NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GENERAL SERVICE

61st Annual
Area 44 Convention

SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE
RECOVERY, UNITY & SERVICE

September 22, 23, & 24th 2017

Plays • Young-People’s Speaker Meeting • Friday Night Karaoke
Saturday Night Banquet • Live Band Saturday Night • Guided Meditation Meeting
Alkathon • Young-Timer/ Old-Timer Meeting

NEW! Scholarships are available
Individuals and Home Groups can contribute to Scholarships!

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
200 ATRIUM DRIVE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873
61st Annual Area 44 Convention Schedule “Preview”

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**

3:00pm  Hotel Check In (main lobby)

Registration Opens (Terrace Lounge)

Pick up your Registration Badge, Meal Tickets, and Banquet Tickets

Sign the Big Book at the Information Resource Table

5:00pm  Early Bird Discussion Meeting

6:00pm  Dinner (meal plan not included)

6:15-7:15pm  Young People’s Meeting

Luke M., Belmar, NJ

8:00pm  Ice Breaker Speaker Meeting; 

Cara R., Tujuan, CA

9:15pm  .... New! Live Karaoke!

11:30-12:30  Workshops:

District 25

District 6

District 15/21

Followed by Sobriety Countdown

Workshop Panel:

**Area 44 Service Committees

---Alkathon Meetings continuous***

12:30-1:30  Workshops:

District 25

District 46

District 15/21

Followed by Sobriety Countdown

Workshop Panel:

**Area 44 Service Committees

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Q:  I’d like to do service during the weekend; are there volunteer opportunities available?

A:  Absolutely! There are many types of volunteer assignments needed throughout the weekend and we welcome all to participate! If you’re interested in volunteering, contact us at convention@nnjaa.org or use the back of this form.

Q:  May I pay by credit card?

A:  Yes, you can use your credit card to register online at nnjaa.org/convention and pay for the hotel rooms and Convention meal plans. Credit cards will also be accepted on site at the convention. There are additional merchant’s fees for paying by credit card. To avoid these fees, feel free to submit your registration form via regular mail. If you submit your payment through the regular mail, a check or money order is required.

Q:  May I mail my registration in?

A:  Yes, simply fill out the form on page 3 and mail it to PO Box 457, Montclair, NJ 07042, along with a check or money order.

Q:  May I request a scholarship to the convention?

A:  Yes. Requests for scholarships MUST be made by pre-registering by mail, online or by calling the Hotline at (908) 731-7714. They will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis as contributions are made.

Q:  May I or my Home Group contribute to scholarships to help those who cannot afford to attend?

A:  Yes! However, scholarships are for weekend registration only; no meals. Scholarships can be contributed at the hotel the weekend of the convention for this year, but will carry over to next year.

Q:  I can’t or don’t want to attend the Convention - can I buy a ticket for the events on Friday or Saturday nights?

A:  Yes, each is $10 at the door, but for only $21 more you can attend any or all of the Convention events for the entire weekend!

Q:  Is the Saturday banquet included in the meal plan?

A:  The Saturday banquet is included in the price of Meal Packages 1, 2, or 4.

Q:  I’d like to sit with my friends at the Saturday banquet - is that possible?

A:  Yes, just list their names on the last page of this form, and we will do our best to accommodate!

Q:  How do I sign up for the Old-Timer’s Luncheon?

A:  If you have 25 more years of sobriety (sobriety date prior to 9/24/1992) AND you purchase any registration package (1-5) on the next page, then the Old-Timer’s Luncheon is included in the cost of your registration. However, you MUST indicate your intention to attend the luncheon by providing your name, home group, and sobriety date in the convention registration form via email at: Convention@nnjaa.org or call the Convention Hotline: (908) 731-7714.

Q:  Who do I contact about my hotel room reservation?

A:  You should contact the hotel directly about your room reservation at (800)222-8733.

Q:  What if I still have questions?

A:  If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, you may reach us via email at: Convention@nnjaa.org or call the Convention Hotline: (908) 731-7714.
REGISTRATION BY MAIL:

1. If you prefer not to pay in full at this time for the meal packages, you can choose the deposit option of $60.00 for each person in your party, and pay the balance at the event.

2. Make all checks or money orders payable to: 
   **NNJGS Area 44 Convention**

3. Fill out this page of the form and mail to: 
   **NNJGS Area 44 Convention**
   PO Box 457
   Montclair, NJ 07042

Please check either Home Address or Email as to where you would prefer your confirmation be sent to:
- [ ] Home Address
- [ ] E-mail indicated below

**Last Name; First Name**

**E-Mail Address**

**Street Address**

**City State Zip**

**Telephone**

Check here if you...
- [ ] AA Member
- [ ] Al-Anon Member
- [ ] Need ASL Interpreter

By checking here, you are indicating that you would like to receive future Convention information:
- [ ] Mail
- [ ] E-mail

ALL MAIL-IN PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

REGISTRATION ONLINE:

