

Convention Report
AWSC February 2017

District 5 is proudly hosting the 2017 NFA convention, "Recovery Rodeo... Saddlin' up to Serenity & Hangin' on to Hope". It will be held at the beautiful Hyatt Grand Hotel in Tampa from August 25 – 27. We meet at the Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brooksville, following our District Meetings. On the months we do not have a District Meeting, we meet in a private room at Country Kitchen Restaurant, Brooksville, at 10:00. Although we have had a few "mini-meetings", our last Committee Meeting was held in October and our next meeting is scheduled to follow our District Meeting on January 21. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information and dates for the meetings, visit our website at www.nfldistrict5.com, click on events. Or, you may contact me at lou0011@verizon.net. All positions have been filled except Banquet and Entertainment. We continue to keep ideas flowing for these two positions, but need Chairperson to commit.

Registration, meals, hotel reservations, and publicity items are available for purchase at the convention website. Visit Area 9 website, www.afgarea9.org, click on 2017 Convention. We are still working on some of the pages, as we are a work in progress.

REMINDER: On February 1, Registration goes from \$25.00 to \$35.00. We have nearly 300 registrants as of this report. Room reservations are also flowing in. As with last year's convention, if we fill hotel, we have been told we have free rein.

We have visited several meetings in our District, plus our Gratitude Luncheon and Holiday Party, promoting the convention and selling publicity items. We also visited District 7's Gratitude Luncheon in November and District 8's District Meeting and Holiday Party in December.

Program Committee has completed the Workshop schedule and we will be disbursing titles to DRs at AWSC. Hospitality has also been hard at work and we will have that information at AWSC also. Registration and publicity items will be available, too. Speakers are committed, entertainment is in the planning stages, decorations are made, Alateen has a full day, workshops have been scheduled and menus are tentatively set. We are ALMOST ready for a Recovery Rodeo!

I have been working to stay in close contact with each Chairperson and am pleased to report they are all doing a great job.

See you at AWSC
Lou D
2017 Convention Chairperson