

52nd ANNUAL AREA 44 CONVENTION



The Keys to Unity: Communication & Participation

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
September 26, 27, & 28th 2008

Speaker Meetings • Plays • Alkathons
Dances • Banquet • Al Anon • Alateen

The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

52nd Annual NNJGS Area 44 Convention Convention Schedule "Preview" Sept. 26, 27, & 28, 2008

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

- 3:00pm** **Hotel Check In** *Main Lobby*
Registration Desk Opens *2nd Fl.*
- 3:00pm** **Meal Package/Banquet Table** – Pick up reserved Meal packets/Banquet tickets and weekend passes (some additional tickets may be available).
- 3:00pm** **Registration Table** – Pick up your reserved badge or purchase a \$25 badge for all convention events (excluding Meals & Banquet).
- 3:00pm** **Information Resource Table** – (Sign Big Book)
- 4:00pm** **Early Bird Meeting**
Discussion Meeting
- 8:00pm** **Speaker Meeting**
- 9:00-11:55pm** **Big Book Meetings**
Speaker
- 10:00pm** **Grapevine Play**
- 10:00pm** **Alkathon**
Continuous Meetings Begin
- 10pm-2am** **Dancing to DJ**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

- 6:30-9:00am** **Breakfast**
- 8:00am** **Registration, Meal Package and Banquet Tables Open**
- 9:00am-5pm** **Spanish Speaking Meeting**
- 9:00-12:55pm** **Big Book Meetings**
- We Agnostics
 - How It Works
 - Into Action

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND BEEPERS DURING ALL MEETINGS

- Working With Others
- 9:30-9:30pm** **Films Programs**
- 10:45am** **Speaker Meeting**
Al Anon Speaker
- 11:45-1:15pm** **Lunch**
- 11:45-1:00pm** **Old Timer's Reception**
- 12:15-1:30pm** **Area 44 Workshops**
- The Group Must Survive or the Individual will not
 - Each Group Has But One Primary Purpose
 - Participation in Service
 - Life of Fellowship Depends on Each Individual
 - Attraction Not Promotion
 - Principles Before Personalities
- 1:00-3:15pm** **Old Timer's Meeting**
- 1:00-3:55pm** **Alkathon Continues**
- Unmanageability
 - Return to Sanity
 - Thy Will Not Mine
- 4:00-6:55pm** **Big Book Meeting**
- To The Wives
 - The Family Afterwards
 - A Vision For You
- 5:00-6:00pm** **Polish Speaking Meeting**
- 6:30pm** **Banquet Doors Open**
- 7:00-8:55am** **Alkathon**
- Not What We Did But Why
 - Opening Up
 - Becoming Entirely Ready
 - Humility "What A Concept"
 - Just Make The List
 - Amends Wherever Not Whenever
 - When We Were Wrong (Not If)

- Praying For Knowledge
- As A Result of These Steps
- Honest Sharing
- What Happened Then & Now

9:00-10:00pm **Simulcast of the Banquet Speaker**

10pm-2am **Live Band Dancing to "The Hollywood Band"**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

- 7:00-9:15am** **Breakfast**
- 9:15am** **Al Anon Spiritual Meeting**
Joy of Living
- 10:00am** **Spiritual Meeting**
- 11:00am** **Sobriety Countdown**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Your badge is your admission to all Convention events – **NO BADGE – NO ENTRY.** (**Please display prominently**)

Personal Cameras and tape recorders are prohibited

There will be CDs available for sale of all Speakers and the Old Timers' Meeting at modest prices.

AA & Literature & Grapevine materials will be displayed for sale.

There will be Interpreters provided at all Speakers' Meetings

Convention Volunteers –

Call the Convention Information Line at
908 757-7749

If you are interested in serving on the convention committee, our meetings are held at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Area Office, 2325 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield. If you are interested in helping out AT the convention, you can volunteer by giving us your name and telephone number by mail: NNJGS Area 44 Convention Committee, 2325 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or phone: **(908) 757-7749** or complete the volunteer information form online at www.nnjaa.org no later than **September 1, 2008**.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: If I volunteer, (above), what kind of help is needed?

A: *There are many types of volunteer assignments. You can be a greeter and welcome the attendees in the lobby. You can sit at the table and ask attendees to sign the Big Books to be presented at the Sunday countdown. You can help at the reservations desk. You can help with putting out cookies at the coffee stations.*

Q: Do I have to contact the hotel for room reservations?

A: *Yes, and contact the hotel for Confirmation.*

Q: Can I register online?

A: *Yes, you can for the hotel (see the registration form for instructions). You cannot register online for the meal plans or registration fee.*

Q: Can I pay by credit card?

