



*Report from the 2012 "Colors of Recovery"  
Convention Co-Chairs  
to the North Florida Assembly  
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The theme for the 2012 North Florida Area Convention is "Colors of Recovery". The convention will be held September 28 – 30, 2012 at the Rialto Hilton in Melbourne. The Rialto Hilton is the one near the airport on the mainland. They have given us a wonderful room rate of \$85.00/night. In case you would like to spend a little extra time with us, the rate is applicable during the convention **and** for three days before and three days after the convention.

The Committee for the 2012 Convention has been busy already. Three Al-Anon speakers and one AA speaker have been selected. All have been contacted, agreed to come and expressed willingness to present workshops in addition to speaking. We are currently reviewing contracts for recording companies and will be completing that process shortly.

The entertainment has been planned. On Fri. evening, after the opening session and speaker, there will be a "Serenity Serenade" in the ballroom. There will be a band playing soul music quietly in the background and you will have an opportunity to meet and greet friends from across the area. Refreshments will be available – a chocolate fondue fountain with assorted items to dip and beverages – at a cost of \$5.00. Everyone is welcome to come, regardless, but if you want to partake of the refreshments, you pay \$5.00.

There will be a few differences in the convention for 2012. The banquet with speaker will be mid-day on Sat. instead of in the evening. Therefore, the entertainment will start early on Sat. There will be a carnival in the ballroom with games and prizes. Carnival food will be available. Again, anyone may attend and play the games (and win prizes) free of charge but if you want food, you'll have to pay. Since there will be a variety of foods available, we're selling blocks of 10 tickets and different food items will cost different numbers of tickets. Please see the board by our registration table and check out the website for further information.

To date we have received \$3000.00 seed money from North Florida Assembly. We have also generated some money from registrations and from T-shirt and tote sales. In addition to paying for the t's and totes and printing registration forms/flyers, we have made two of our four payments to the hotel. Be sure to get flyers for your group(s). They will also be available on the website.

Please be aware that in order to have money to pay for items for sale, plane tickets for the speakers and to meet other costs, your early registrations are not only helpful, they are essential. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. And, please let the people in your groups know how important their early registrations are.

Early registration is \$25.00. The banquet is \$22.00. The hotel restaurant is giving us discounts on their breakfast buffets on both Sat. & Sun. If you reserve in advance, \$10 includes everything even tax and gratuity. If you wait until you get there, the buffets will be their regular price of \$11.99 (or more if the prices go up) and you will be responsible for your own taxes and gratuity.

So, if you register early, buy a t-shirt and a tote, go to the banquet, eat buffet breakfasts both days, eat fondue on Fri. and double snacks at the carnival; you'll only pay \$112. Is that a deal or what? If you put aside (or pay for) \$1.10/day or less than \$8.00/week for convention between now and next Sept. 28, you can do everything **AND** stay 3 nights in the hotel by yourself or 6 nights if you share with one person.

There are tables outside where you can register and buy t's & totes. If you want to register on-line, our website is [SpacecoastAl-Anon.org/2012Convention](http://SpacecoastAl-Anon.org/2012Convention). Payment on the website is through **Paypal** and there is a small handling fee. Or, you can register on-line and then send us a check with your registration number on it.

So come, join us, have fun and share with us "What color is your recovery today?"

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