

VA AREA CONVENTION, Aug. 23-25, 2019, Westfields Marriott, Chantilly VA

A Report to the VA Area Assembly (post skit), Oct. 20, 2018

The committee has grown since we last met. We now have a Hotel Liaison who not only has worked with Marriott Hotels, but was an events coordinator, Sharon O. Also joining us is Nicole T. from Lynchburg who is going to coordinate our *"Grateful Gifts"* Boutique at the convention. This is new this time! In addition to our Traditional Silent Auction Baskets, you are encouraged to use your talents to make small, inexpensive items to sell as gifts for a sponsee/sponsor or another loved one.

We have two more speakers, bringing our total to 8: one AA, four Al-anon, two Spanish Alanons and an Alateen. The workshops committee is working on securing leaders for our 16 slots. Our budget is \$35k and balance is \$14,233.96. We are on the WSO calendar.

There are flyers for the convention on the table in the lobby which you should have received by email or mail a couple weeks ago. Also on the table in the lobby are Boutique and Silent Auction Basket flyers for your groups AND registration forms. That's right; we are accepting registration today and selling water bottles, journals, post-it notes, and business cards! Very soon you will be getting an Appeal for Donations letter. So be on the lookout for that. Right now let's take a look at our convention website.....

Our website is: https://convention.vaalanon.org

Thank you, Christy Boone, Convention Chair