

Convention Coordinator Report for the August 26, 2023 Virtual AWSC Meeting Final Revised

The 2023 NYN Fall Election Assembly will be held **September 29, 30, and October 1, 2023** in person at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Carrier Circle, 6646 Old Collamer Road S, East Syracuse, NY 13057. Chairperson Ruth S. and her committee are hard at work. Their theme is **“Together Again”**. The Registration Form for the Fall Election Assembly is available on www.nynafg.com under **NYN AWSC and Assembly**. Registration for the 2023 NYN Fall Election Assembly will be \$30.00 for the weekend and can be done online, by mail, or in person at the Fall Assembly.

The Program for Friday evening will include an Al-Anon Skit. There will also be Al-Anon Raffle Baskets and other items available to be raffled off as well as Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature available for sale, including the New Al-Anon Daily Reader “A Little Time for Myself” (B-34, \$17.00). The Program for Saturday includes the AWSC Meeting, The Assembly Morning Session, Lunch – **a boxed lunch is available for pre-registered purchase**, the Assembly Afternoon session, a Buffet Dinner – **pre-registration for this meal is required**, and our Main Al-Anon Speaker, who will be Kathi D., our Outgoing NYN Area Delegate. The Program for Sunday Morning program will consist of the Alateen Interest Meeting and a Panel of Spiritual Speakers.

On Saturday the catered box-lunch will include wraps with your choice of meat - Roast Beef, Turkey, or Ham, and also includes a salad, pickle, chips, cookie, and soda or water. **A Gluten-Free wrap is also available.** This lunch will cost \$16.00 **and will need to be Preregistered before September 9, 2023. Since this will be a catered event, there will be no meal tickets available for sale at the door.**

The Saturday Night Banquet Buffet which will include: Beef Medallions au jus, Sliced Baked Ham, Roast Turkey & Gravy, Baked Ziti, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Tea, and water. **Gluten-free and vegetarian choices are also included on the Buffet.** The Banquet Buffet will cost \$40.00 in advance and **the cut-off date for registering for the Banquet is Saturday, September 9, 2023. Since this will be a catered event, there will be no meal tickets available for sale at the door.**

For those members planning to stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel for the weekend, rooms will be \$179.00 plus tax which comes to \$206.00 per night for a suite with a queen bed and \$189.00 per night plus tax which comes to \$218.00 for a suite with two double beds.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are still in need a District or Districts to Host the **2024 NYN Spring Convention and Assembly**. At the 2023 NYN Virtual Spring Assembly, no District or Districts stepped up to host the **2024 Spring Assembly** so the issue was tabled until the 2023 NYN Election Assembly. We also will need a District or Districts to Host the **2024 NYN Fall Assembly**. Currently, it has not been decided on whether these Assemblies will be in-person, Hybrid, or Virtual only. A discussion on how to proceed with our NYN Spring and Fall Assemblies was also tabled at the 2023 Spring Assembly and the discussion will be resumed at the 2023 Summer AWSC and the 2023 NYN Fall Election Assembly. Please, would your District consider Hosting or Co-Hosting one of these events, Help is always available in Al-Anon.

At the 2023 Virtual Spring Assembly, there was a discussion regarding the higher cost of the hotel sleeping rooms for our trusted servants and members, as well as the higher costs of reserving hotel meeting space, and the higher cost of having to cater our meals now that most facilities no longer have banquet staff or facilities since the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to Covid, these costs were just considered a normal part of the cost that NYN has for doing its regular business and were included in the annual NYN Budget.

Since Covid, the level of participation at our Area Assemblies has gone down considerably. Prior to Covid, our in-person Spring Conventions usually had between 175 and 250 attending members and our in-person Fall Assembly attendance had usually been between 90 and 130 members attending. Prior to Covid, there were over 355 registered groups in the NYN Area. Since we started meeting virtually, we have only been having a participation rate of 20 – 40 voting members. The in-person registration fees and donations we used to receive from these events not only completely paid the costs of putting on the Convention or Assembly, they usually also contributed a substantial source of revenue for the Area from the after-expense profits that they generated.

At the 2023 Fall Election Assembly Meeting on September 30, 2023, Elections will be held for all New York North Area Officer and Coordinator positions, including the Convention Coordinator position. I have found this service to be very rewarding and I would like to encourage any Al-Anon member to consider standing for this position.

Love in Al-Anon Service,

Jim M. Convention Coordinator NYN