

Convention Evaluation 2017

Convention accommodations:

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
20	26	4		

Comments:

Rooms and meals great; spa didn't work, pool too shallow; great hotel; too cold; very nice; very welcoming; very comfortable; wonderful; love the wizard of oz theme; the lodge had everything we needed; too cold; the room is wonderful, tasteful, comfortable, clean; great lodge; very nice; some problems with temp; plenty of room sitting, well set up, room was too cold; clean rooms and meeting areas; love the lodge, good bed; clean and comfortable; very dry air, lots of walking; great rooms, helpful people everywhere, enjoyed the gambling, even made a few bucks; very comfortable; outstanding rooms, clean; quiet, very conducive to meeting with our group, weekdays work well also; it is a beautiful place, we enjoyed being here, a few flatter pillows would be easier on the neck; wonderful accommodations, fun gambling; beautiful place to stay; super, great way to get around, slot tourney fun; clean rooms, very nice; nice rooms, restaurant, cool in the meeting rooms.

Convention Foodstuffs:

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
15	35	4		

Comments:

Steak was delicious, good lunch on Tuesday from subway; Tuesday evening meal meat so tough, fudge tops; tasty; great coffee and cookies, super dinner – portions and flavor, caramel rolls minimal, lunch good; breakfast was heavy; tasty except for sweet rolls; wonderful food and snacks, yummy; dinner was delicious and well presented; the best convention food we have ever eaten; nice selection of dishes, wait staff was polite and efficient; food was excellent; great steak, great snacks, good sack lunch; dinner delicious, disappointed had to buy first breakfast and second only a bun; sherbet froze and unable to eat, buns not served with salad which we liked; love having caramel rolls; evening meal delicious; great food; banquet meal could have been smaller servings; all meat choices looked perfectly prepared; great to have choices; coffee too strong, Wednesday caramel rolls a bit cold; the meals have been so good, overall some of the best I've had; wonderful banquet meal; the food was delicious; excellent food; very good

Paul Higbee:

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
20	26	8		

Comments:

Very good, maybe too many articles; loved the stories and the SD magazine; enjoyed the stories but seemed a bit long; very interesting; very much enjoyed him; good writing, very enjoyable; very interesting; great job; Paul's talk was well done. Love his sense of humor; first several stories were great, but it got a little long; will continue to read SD magazine and enjoy his writing; very interest, great stories, entertaining; I would have preferred a talk, not readings; would have liked to have been talked about things he remembers rather than reading published articles; great stories; read too many stories; reading as interesting as speaking; the articles he read were very interesting, very enjoyable; what a writer; learned a lot; Paul has a lovely oral reading style that goes well with his subject matter; what a great gift to us and SD; interesting stories perhaps someone more energetic for an after dinner speaker; I always read Higbee's articles in the journal so I was delighted to hear him speak here; easy to listen to him, good stories, excellent written words; very entertaining; interesting; reading too long; will buy more magazines; entertaining, funny, a bit too long; a bit too long; such a great story teller, good to celebrate our talents; I so enjoyed Higbee's writings in SD magazine and today, maybe a litter shorter; started out funny, but got a little too long.

Dick Termes:

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
36	16	3		

Comments:

Wow; very creative and interesting art, great presenter; a little too long; wow; easy to listen to, again what talent and so modest; wow, what a mind and what an artist, have him again in the future; brilliant; marvelous artist, good sense of humor, unique art work; fascinating; very interesting and great video show; magnificent, so interesting, could watch and listen much longer; very interesting, he was very creative and intelligent, I loved it; so unique and unusual, I've never seen this beautiful art before; great job; Dicks art is cool, the time he puts in on his work is mind boggling; seen his show

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many years ago at my school at my school, his program has improved tremendously, especially with the video clips, artistic genius, so awesome; very interesting, the math involved is far over my head; fascinating; wow, amazing creativity to share, super presentation; wow, over the top amazing; interesting, loved it, good power pictures; unique, have seen spheres before, great; what an amazing creative mind, it was fun to all his variations; wow, what a genius this man is, ive always wanted to know how he created those balls; what a talented man, very interesting; interesting to learn his methods, enjoyed the visual; what a genius, and he had the gift of being able to explain to us in an ordinary way; my brain still hurts, but what a great way to challenge a mature audience; very informative; so intelligent; unbelievable, fascinating his new medium/expression in art; a little long; amazing talent; a multitalented individual; outstanding, it's like you know that artistically and scientifically he is so far beyond your real comprehension but even the simple understandings you do have enable you to enjoy and experience this very unique and beautiful artistry.

