

WHAT IS CONVENTION ?

Al-Anon's Area 9 (North Florida) Convention is an annual event – the largest fundraiser of the year for our Area. This year we'll be in Daytona Beach at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort with all oceanfront rooms – and the possibility of adding 3 days on before or after at the Convention room price... And – in the words of those that have attended before us:

"Convention is fellowship and fun."

It's 3 days of:

40 Al-Anon Workshops

11 Spanish Al-Anon Workshops

10 AA Workshops

Activities and workshops for Alateen

5 Speakers – Al-Anon, AA, and Spanish Al-Anon

A Saturday night Banquet followed by a live band for entertainment

A Saturday lunch cookout with workshop

A Sunday buffet breakfast

A Boutique of home-made items to buy, cherish, or gift

A Raffle of baskets of all flavors

A place to get your literature – in English and Spanish

A quiet Serenity Room with Chair Yoga, Guided Meditations, or just quiet time

A Hospitality Room for fellowship and goodies to snack on or drink

A fundraiser for our Al-Anon Area 9 to help continue to serve our members

An opportunity to do Al-Anon service just by showing up

"An Al-Anon experience like no other."

"Convention is Al-Anon on Steroids with 40 meetings in 3 days."

"Convention is hundreds of hugs from my chosen family."

"Convention to me is proof that life gets better. It is the fun side of my program and I look forward to it each year."

"Recovery through just being there."

"A weekend full of fellowship, growth and love. We get to see first hand that the disease Of Alcoholism doesn't cause us to fear life. But we learn to embrace and enjoy a new way of life."

"Getting away to a place that's just right for me."

"Going shopping in the Boutique!"

"Listening to wonderful speakers."

"Feeling Serene..."

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"Doing Service."

"Fun times with people in fellowship, those I know and those I don't."

"This year by the beach!!"

"Higher Power."

"Last year, the day after convention I was shopping in Publix and ran into seasoned Al-Anon friends that had gone to a number of conventions. Knowing I had gone to the convention, they asked me "How did I like it". As I smiled ear to ear, they said it's kind of like walking on air for a few days after you leave!"

"Entertainment and good food."

"More recovery."

"Convention, to me, is an opportunity for men, women and teens all across the state and beyond to gather together to continue learning and practicing the wonderful lifelong tools of our program, to develop more personal and intimate relationships with each other in a beautiful, relaxing setting, and to let our hair down and have fun with people who speak our language, really listen to what we're saying, and respect our anonymity. THAT'S what Convention means to me. 😊"

"Buying raffle tickets for beautiful baskets and 50/50's"

"Amazing workshops and incredible sharings."

"A weekend away to find recovery."