

TO: Florida North Area AFG

DATE: March 21, 2016

Well, the Birthday Bash is actually over. I must say, I have mixed feelings. I'm looking forward to reclaiming a couple of rooms in my house, but I will miss the meeting get-togethers. The people on our committee have become even closer family members than they were before, which proves once again that you cannot out give Al-Anon.

Speaking as modestly as I can, the Birthday Bash was a HUGE SUCCESS! We received many positive comments and thank you's the day of the event and have continued to hear from people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated all the work that went into making it the fun party that it was.

I am extremely pleased with the response we received from our entire District. People volunteered to sell tickets, to participate in the activities, to donate raffle items and food and to come! Our District wasn't the only one to help us though, and to all the other Districts who participated, donated, and attended, we are truly grateful. Participation is really the key to harmony...and we had lots of participation.

My special thanks to our District Representative, Lucy M., who encouraged John & me to chair the Area Service Workshop in the first place, and continued to support us along the way. Not only did she take on one of the Chair positions of the BB, she was also a member of our Skit and did a great job. I have always believed DR's should lead by example, and Lucy did just that.

Now for the numbers: As of March 3, we had 138 Pre-registrations. The day of the event, March 12, thirty of those were no-shows. However, we had 32 on-site registrations, bringing our total attendance to 140!

Our income included not only the registrations, but some literature sales, some leftover food, drink, and cupcake sales, and the sale of raffle tickets. The raffle was quite successful. Tickets sold for 5 for \$1.00, and by 9:30 AM we had sold the roll of 2000 and had to buy more. Total proceeds from the Raffle were \$470. We will be writing a check for \$1,452.16 which represents the return of \$1000 seed money and a profit of \$452.16.

We are truly grateful to the Area for allowing us the privilege of chairing the Florida North Area Service Workshop for 2016. We also appreciate the Area letting us run with our idea of turning the Service Workshop into a Birthday Bash. We would leave you with this final thought: A member overheard a very complimentary discussion of the BB in which one of the participants pointed out to the other that the Birthday Bash was actually the Area Service Workshop. "What! I didn't know it was a Service Workshop", replied the member. "It didn't seem like a Service Workshop. I wouldn't have gone to it if I had known that!"

Respectfully,

John & Carolyn H