1. To register for a meal package online go to:
   [www.nnjaa.org/convention](http://www.nnjaa.org/convention)

2. Follow the directions, answer the questions, and supply your credit card information.

3. Confirmation of your transaction will be emailed to you.

4. Upon completion of the payment for your meal package, you will be offered the option of reserving a hotel room by clicking on the button “Reserve a Room.” This action will take you to the hotel’s web page, which has been set up specifically for our convention.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE OLD TIMER’S LUNCHEON IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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**MEAL PACKAGE #1:**
$144.00 \times \_
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**Includes Weekend Registration, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, *Saturday Banquet, and Sunday breakfast.**

**MEAL PACKAGE #2:**
$125.00 \times \_
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\_\_ Minus \_
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**Includes Weekend Registration, Saturday lunch, *Saturday Banquet, and Sunday Breakfast (NO SATURDAY BREAKFAST).**

**MEAL PACKAGE #3:**
$98.00 \times \_
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\_\_ Minus \_
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**Includes Weekend Registration, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Sunday Breakfast and (NO SATURDAY BANQUET).**

**MEAL PACKAGE #4:**
$77.00 \times \_
\_\_ = \_
\_\_ Minus \_
\_\_ = \_
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**Includes Weekend Registration and *Saturday Banquet ONLY.**

**WEEKEND REGISTRATION PACKAGE # 5:**
$31.00 \times \_
\_\_ = \_
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**Weekend Registration ONLY.**

**CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOLARSHIP REGISTRATION PACKAGE # 6:**
$31.00 \times \_
\_\_ = \_
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**Weekend Registration ONLY.**

**Other Amount = \_
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**OLD-TIMER’S LUNCHEON:**
Pre-registration is required to attend the Old-Timer’s Luncheon. The Luncheon is included in the cost of your Convention registration if:
- You have 25 or more years of sobriety (sobriety date prior to 9/24/1992) and
- You purchase any meal or registration package (#1–#5).

You must register your intention to attend the luncheon by providing your name, home group, and sobriety date below.

Seating is limited to the first 225 Old-Timers who register for the luncheon before the Convention registration deadline Sept. 15, 2017. Reserved seating is not permitted.

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If you are interested in serving on the Convention Committee, meetings are held at 8:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Area Office: 2325 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ (entrance is in the back of the building).

If you are interested in helping out during the convention, you can volunteer by adding your name and telephone number in the space provided below, or contact us at convention@nnjaa.org. Please mail this list to the attention of the “Convention Committee” no later than Sept. 15, 2017 to:

NNJGS Area 44 Convention Committee
2325 Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Questions? Call (908) 731-7714

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Banquet Registration Information:

*BANQUET IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 REGISTERED!* To register for the Banquet, complete the following & return with your Mail-in Registration

Saturday’s banquet will have prearranged seating based on the date of receipt of your registration form.

Tables can accommodate ten people. **To reserve a full table or to be seated with a group of people, your registration forms and deposits must be received together in one envelope.** This will be the only way to ensure seating together based on the availability of seats at the time your registrations are received. We will try our best to honor parties and keep you together, but such seating will be based on availability of tables...SO...get group registrations in as early as possible!

People purchasing banquet tickets at the convention will be assigned seating at that time, based on the availability of the remaining seats.

You MUST include the full names of ALL attendees at your table. Please note the banquet is SMOKE FREE and VAPING FREE.

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**Hotel Room Reservations:**

**ROOM RATES:**

Single/Double: $117.00* (Per Night)
Triple/Quad: $127.00* (Per Night)

*Plus 15% Occupancy Tax

These special convention room rates will only be available when identifying attendance at the “A44” group rate.

Reservations must be received on or before September 15, 2017 in order to guarantee availability and rate. Cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival, or you will be charged for the room.

**Please Note:** Whether you use our website, or whether you book your hotel room through another vendor, please inform the hotel that you’re participating in the Convention. The Area gets credit towards its minimum quota for all rooms booked during the Convention weekend. If you have any questions, please contact us at (908) 731-7714.

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**TWO WAYS TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

1) **BY PHONE** – Call the hotel at 1-800-222-8733 and make a reservation with a credit card. The conference name is “A44.” You must mention this code when registering in order to get the special Convention room rate. It also helps us to reach our quota so please make sure that you use that code when you book your room.

2) **BY THE INTERNET** – Go to online to our website at: www.nnjaa.org/convention. When you book online, you will be able to purchase your meal packages in addition to your hotel room reservations. Don’t forget to use the promotion/offer code “A44” when booking online.

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**Al-Anon Invites You!**

Al-Anon Invites You! The members of Al-Anon cordially invite you, the relatives and friends of those affected by the family disease of alcoholism, to Al-Anon’s participation in the 61st Annual Area 44 General Service Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Please join us in sharing our experience, strength and hope in finding happiness, even contentment, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

For more information call North Jersey Al-Anon Information Service at 973-744-8686.