

Higherlights

Area 14 North Florida Area Conferencee Panel 67

October 2017

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Hotel Reservations

Make your hotel reservations now!
After Sept. 20th, 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

New Panel, New Addresses

Treasurer - NFAC

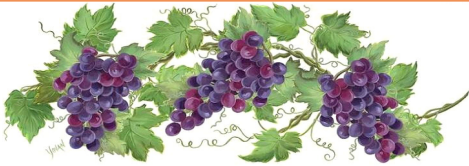
5703 Red Bug Lake Rd. - Unit 241
Winter Springs FL 32708

Registrar - NFAC

P.O Box 15504
Brooksville FL 34604

\$7.27 Challenge!

The cost of GSO services to the members is \$7.27 per year! We were challenged to send this amount to GSO on 7/27/17. The result: 959 online contributions amounting to \$9,300. Mail still to be counted!



Join the Grapevine Workshop in Ballroom A at 11:15am to hear some great tips for Grapevine Representatives or anyone interested in our "Meeting in Print". You might get to write/speak your own story to share.

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Message from the Chair

Hello everyone.

We are so excited to finish our 3rd assembly. It started off with the crazy twist challenge Friday night, courtesy of District 32. Quick! What year did that happen?

What a beautiful display of memories from the Conference our Delegate shared with us. I sure hope you took home some helpful information from the self-support table. Literature and Grapevine will be on the display for October and I can't wait to see what we learn from them. We had the opportunity to learn a lot more about our friend, Robert – Rules of Order, that is. What a fun skit – thank you all who participated and taught us some new things, in such an enjoyable way. In October, we will take ourselves back to the business meeting and "IT" in a nutshell – the path to an informed vote. - Who has a voice, when we have a voice, and how to ask questions when something isn't clear. Be sure to consider this informative workshop at 1:30 PM on Saturday.

At 4:30pm on Saturday, we will take a look at ourselves and how we are doing - by completing an Area Inventory, which we do in the first October of every panel. The meeting will be facilitated by our guest, Annie C., as suggested in Structures and Guidelines.

Reminder: Another matter of business we may take care of in Sunday business meeting is to consider the 2018 budget. Be sure to review it - it was sent as addendum to the emailed July 2017 minutes or you can download the minutes from our website. If you have questions, call our Finance Chair, Greg N. or stop in at the Finance Committee Meeting on Saturday or come to the mic during the business meeting if motion is brought on Sunday. *Annette D., Chair*

Coming in October

It will be another busy assembly. We will have a special Guest, Annie C., we will conduct our Area Inventory, and we will elect a new Archivist. See more information later in the Newsletter. And don't forget General Service Conference Reports will be available.

Annie is the current Delegate in South Florida Area 15. She will visit workshops during the day on Saturday, and at 4:30 Saturday afternoon she will facilitate our Area Inventory discussion. And be sure to keep your schedule open to hear her story at 8:00 PM on Saturday.

Archives will be a happening place all day Saturday. They will be establishing an inventory of the NFAC Archives Road Show. There will be no archives movie this weekend. The doors to the Archive Room will be open, so if you want to watch the chaos, please feel free to drop by!



"IT" in a Nutshell



Trudging the happy path to informed voting

How we do "IT" - When we do "IT"
Who can do "IT"

Check out the 1:30pm workshop in Ballroom B — learn to take the confusion out of business meetings.

Manuscript Litigation: What are the facts?

General Sharing Session with the delegate on the Manuscript Litigation! Your input needed!

Saturday, 11:15am Ballroom B

Area 14 Looks at Itself

In addition to electing an Archivist, our other big business at the October Assembly will be the Area Inventory – this is your opportunity to let us know what we can do better to help you carry the message.

If you have not already received a copy of the inventory, you can download from aanorthflorida.org, or fill out and submit on-line there. Forms will also be available at October Assembly. At 4:30 Saturday of assembly, we will have a meeting facilitated by our weekend guest, Annie C., South Florida Area 15 Delegate, where you can add to the discussion.

Our Ad-Hoc Committee will then compile the responses with recommendations and share them with us. Be sure to fill out a form! And pass one on to a friend. We can't wait to hear what new opportunities to improve our assembly come our way from this process. **Don't forget to download the survey form or complete on-line and submit.**

What you can find on aanorthflorida.org...

From the Delegate's Corner... The deadline for Proposed Agenda Items for the 68th General Service Conference is **December 15, 2017**. If you or your group intends to put forth an Agenda Item, it will need to come to the Area Assembly in October for a vote. Please bring any that you might have to the appropriate committee on Saturday in October so it can be vetted and then voted on by the body at the business meeting. Our delegate will then forward the motion to the General Service Office for assignment to the Appropriate Trustees Committee.

Forms to volunteer and be a part of Bridging the Gap are now online, under documents. Only takes a few minutes to make yourself available for an opportunity to carry the message.

We're Moving – 2019-2020 Hotel Selected

After several assemblies of pouring over bids and much negotiation by our Alternate Chairperson, and contract review by our lawyers and some Past Delegates, we have a completed and signed contract for the **2019-2020** Assemblies at the World Golf Village Marriott Renaissance in St. Augustine.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this momentous task once again!

Service Opportunity

At our Business Meeting we will be electing an Archivist.

The Archivist serves for 2 years and can serve for 6 years, if re-elected. It is a non-voting position, and the Archivist attends Area Assemblies and works closely with the Archives Service Coordinator.

You should have an interest in the organization and preservation of our North Florida Area memorabilia and have experience in this area.

You can check out the qualifications and duties in the Structures and Guidelines at aanorthflorida.org. and talk to our current Archivist, Scott B. for more information.



What's Coming!

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

January 2018 Guest – Julio E., General Service Office Staff Member

April 2018 Pre-Conference Agenda 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 2019 Conference. Elections Sunday – Plan for longer meeting (and for lunch).

Plus:

Finish the Traditions in 2017 and study the Concepts in 2018, workshops will cover General Service Representative Duties, District Committee Member duties, Finance the AA Way and other hopefully helpful topics.

How Has Service Helped Your Recovery?

Coming in Early on Friday?

Don't forget the Friday Night Meeting. Bring your ESH - How has being of Service in General Service enriched your sobriety?

Host District 24 will lead a good old-fashioned Sharing!