Joanna Jones

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
27	29	2		

Comments:

Great presentation, thank you for the books; I enjoyed her upbeat presentation; such an organized and talented lady; love her enthusiasm, the gifts of books is so sweet and thoughtful, keep up the good work; great job; she reminded us of the talent we have and have had in SD, she is very enthusiastic in her endeavors; enjoyed her stories, she has a real passion for what she does, wonderful; good information; just right; good, enthusiastic, I liked the PowerPoint and free books; wow, what a woman, ya; encouraging to writers; did a nice job and useful information; energetic, I bet her kids love to read and write, thank you for the books, very generous; loved the books; thanks for the books; so enthusiastic; great to have one of our own author; interesting to see how consuming writing and publishing can be, like that she is highlighting SD; wonderful; great presentation, getting all the books was terrific, thanks; thanks much for books, more dollars in church basket this week, so much energy; grand kids will enjoy, thanks for the books; very enthusiastic; it's wonderful to take the kids through the books; expected lots of interesting info, thanks for the books; great to connect to SD local; thank you for the generous gift and the fun insights on teaching SD history; she was obviously passionate about her work; always energetic; excellent, excellent presenter; amazing all that she accomplished; enthusiastic; wonderful books, thanks for sharing them; very delightful presentation, love the books, so generous, and I will pay it forward.

Sarah Carlson

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
14	27	7		

Comments:

Delightful; great info on the opera house, thanks for sharing your lovely voice; enjoyable for the opera house and commendable, little tired after long day; loved her songs; well done, enjoyed the evening; I could listen to her forever, she mentioned the opera house without over the top commercial; it was a fun slide show, her voice was captivating; felt promotional; expected more Annie Oakley songs; lovely voice; good and new info, she seemed to enjoy singling/presenting to us; nice entertainment; beautiful voice; great enthusiasm; entertaining and informative; so much talent and so enthusiastic; enjoyed the music; interesting, music was good too; very nice; interesting, varied presentation, and very enjoyable; love opera house slides; beautiful voice nice PowerPoint; wonderful; great entertaining, wonderful ending to our evening; enjoy the music; presentation was very good, music and singing perfect end to the evening; refreshing program; been to the opera a few years ago, this is a great project; enjoyed her performance and presentation; learned a lot, would love to see.

Overall Evaluation of the Convention Experience:

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
24	26			

General Observations

Very informative SDRS report, thank you for all the hard work; thank you all your work, this was very enjoyable and informative; the committee would have been hard put to have done any better, a very good conference, I'm so glad I was here; convention was very well organized, great and wonderful experience, kudos to the organizers; everyone seemed to be having a great time; need more breaks and get up and move; thought everything was very informative and well organized, I just thought Tuesday afternoons schedule got a little long although entertaining; enjoyed everything very much; the whole convention was very well done, lots of good work by good people, I have enjoyed it and am glad I came,

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sorry about the weather, we ordered sunshine and 80 degrees tomorrow; thanks for everything, nice job by the committee; awesome; SDRS would like a hand out or overhead explaining the numbers; great energy by all presenters and board members, convention very well organized; very well organized; coffee was terrible but the whisky was good; I liked the theme, how everything went together, nice 3 fold program, keeping on time very important and you did that; wow, loved the oz theme, great fudge; the work into this convention was tremendous, thanks a million Northern hills and bz, wonderful convention and good attendance; very impressed with what was accomplished, enjoyable and welcoming; I wish all hotels would not be so cold, it is hard to enjoy all events when you are freezing, we shouldn't have to wear a coat inside, loved all the decorations, great theme, the committee did an excellent job, speakers were great too; room was a little chilly, they turned up the heat, speakers were awesome, it was just a long time to sit; very organized, great decorations and wizard of oz display; a great convention and fun too; somehow it would be nice to have something on Wednesday a.m. for lighter entertainment to break up all the informative info; beautiful memorial service, all in all great week end; from friendly folk greeting us, decorations, programs, etc. lots of added touches to make it special; planning great, overall had fun, was enjoyable, met old and new friends; things started on time, great; good content, had 4 times given for Sanford tours, little frustrating, it was a wonderful time, good speakers and good interaction, be sure that all school personnel is recognized not just teachers any more, it takes a village...; some confusion about breakfast in the morning, it was an enjoyable convention, good job; well organized and enjoyed the humor and sweets, good SDRS presentation; the northern hills group seemed so excited and their enthusiasm is catching, I love the hospitality of our president; my first slot machine tourney, very fun time and social mixer, keep up the SDRS presentations; extremely well done, thank you; very good entertainers and very good accommodations; more snacks, at least plenty of coffee available to break up the long day, bag lunch was fine and Adams House and 76 museum very interesting, thanks for arranging, memorial service with background music very meaningful; super well organized, little extras make a big difference, door prizes, awards, candy, AARP, displays, theme, and coffee; overall very great convention, enjoyed the Adams House tour, also days of 76, everything moved along at a good pace, neat decorations, always a good time to meet old friends.