

Convention Information
(908) 757-7749 or convention@nnjaa.org

Interpreters For The
Hearing Impaired

55th ANNUAL NNJGS AREA 44 CONVENTION



**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
September 23, 24, & 25th 2011**

Speaker Meetings • Plays • Alkathons
Banquet • Saturday Dance • Al-Anon • Alateen

The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

55th Annual NNJGS Area 44 Convention Convention Schedule "Preview" Sept. 23, 24, & 25, 2011

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

3:00pm	Hotel Check In <i>Main Lobby</i> Registration Desk Opens <i>2nd Fl.</i>
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 \$28 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 Kick-Off Meeting Bobby C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9:00pm	Big Book/Alkathon Marathon continuous through 8am Sunday
9:00pm	GSYP Workshop
9:15pm	"Oliver With a Twist" <i>Grapevine Play followed by Entertainment with Jack F.</i>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

6:00-9:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Registration, Meal Package and Banquet Tables Open
9:00am	Coffee Stations Open
9am-5pm	Continuous Films Program
9:00-10:30am	Area 44 Workshops District 34 <i>I Am Responsible (AA Pledge)</i> District 17 <i>Recovery, Unity, Service (3 Legacies)</i> District 11 <i>"We" The 1st Word in the 1st Step</i>
10:45-11:45am	Speaker Meeting – (AI-Anon) Debbie G., Des Moines, Iowa
11:45-12:30pm	Early Lunch
11:45-1:15pm	Old Timer's Luncheon

12:15-1:15pm **Area 44 Workshops**
Sponsorship—Working With Others District 8
Sharing Experience, Strength and Hope District 9
Attraction Not Promotion (Tradition 11) District 30

12:30-1:15pm	Late Lunch
1:45-3:45pm	Old Timer's Meeting Big Book/Alkathon Meetings continuous through 8am Sunday
4:00-5:00pm	Polish Speaking Meeting
4:00pm	Grapevine Play (Encore) "Oliver With A Twist"
6:45pm	Banquet Doors Open
7:15-8:15pm	Banquet Begins
8:15-9:30pm	Banquet Speaker Harold G., Annapolis, Maryland
8:15-9:30pm	Simulcast of the Banquet Speaker
10:00pm	"The Big Booze Theory" <i>Area & Intergroup Play</i>
10pm-2am	Dancing to DJ Big Book/Alkathon Meetings continuous through 8am Sunday

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

7:00-9:30am	Breakfast
8:00am	Last Alkathon Meeting
9:30am	Sobriety Countdown
10:30am	Spiritual Meeting
11:45am	Closing Ceremonies
12:00pm	Coffee Stations Closed
	Personal Cameras and tape recorders are prohibited
	AA Literature & Grapevine materials will be displayed for sale.
	There will be interpreters provided at all Speakers' Meetings.

MARATHON ALKATHON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011	DISTRICT
9pm..... Big Book - More About Alcoholism	24
10pm Big Book - Working With Others	13
11pm Big Book - The Family Afterwards	19

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011	
12am.....LEADERS CHOICE	5/7
1am.....LEADERS CHOICE	17
2am.....LEADERS CHOICE	14
3am.....LEADERS CHOICE	22
4am.....LEADERS CHOICE	1/2
5am.....LEADERS CHOICE	10
6am.....LEADERS CHOICE	31
7am.....LEADERS CHOICE	39
8am.....LEADERS CHOICE	36
9am..... Big Book - There Is A Solution	27/29
10am..... Big Book - We Agnostics	42
11am..... Big Book - Into Action	25
12pm Big Book - The Doctors Opinion	16
1pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	4/6
2pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	15/21
3pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	9
4pm..... Big Book - To The Wives	3
5pm..... Big Book - How It Works	37
6pm..... Big Book - A Vision For You	36
6pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	20
7pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	12
8pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	35
9-pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	28
10pmLEADERS CHOICE	23
11pm.....LEADERS CHOICE	41

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011	
12am.....LEADERS CHOICE	26
1am.....LEADERS CHOICE	18
2am.....LEADERS CHOICE	40
3am.....LEADERS CHOICE	11
4am.....LEADERS CHOICE	16
5am.....LEADERS CHOICE	27/29
6am.....LEADERS CHOICE	42
7am.....LEADERS CHOICE	19
8am.....LEADERS CHOICE	13

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 2, 2011**.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: If I volunteer 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 (you must have 25 or more years), 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 dances?

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 Meal Packages Banquet and Pre-Registration Tickets

Banquet limited to the first 600 registrants

Meal Package #1:

$$\$131.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad} \text{ Minus } \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Deposit}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Balance}}$$

This Package includes Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet,* Sunday Breakfast and WeekEnd Registration.

Meal Package #2:

$$\$114.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad} \text{ Minus } \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Deposit}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Balance}}$$

This Package includes Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet,* Sunday Breakfast and Weekend Registration.

Meal Package #3:

$$\$89.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad} \text{ Minus } \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Deposit}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Balance}}$$

This Package includes Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Sunday Breakfast and Weekend Registration. (NO BANQUET INCLUDED)

Banquet Package #4:

$$\$70.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad} \text{ Minus } \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Deposit}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\text{Balance}}$$

This Package includes Saturday Banquet,* and Weekend Registration.

Pre-Registration Package ONLY #5:

$$\$28.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

This Package Weekend Registration.

Old-Timers Luncheon ONLY #6:

$$\$28.00 \times \frac{\quad}{\text{People}} = \$ \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

This Package includes Old-Timers Luncheon and Weekend Registration.

1. If you would 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 payment of 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 Convention
PO Box 1670
Summit, NJ 07902-1670

Name and Address for Confirmation Letter:

Last Name First Name M.I.

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone E-Mail Address

- AA Member Mail Future
 AI-Anon Member Convention Info to
 Need an interpreter the above address

**ALL MAIL-IN PAYMENTS MUST BE
POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

SEE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR BANQUET SEATING INFORMATION

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Rates:

Single/Double: \$102.00* (Per Night)

Triple/Quad: \$112.00* (Per Night)

*Plus 15% Occupancy Tax

These special convention room rates will only be available when identifying attendance at the "NJG" group rate.

Reservations must be received on or

before September 9, 2011

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

TWO WAYS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

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

2) BY THE INTERNET – Go to www.doubletreesomerset.com The promotion/offer code online is "NJG"

OLD-TIMERS MEETING & LUNCHEON PACKAGE #6

Name Sobriety Date Home Group

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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND LUNCH IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Please Complete the Following and Return with your Registration

BANQUET IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 600 REGISTERED

Saturday's banquet will have prearranged seating based on the date of receipt of your registration form. Roommates will be seated together automatically.

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 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 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.

PLEASE PRINT: must include the full names of attendees at your table. **Please note the banquet is SMOKE FREE.**

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| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Names of Others in Rooms:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

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 55th 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