

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

Interpreters For The
Hearing Impaired



Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
September 21, 22, & 23rd 2012

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

The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873



56th Annual Area 44 Convention Schedule "Preview"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

3:00pm	Hotel Check In Registration Desk Opens	Main Lobby 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 \$28 badge for all convention events (excluding Meals & Banquet).	
3:00pm	Information Resource Table – (Sign Big Book)	
4:00pm	Early Bird Discussion Meeting	
8:00pm	Speaker Kick-Off Meeting – William B., Little River, So. Carolina	
9:00pm	Big Book/Alkathon Marathon continuous through 8am Sunday	
9:00pm	GSYP Workshop	
9:15pm	"Tippler on the Roof" a Grapevine Play followed by Entertainment with ??????	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

6-9:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Registration, Meal Package and Banquet Tables Open
9:00am	Coffee Stations Open
9am-5pm	Continuous Films Program
9-10:30am	Area Workshops Anonymity, The Spiritual Foundation of Our Traditions - District 4/6 Personal Anonymity in the Digital Age - District 20 Our Ultimate Authority in Our Group Conscience - District 35
10:45-11:45am	Speaker Meeting – (AI-Anon) Bernadette B., Little River, S. Carolina

11:45-12:30pm Early Lunch

11:45-1:15pm	Old Timer's Luncheon
12:15-1:15pm	Area Workshops Growing Along Spiritual Lines – District 22 Spirituality and the Digital Age: Harnessing Technology to Carry the Message – District 14 We Are But Trusted Servants: Making Time For Service Work – District 18

12:30-1:15pm Late Lunch

1:45-3:45	Old Timer's Meeting Big Book/Alkathon Meetings continuous through 8am Sunday
4-5:00pm	Polish Speaking Meeting
4:00pm	"Tippler on the Roof" – (Encore) Grapevine Play
6:45pm	Banquet Doors Open
7:15-8:15pm	Banquet Begins
8:15-9:30pm	Banquet Speaker – Rose E., Spring Hills, Florida
8:15-9:30pm	Simulcast of the Banquet Speaker
10:00pm	"Area & Intergroup Play" Area & Intergroup Play
10pm-2am	Dancing to DJ Big Book/Alkathon Meetings continuous through 8am Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

7-9:30am	Breakfast
8:00am	Last Alkathon Meeting
9:30am	Sobriety Countdown
10:30am	Spiritual Meeting
11:45am	Closing Ceremonies
12:00pm	Coffee Stations Closed

MARATHON ALKATHONS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012		District
9pm.....	Big Book - Doctor's Opinion	12
10pm.....	Big Book - Bill's Story	39
11pm.....	Big Book - There Is A Solution	40

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

12am.....	Leader's Choice	9
1am.....	Leader's Choice	3
2am.....	Leader's Choice	34
3am.....	Leader's Choice	11/33
4am.....	Leader's Choice	8
5am.....	Leader's Choice	1/2
6am.....	Leader's Choice	31
7am.....	Leader's Choice	41
8am.....	Leader's Choice	10
9am.....	Big Book - More About Alcoholism	5/7
10am.....	Big Book - We Agnostics	26
11am.....	Big Book - How It Works	37
12pm.....	Big Book - Into Action	15/21
1pm.....	Leader's Choice	28
2pm.....	Leader's Choice	36
3pm.....	Leader's Choice	17
4pm.....	Big Book - Working With Others	17
5pm.....	Big Book - The Family Afterwards	24
6pm.....	Big Book - A Vision For You	32
7pm.....	Leader's Choice	27/29
8pm.....	Leader's Choice	23
9pm.....	Leader's Choice	13
10pm.....	Leader's Choice	16
11pm.....	Leader's Choice	35

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

12am.....	Leader's Choice	20
1am.....	Leader's Choice	18
2am.....	Leader's Choice	4/6
3am.....	Leader's Choice	14
4am.....	Leader's Choice	22
5am.....	Leader's Choice	26
6am.....	Leader's Choice	25
7am.....	Leader's Choice	39
8am.....	Leader's Choice	24

Frequently Asked Questions

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 with putting out cookies at the coffee stations and there are many other volunteer services.

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 both the hotel and the area's meal plans and registration fee (see the registration form for instructions).

Q: Can I pay by credit card?

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

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

A: If you are coming to the Old-Timers' Luncheon (you

must have 25 or more years), check the "Old-Timer's Luncheon" column on the page 3 registration form. If you choose meal packages 1, 2, 3, or 4, (see instructions on page 4), the \$28 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 dance. Can I buy tickets for just the dance?

A: No, the registration fee will cover you for Saturday's dance.

Q: Can I mail my registration in?

A: Yes, simply fill out the form on page 3 and mail it to the address indicated 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 x _____ = \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ = \$ _____
People Cost Deposit Balance Due

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

MEAL PACKAGE #2:

\$114.00 x _____ = \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ = \$ _____
People Cost Deposit Balance Due

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

MEAL PACKAGE #3:

\$89.00 x _____ = \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ = \$ _____
People Cost Deposit Balance Due

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

BANQUET PACKAGE #4:

\$70.00 x _____ = \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ = \$ _____
People Deposit Balance Due

This Package includes Saturday Banquet,* and Weekend Registration.

PRE-REGISTRATION PACKAGE ONLY #5:

\$28.00 x _____ = \$ _____
People Total

This Package Weekend Registration.

OLD-TIMERS LUNCHEON ONLY #6:

\$28.00 x _____ = \$ _____
People Total

This Package includes Old-Timers Luncheon and Weekend Registration.

SEE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR BANQUET SEATING INFORMATION

PACKAGE #6 OLD-TIMERS' REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Must have 25 years or more of sobriety to attend this luncheon

 Name Sobriety Date Home Group

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MEAL REGISTRATION BY MAIL:

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 402
 Kenvil, NJ 07847-0402**

Send Confirmation to (choose one)

Home address or E-mail indicated below

 Last Name First Name

 E-Mail Address

 Street Address

 City State Zip

 Telephone

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

**ALL MAIL-IN PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED
 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**

MEAL REGISTRATION ONLINE:

1. To register and pay for a meal plan online go to:

www.nnjaa.org/convention

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

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

4. Upon completion of the payment for any meal plans 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 set up specifically for reserving rooms at our convention.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND LUNCH
 IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**

Group Secretary Please Read the Following:

If you are interested in serving on the Convention Committee, meetings are held at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesdays 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 adding your name and telephone number in the space provided below. Please mail this list to the attention of the "Convention Committee" when it is complete but no later than by **September 7, 2012** to:

NNJGS Area 44 Convention Committee
2325 Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
Questions? Call (908) 757-7749

NAME	NO. OF HOURS YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER	TELEPHONE
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Or you can fill out the volunteer form online at www.nnjaa.org

Complete the Following and Return with your Mail In 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.

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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HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Rates:

Single/Double: \$104.00* (Per Night)

Triple/Quad: \$114.00* (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 7, 2012

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 HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

1) BY PHONE – Call 1-800-222-8733 and make a reservation with a credit card. The conference name is "NJG." You must mention this code, when registering, in order for AA to get credit for the room and to get the special convention room rate.

2) ONLINE – Go to our web page **www.nnjaa.org/convention**

Here, you will be able to purchase meal packages and there is a link to the hotel for room reservations. The promotion/offer code online is "NJG"

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 56th 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