



## Our Recovery Puzzle

# 40<sup>th</sup> Virginia Area Al-Anon Convention 2019

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

## **Final Report to the VA AREA ASSEMBLY, Oct 19, 2019**

“Our Recovery Puzzle” Convention in NOVA was a huge success thanks to all of the many volunteers and a wonderful team of 15. We sold out at 352 registrants a week before the convention! We had 2 international speakers, 1 Alateen from VA Beach, 1 AA from NC, and 4 Al-Anons from CA, PA, and VA. And they “rocked” “beyond excellent”! There were 16 workshops presented at 4 different times at a most luxurious hotel in Chantilly. The food was great and the fellowship was even better. We had 88 silent auction baskets and our new boutique was well received. Our budget left us with a surplus of about \$4,000. I am sorry that more didn’t enjoy the band after the banquet on Saturday night. I danced my heart out.

The workshop handouts are available on the area website under resources/convention information. Our survey said you liked the interactive part and the variety of topics. One person described them as “incredible” another said, “a 10 on a scale of 10!” We need to give more attention to the workshop leaders and make sure they have a time keeper. The new way of not registering ahead for a workshop seemed to work well.

The registration process went without a hitch and we know we need to reply with an email as soon as you register next time. Please enjoy a brief slideshow of some pictures from around the Westfields Marriott. Hope to see you in Charlottesville in 2021. Thank you so much!

Our website is: <https://convention.vaaanon.org>

Thank you,

**Christy Boone, Convention Chair**