 67

Hotel Reservations

Make your hotel reservations now! After March 10th, our block of rooms can be gone.

Wyndham Garden Gainesville
2900 SW 13 St.
Gainesville, FL 32608
Phone: (352) 377-4000

HOTEL BOOKING:

To book a room you need to call hotel with code NFAC

Important Addresses

Treasurer - NFAC

5703 Red Bug Lake Rd. - Unit 241
Winter Springs FL 32708

Registrar - NFAC

P.O Box 15504
Brooksville FL 34604

Pre-Conference Workshop Schedule

The following Pre-Conference Workshops have been scheduled. Locations and times are available at aanorthflorida.org under Area Activities link. **2/24 - Brooksville**

3/11 - Tallahassee

3/24 - Melbourne

3/24 - Citrus Springs

3/25 - Jacksonville

3/31 - Orlando

3/31 - Daytona



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Message from the Chair

Hello everyone,

Winter illness sure took us over in January, but we are so lucky to have alternates and past trusted servants ready to step in at a moments notice. Thank you all.

There was lots of opportunity to begin our study of the Concepts this assembly. We were quizzed by Host District 30 on Friday night, and on Saturday District 4 and others presented some challenges, but each time, the day was saved by "Concepts Man"! Thanks to both Districts for getting us off to a good start.

Some ideas from the Area Inventory are already being implemented and as a result of one suggestion, the Website Chair will have a workshop on navigating our website in July.

Did you have a chance to visit the Archives display? Maria seemed to have experienced lots of learning opportunities at the National Archives Workshop. Be sure to stop by the displays in April.

Remember these upcoming events and mark your calendar.

Mark your calendar now for the South East Regional Forum

November 16-18, 2018 in Sterling, Virginia. The next Southern States AA Service Assembly (SSAASA) in 2019 will be in a beautiful spot in North Carolina. More to be revealed. These are definitely great learning and fellowship opportunities.

Now that the January Assembly is past, are we ready to prepare our Delegate for the upcoming General Service Conference?

-See you in April

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Coming in April

During February and March our Delegate will travel to the districts to inform us about the background of the Agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference, which will be held 4/22-28/2018 in New York, NY.

At the April Assembly each workshop will discuss individual items, and Saturday at 4:30 we will share the voice of our homegroups with our Delegate. We want to help her be well prepared for the Conference.

Learning about the Concepts will continue with 4-5-6 being discussed in the Concepts workshop. There will be GSR Sharing Panel on Saturday and most workshops will be covering Agenda items pertaining to their subject.

And remember to start reviewing your district calendar to schedule your post-conference workshop to hear the results.

A Word from the Alternate Chairperson

Here are a few hints for getting ready for our upcoming assemblies.

-It is recommended to make your March reservations ASAP, due to hotel demands the weekend of assembly.

-Be sure to contact me for service opportunities as a host district in July and October. email me at altchairperson@aanorthflorida.org to volunteer.

-As was announced in January, we will be discontinuing the ice cream social on Saturday nights due to limited participation.

-If you know of someone with accessibility needs, have them contact me at aanorthflorida.org. We routinely budget for a spanish translator and an American Sign Language interpreter.

What you can find on aanorthflorida.org

- ◆ You can always find updates and helpful links from our Delegate on the Delegate's Corner.
- ◆ Don't forget there are links to the emails of all our trusted servants in case you have a question or information to share with one of them.
- ◆ There are all kinds of helpful documents – group change form, group contribution form, and Bridging the Gap forms under the “Documents” link.
- ◆ And if you are looking for past minutes and other protected documents – Your DCM or webchair@aanorthflorida.org can provide the password to the password protected area.

The Way We Do Things We Do



Hopefully, you found the results of our Area Inventory helpful and informative. The Committee provided us with insight to Area operations and some thought provoking suggesting to consider moving forward. Thank you Melanie, Peter and Deb for your efforts. If you did not receive the handout of the results at assembly, it is now online in the password protected area of anorthflorida.org.

Places to Go!

A. A. World Services, Inc, and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. are launching YouTube Channels as a result of advisory actions at the 67th General Service Conference.



From Our Delegate - Manuscript Update

Last May GSO initiated a lawsuit to stop the sale of “printer's copy” of an Original Manuscript of the Big Book. Lois gave this draft to a close friend/member who bequeathed the manuscript to AAWS upon his death but it was never received. We discussed this topic in depth at a special workshop at the October 2017 Assembly. Subsequently, our legal counsel recently filed a motion to dismiss the suit. There have been several motions, stipulations, due dates, etc.

JUST IN! *Paraphrasing a letter to the court on the manuscript litigation:* parties are trying to settle the matter without further court intervention & asks the Judge to adjourn the motion again. What can happen in a situation like this is that a settlement is reached and the next public court filing is simply a bare bones stipulation stating that the action was settled without any details of the settlement. If you are interested in details, email me at delegate@aanorthflorida.org and I will forward you the documents.

What's Coming in 2018

- April 13-15** Pre-Conference Agenda Items
- July 13-15** General Service Conference Results
Ask the Officers, Web Site Navigation,
Sharpen your resume to stand for office, Or be ready for October Elections.
- Sept. 28-30** Business Meeting on Saturday night at 8pm
Last assembly for agenda items for 2019 Conference.
Elections Sunday
– Plan for longer meeting (and for lunch). No lunch break!
- PLUS - some hints for 2019 - (Tentative):**
- January 4-5** Guest – Cathy B., South East Regional Trustee
- April 4-5** Pre-Conference Agenda Items
- July 7-12** General Service Conference Results
- Sept. 27-28** Area Inventory

Did you know?

In July and October - watch for the “Ask The Officers” Workshops - where you can ask any questions about how the Area works or ask panel members about their personal experience in their position.

How Has Service Helped Your Recovery?

Coming in Early Friday?

Don't forget the Friday Night Meeting. Bring your ESH

Host District 3 will bring a fun and inspirational sharing session.