

AFG Area 9 – Florida North

Area Service Workshop 2024

Hello Al-Anon Family. I hope this report finds everyone safe and well. It sure has been a wild ride the past few months. Thank you to Heather, D-7 DR for communicating with you my report.

This year's highlights are listed below. But please feel free to read this whole report for more detailed information.

Location: District 7 - Pinellas County held the ASW 2024 in Clearwater Florida.

The Theme: The Joy's of Service

“Helping members recognize that service participation is vital to personal recovery and to the future availability of Al-Anon to families and friends of alcoholics.”

This idea for the workshop format was taken from one of the Conference Summaries and used within the workshops to brainstorm on the “HOW CAN WE HELP MEMBERS” recognize the importance of service.

Workshops: We had 3 sessions and within each session there were 4 workshops. We had a total of 12 workshop chairs. I reached out to various people within the area asking for volunteers to chair a workshop and also reached out to our AREA 9 Panel 64.

Session 4 was a workshop on the Traditions in which everyone took part in.

Raffle: Terry S. District 7

We did hold a raffle to help offset the cost of the event.

Per Terry's report “The total number of baskets was 18. The ticket sales were flourishing. So glad all the baskets went to a new home. My total expense was 32\$. I donated a couple of items to our group's baskets.”

We also had a 50/50 and made \$128.00. But see the treasurer's report for more details.

Literature: Rosemary District 7.

We sold literature at the Service Workshop. District 7 has a fully stocked LDC and wanted to provide the opportunity for members from other districts to purchase literature.

We sold \$150.00.

Food: Ann & Bill A. District 7 - see their full report below.

Per their report “We provided a continental breakfast with bagels, pastries, fruit, yogurt, coffee and water. Lunch was boxed lunches which included a sandwich, chips, and fruit. We also provided a snack later in the afternoon of cookies. Drink options were coffee - tea - water.”

Treasurer: Jim T. District 7 - his full report is attached below.
We started with the \$1,000 seed money and returned to Area 9 - \$848.25.

Thank you Area 9 for supporting this event. See full report from chair below.

Decorations: Gail G. District 7 - see her full report below.
Our decorations committee did a fabulous job in keeping with the theme.
Hopefully Ray plays the powerpoint. See Pictures and her full report below.

Registration: Kathy S. District 8
We set the price at \$20.00 which included continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. We collected 68 paid registrations. We had approximately 58 in attendance. When setting up registration from the start we provided choices to pay your \$20.00 online OR pay at the door OR send in a check. It's good to have choices.

Speaker: We closed out the 2024 Area Service Workshop with a speaker who's topic was THE GIFTS of Service.

It was a great way to end the day.

Publicity: Laurie L. District 7 - see her flyers and program included in this report.

 JOYS OF SERVICE FLYER

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Many blessings,
Kimberly
ASW - Chair 2024

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Decorations Report:

Decoration Committee - Gail G, Melanie B., Ruthe F.

Total expenses were \$29.27 . We were lucky to have supplies of our own to use for decorations. Our District 7 had many extra plastic tablecloths that we were able to use, we only purchased a few. We decided to use the service theme heavily and make the space happy and joyful: table centerpieces had copied pages from old pamphlets about service and bright tissue paper flowers, posters had the title of workshop- the Joy of Service- and different quotes from CAL about service.

Gail made a cardboard "car" for a photo booth corner. It was inspired by the cover of The Joy of Service old pamphlet. Members enjoyed taking pictures sitting behind it. Kimberly had been at a past service workshop where members had different color ribbons showing what types of "service" they had done in the past, and suggested we incorporate that. Our registration person ordered lanyards for name tags, then after members registered , I had a table with different color ribbons and a chart showing colors representing service positions. Members appreciated remembering all their service.

We really liked the breakout sessions, and got so much out of people sharing their honesty about service, their good experiences and not so good experiences. The speakers were good. The space was roomy and it was nice to see different Districts represented. One of our team said she was disappointed that quite a few districts were not represented, maybe more publicity going forward. One of our team said she appreciated the timeline/agenda being followed.

We did not receive any feedback about decorations, hopefully we did enough. We felt good about what we put forth.

Treasurer's Report: Jim T.

	Amount	Per Paid Registration
Breakout per paid registration		
Food	1,304.73	\$ 19.19
Printing	356.72	5.25
Rent	150.00	2.21
Raffle Prize	128.00	1.88
Bank Fees	41.30	0.61
Speaker Gift	21.00	0.31
Decorations	17.00	0.25
	2,018.75	\$ 29.69

See detailed Treasurer's report for more details.

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Food Report:

Regarding the breakfast, in retrospect I think your original suggestion of four Panera breakfast orders would have been sufficient. We had lots of leftover coffee. So glad you got more fruit and yogurt.

For drinks I didn't like the canned drinks I bought. Way too sweet. Water was most popular. Lunch was very good. The last I saw we had ten left over.