A: *Yes, you can use your credit card for the hotel stay. However, checks and money orders are required for the registration fee and meal plans.*

Q: How do I sign up for the Old-Timers Luncheon?

A: *If you are coming to the old timers' only check the "Old Timers' Luncheon" column on the page 3 registration form. If you choose meal package 1, 2, 3, or 4, (see the instructions on page 4), the \$25 fee is already included in the price of the meal package.*

Q: Is the banquet included in the meal plan?

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

Q: I don't want to attend the Convention, I just want to attend the dances. Can I buy tickets for just the dance?

A: *Sorry, the registration fee is inclusive for all events. But your registration fee covers you for Friday and Saturday's dances.*

Q: Can I mail my registration in?

A: *Yes, simply fill out the form on page 3 and mail it in with a check.*

Q: What if I still have questions?

A: *Call the Convention Hotline with any questions or to volunteer. The number is:*

(908) 757-7749

**NNJGS AREA 44 Convention Registration Form. (Note Banquet limited to 600 registrants)
ALL MAIL-IN PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

			OLD TIMER INFO ONLY				
Registration Full Name <i>(Please print clearly)</i>	AA or AI Anon	Require Sign Interpreter	Home Group	Anniversary Date	Package No.	Deposit	Balance
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
TOTAL						\$.	\$.

SEE REVERSE FOR REGISTRATION PACKAGE INFORMATION

Instructions

1. If you would prefer not to pay in full at this time for the meal packages, you can choose the deposit option of a minimum of \$60 for each person.
2. Checks should be made payable to NNJGS Area 44 Convention
3. Clip this half of the form and mail to: **NNJGS Area 44 Convention
P.O. Box 231
Fanwood, NJ 07023**
4. Questions? Call the Convention Hotline Number (908) 757-7749

Name and Address for Confirmation letter:

Last Name *First Name* *MI*

Street Address

City *State* *Zip*

Area Code & Phone No.

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**NNJGS Area 44 Convention
Hotel Room Reservations
Convention Nightly Room Rates:**

Single/Double: \$89.00* (Per Night)
Triple/Quad: \$99.00* (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 6, 2008

in order to guarantee availability and rate. Cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival or the room will be charged.

THREE WAYS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

1) BY MAIL – Mail in the form with a check or credit card number. All mail reservations must be accompanied by this form and a deposit in the amount equal to one night's stay, plus 15% occupancy tax, or be guaranteed to a credit card. Make checks payable to the **Doubletree Hotel** and note "A44" on its face and mail to:

**The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873**

2) BY PHONE – Call **1-800-222-8733** and make a reservation with a credit card. The conference name is "A44"

3) BY THE INTERNET – Go to **www.doubletreesomerset.com**
The promotion/offer code online is "A44"

Check-In Date (3:00 PM) *Check-Out Date (12 Noon)*

Last Name *First Name* *M.I.*

Address

City *State* *Zip*

Area Code and Telephone

The Doubletree Hotel cannot guarantee specific room type; they will attempt to honor all requests on a first come/first served basis.

Room: Non-Smoking Smoking

Beds: King 2 Doubles Cot

Special Considerations: _____

MasterCard VISA Amex Discover Diner's Club

Credit Card Number *Expiration Date*

Signature

Others in Room: _____

SUMMARY OF REGISTRATION PACKAGES

MEAL PACKAGE #1 = \$116.00 Per Person

This package includes Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast and Weekend Registration. (Includes Old Timers' Luncheon, if appropriate.)

MEAL PACKAGE #2 = \$102.00 Per Person

This package includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast, and Weekend Registration. (Includes Old Timers' Luncheon, if appropriate.)

MEAL PACKAGE #3 = \$78.00 Per Person

This package includes Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Lunch, Sunday Breakfast, and Weekend Registration (**NO BANQUET**). (Includes Old Timers' Luncheon, if appropriate.)

BANQUET PACKAGE #4 = \$65.00 Per Person

This package includes Banquet and Weekend Registration. (Includes Old Timers' Luncheon, if appropriate.)

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY PACKAGE #5 = \$25.00 Per Person

This package includes Weekend Registration

OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON ONLY #6 = \$25.00 Per Person

Includes Old Timers Luncheon and Weekend Registration. (No additional money due if one of the meal packages above have been paid for.)

BANQUET SEATING INFORMATION

Saturday's banquet will have prearranged seating based on the date of receipt of your registration form. Note that tables can hold up to 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 assure 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 the availability of tables.

If we are able to sell banquet tickets at the convention, seating will be assigned at that time, based on the availability of the remaining seats.

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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 52nd 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 Information Service at
973-744-8686