

Higherlights

July 2017

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Area 14 North Florida Area Conference Panel 67

Hotel Reservations

Make your hotel reservations now!
After June 7th, 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

Post-Conference Workshops

June 3, 2017 1:00 - 3:00 PM
201 LaVista St.
Fruitland Park FL

June 5, 2017 5:00 - 8:00 PM
1214 Broad St. Masaryktown FL
Brooksville, FL

June 25, 2017 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Jaba Club - 3645 Spring Park Rd.
Jacksonville FL

Road Trip

We love taking road trips, if you
would like us to bring any kind of
workshop to you...
please let us know.

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Message from the Chair

Greetings from your Panel 67 trusted servants. We hope you enjoyed your April weekend as much as we did and found some helpful improvements. It was so exhilarating to hear everyone's thoughts about the agenda items and see how engaged we all were in the process. It seems we gave our Delegate a lot of ideas to take to the General Service Conference with her.

The **General Service Conference** was a wonderful experience - watching our Delegate and others at work gave me a lot of respect for their commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous. I heard a lot of experience, strength and hope in the A.A. meeting I went to each morning - my favorite? - Bring the steps into service with you.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Social Media Workshop. I sure learned some new ideas there. Wasn't the Friday night Trivalities & Legends hysterically funny, yet educational too? We definitely are not a glum lot! Thank you District 4. The DCM Workshop provided some great ideas for future assemblies, and thanks to Frank F. for sharing his experience with us.

Service Sponsorship - As a result of the January workshop, 8 members wishing to have a service sponsor have been matched with those willing to serve. I'm confident this will provide some amazing growth experiences for those who signed up. See the Chair if you would like to discuss this important topic.

It seems like the April Assembly is hardly over, and we are moving forward to plan for July. We will hear the results of our Delegate's work at the General Service Conference. The Site and Agenda Committee will be looking closely at our hotel options for location of 2019-2020 Assemblies and Finance will discuss our Prudent Reserve and the 2018 Budget. We will be testing out a suggestion to hold some of the Administrative Committees meetings at different times to offer more opportunities for you to participate. Let us know what you think

Make sure this is in your plans! - our Friday night host districts continue to do a stellar job of providing a meaningful service meeting experience for those traveling from far-away places. Members needing or choosing to arrive on Friday night are treated to an 8:00 Service Meeting - such as the Traditions Skit presented in January. In July, Friday night Host District 32 will chair the meeting and I can't wait to see what they bring. If you arrive at assembly Friday, be sure your plans include attending this 8:00 PM meeting.

- See you in July!
Annette D., Chair

Coming in July

In July, we will have a special guest, Robert - Roberts Rules of Order, that is. Our Parliamentarian, Sheryl R., will present a workshop at 2:45 on Saturday to de-mystify Roberts and our other guiding document - Structures and Guidelines and make sense of how the Rules bring order to our meetings.

Henry was a wonderful man and is a close friend of Sheryl's. We will answer some questions like: How many Areas are in Florida? How long has Area 14 existed? Do all Areas conduct business the same way? Who has a vote in Area 14, in our Administrative Committees? Why do we have minority opinion? What is Henry's part in all of this?



Henry Martin Robert
(1837-1925)

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Have you discovered how easily you can set up a recurring contribution? Decide when, how much and for how long. Set it and forget it! In 2016, the cost of services per member was \$7.27 per member. It has been suggested that we consider on July 27th, making a \$7.27 contribution to the General Service Office. - and don't forget to check out the online contribution at aa.org.

What you can find on aanorthflorida.org

From the Delegate's Corner - May 17, 2017:

I am back from Conference which was one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life. I am usually very careful of my expectations.And, I must report that I had NO disappointments!

I am looking forward to bringing my experiences of the post conference as well as results of the Advisory Actions which passed. Also, we have much information about those that did not pass and the discussion regarding these. ... Please contact me via email or phone if your District wishes to schedule a Delegate's Post-Conference Report.

A Happening Place...

Like all of A.A., Area 14 is a happening place. We want to keep you up-to-date by having your correct contact information. That's the job of our Registrar, Stephen R. **He is available on Saturday of Assembly** in the "Boardroom" downstairs by the elevator.



Southern States A.A. Service Assembly (SSAASA)

Here's a great opportunity! Start the caravan now - Reserve your room and load up some friends for a road trip to Atlanta. **November 10-12, 2017** is the date for this exciting and informative event, only a few hours away from home. Reserve your room now, and see registration and details at aaarea1.org/ssaasa.html or pick up a registration form at the July Assembly.

Sheraton Atlanta
Airport
1900 Sullivan Rd
Atlanta, GA 30337
(770) 997-1100
OR
<http://goo.gl/ki1S0s>

What's Happening?

- Service Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Sharing SERVICE EXPERIENCE with others who have the same job and more!
- AA Meetings

We are blessed to have so many of these events happening in our back yard - The International Convention, the Southeastern Regional Forum, and now SSAASA. Bring everyone - your group treasurer, the General Service Representative, anyone you can grab - it's an amazing sharing of experience in all service positions - Informative District Committee Member and Area Officer workshops. Use this event to get members excited about service.



What's Coming!

July 2017 General Service Conference results, Why it Works in Area 14

October 2017 Guest – Annie C., Area 15 Delegate, Area 14 Inventory, Conference Reports available, last assembly for agenda items for 2018 Conference, Election of Archivist for 2018-2019 Term

January 2018 Guest – Julio E.,

Items

July 2018 General Service Conference Results, Ask the Officer, Sharpen your resume to stand for office, Or be ready for October Elections.

October 2018 Conference Reports available. Business Meeting on Saturday night. last assembly for agenda items for 2018 Conference, Elections Sunday Morning – Plan for longer meeting (and maybe for lunch).

Plus:

Finish the Traditions in 2017 and study the Concepts in 2018, Workshops will continue to cover General Service Representative Duties, District Committee Member duties, Finance the A.A. Way, Leadership and and other hopefully helpful topics.

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