

Winter Committee Meeting Cover Letter

January 11, 2018

**Welcome to the 2018 Winter Committee Meeting and NIA Service Orientation Workshop!!**

Many of you may find yourselves attending today to take part in the Service Orientation Workshop which will take place from 9:30 to 11:30; and we thank you all you for attending!! The purpose of the workshop is to convey the many service opportunities available to those wishing to serve, at all levels of the service structure. We hope that within the topics being discussed you find the area(s) which ignite your own fire to serve. There will be presentations on the following topics:

<b>Service Structure</b>	Marilyn F.	Area Alternate Delegate (Event sponsor)
<b>GSR Presentation</b>	Carmela R.	Area Alternate Chair
<b>DCM Presentation</b>	Kelly L.	Past Delegate – Panel 66
<b>Primary Purpose Registrar</b>	Carol H.	Area Treasurer
<b>Service Committees</b>	Chris D.	Area Chair

This is a participative event so questions and comments will be encouraged. After the workshop, we will break for lunch (about 11:45 – 12:30) and then will continue with the “business” portion of the committee meeting.

There are no motions to discuss at the present time-

**To the new DCM's**

For many of you this will be your first time at an Area meeting as DCM of your district, and for some, may be your first time at an Area Committee Meeting period. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the main purpose of the Committee Meeting is to create well informed DCM's, who can then inform their districts about the current Area assembly agenda items, and other going's on at the Area (and within the other districts). This is YOUR meeting and your active participation is vital. If you submitted your info to the registrar before 1/1/2018 a name badge should be waiting for you at the registration table. Thanks to Carmela for those! If a badge is not ready for you then the registrar likely does not have your contact information. Please make sure to get that to him by the end of the day, and a name badge will be available for you at the Spring Assembly in March. Also, there will be an opportunity for you give a 2 minute report. I realize many of you will have only been on the job for 13 days, but we'd like to know who you are, where you're from, and what's going on in your district. Also, please bring your Alternate to the microphone with you so they can introduce themselves (full names encouraged).

### **Area Service Committee Chairs**

Welcome also to the new Area Service Committee Chairs & Alternates. Many of you are not strangers to the Area and like the DCM's above, a name badge should be available for you at the registration table for you and your alternate. Please be sure to wear your badge in full view as this is a great opportunity for people new to Area service to be able to identify you! Remember, we're having a service orientation workshop today and you as SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRS play a huge role in the success of the workshop. So, allow me to thank you in advance for your active participation today. Again, like the DCM's you will be given an opportunity to give a short report after the DCM's. I realize some of you may not have a report yet and that's OK (this time). If you do give a report, I would encourage you also to please bring your alternate to the microphone with you so they can introduce themselves.

Remember, we have 3 open positions for alternate Area service committee chairs and those elections will take place at the Spring Assembly in March. Speaking of the Spring Assembly, members of the committee will be present Saturday taking your registrations so please, if you know you're going, register early. It takes a great deal of pressure off them come conference time!!

Respectfully submitted-

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