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"Serenity in The Desert"

surpasses expectations according to
Ted C., Convention Chair

The convention was a huge success! It far exceeded our highest expectations. 230 people from many parts of our recovery world gathered together to learn, share, grow, fellowship and to have just plain fun. It's a really cool phenomenon of conventions that the recovery gene pool gets a good stirring up. Normally we all revolve in our respective city meeting circles and so when we get together once a year on Memorial Day weekend, we bring our minds and hearts to a melting pot from which we go away forever changed.

The Tucson Convention Committee worked for 2 years so that everyone in attendance might receive a big recovery boost. Earlybirds on Thursday were treated to a potluck dinner before the regular Thursday night Grace Group meeting. Delegates met all day Friday to discuss and vote on SAA business. The Literature Committee met most of the weekend to approve final literature drafts. Friday evening we had a Mexican buffet, a wonderful icebreaker by Liz M. and a moving walk through the Twelve Steps by kickoff speaker Perry M.

Saturday saw morning and afternoon workshops with a wide variety of topics from excellent presenters. That evening we had a very nice banquet with Pat C. as our keynote speaker. Following the dinner was a lively dance until midnight.

Sunday morning 47 early risers went on a nature hike to Sabino Canyon. Later in the

morning and after lunch were more workshops, with the popular "Sexual Anorexia" workshop being repeated. After that it was time for more fun as we enjoyed a dozen acts in a great Talent Show showcasing the joy and creativity of recovering addicts. Following the performance came a Picnic in the Park with old-fashioned potato sack races, balloon and egg toss contests, volleyball and lots of good food. The temperature was 108 so there were a lot of water mister bottles. A good time was had by all.

Monday morning the Serenity 2000 Committee passed on the banner to ***** site of the 2001 Convention. After that, Harry S. told his story to an appreciative audience. We closed with a candle lighting circle and song. The afterglow continued for many as they took the love, growth and serenity of the weekend back to their respective homes, to be altered forever and for the better at the 2000 Serenity in the Desert Convention. Thank you, everyone, for making it such a huge success!
Ted C.

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