Get Social with StateWide –
Come to our Convention in Saratoga Springs

This year’s theme for our Annual Convention is: LET’S GET SOCIAL, as we explore the importance of the word and concept “SOCIAL” in our society:

- The importance of preserving & strengthening SOCIAL SECURITY (in light of the continued and revived proposal of reformulating this program to give beneficiaries less money).

- The new policies and procedures of NEW YORK STATE’S SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR THE AGING. See how new funding and programs can benefit your community.

- Everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities. We’ll review SOCIAL JUSTICE issues that impact us and our communities.

- As SOCIAL MEDIA takes on a more important role in our lives, let’s explore how we can make it an asset to our activist and daily lives.

- Let’s learn about the positive tools that are being developed on SOCIAL PLATFORMS for Medicare, Senior Safety, Patients’ Rights, and other programs.

LET’S GET SOCIAL—TOGETHER!
- Let’s build on our momentum from Grassroots Day and activism.
- Let’s come together to meet old and new friends from all over New York State.
- Let’s receive the latest developments in policies & programs affecting our communities.
- Let’s plan our next steps for the year.

Our Checklist
☑ Register for Convention
☑ Nominate Deserving People for our Awards
☑ Attend Our Annual Gala
☑ Explore the Beautiful City of Saratoga Springs

It’s all happening at StateWide’s Annual Convention Oct 15 – 17, 2019. We can’t wait to see you in Saratoga Springs!
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCT 15

3:00 PM WELCOME
3:15 PM Executive Director’s Report
4:00 PM Social Justice Issues – recap of wins and losses in the state and federal policies
6:00 PM OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION, Casino trip, Karaoke

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

7:30 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM The 2020 Census: Stand Up and be counted. Opportunities in your community.
9:45 AM Translating Caring for Family Members into Public Policy Solutions
10:30 AM Medicare and EPIC Update
11:30 AM EXHIBIT HALL
12:30 PM LUNCH with Guest Speakers Break – 1:30-1:45
1:45 PM Option 1: Fight Back, Avoid Senior Scams
Option 2: How to Access Senior Services in your Community
Break 3:00- 3:15

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

3:15 PM Option 1: Improving Patient Care and Protecting Patients Rights
Option 2: Earned Benefits & Social Safety Nets
4:30 PM Option 1: Walking Tour
4:15 PM Option 2: Town Hall Open Forum on Senior Issues
4:15 PM Option 3: Getting Active in the SMP program
6:30 PM AWARDS DINNER (Holiday Inn)

THURSDAY, OCT 17

7:30 AM BREAKFAST
8:00 AM Using Social Media to spread our message
9:00 AM Adopting Agenda: Public Policy Committee Presides
11:30 AM ADJOURNMENT

CALL 800-333-4374 to Register Today!
Each year at the Annual Convention, NY StateWide Senior Action Council awards outstanding seniors for their leadership to improve the lives of older residents:

**Rose Kryzak Advocacy Award**
An advocate and a leader on public policy issues locally and at the state level to promote the well being of older New Yorkers.

**Paul E. Harenberg Award**
Trains and educate others about important issues and programs benefitting seniors.

**Robert E. O’Donnell Memorial Award**
Promotes the growth and development of the NY StateWide Senior Action Council.

**Michael Burgess Award**
Promotes the senior movement through social activism, leadership, and initiatives conducive to the improvement of the quality of life of older New Yorkers.

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**Please Check one. Use one form per nominee:**

- Rose Kryzak Advocacy Award
- Paul E. Harenberg Award
- Robert E. O’Donnell Memorial Award
- Michael Burgess Award

**Nominee (person being nominated)**

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
StateWide Chapter or County of Residence ________________________________
Phone ________________________________ E-mail ________________________________

**Nominator (person filling out form)**

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
StateWide Chapter or County of Residence ________________________________
Phone ________________________________ E-mail ________________________________

On a separate piece of paper please provide a statement of why the nominee is deserving of this award and include a description of his or her activities.

All forms must be postmarked by September 6, 2019. Any StateWide member in good standing can make a nomination. Nominees must be at least 55 years of age, in good standing and have been a StateWide member for at least one year. You can mail, fax or email your nomination form. Fax: (518) 436-7642
On May 14th, StateWide joined NYSNA, CWA, 1199 and other partners for our Annual Educational Grassroots Day. Executive Director Maria Alvarez welcomed over 400 seniors from around NYS who gathered at the Convention Center on the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Deputy Director Gail Myers shared talking points on the need to ensure safe nurse to patient staffing in hospitals and nursing homes and efforts to pass Improved Medicare for All - the NY Health Act.

Members participated in a training with Outreach Counselors Leslie Sierra and Beth Nelson, focusing on Health Care Fraud and how to volunteer with the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol.

Medicare Patient's Rights Helpline 800-333-4374
NYS Senior Medicare Patrol
FRAUD ALERT!

Medical Braces Scam: Be Aware!

THE SCAM:
You are bombarded with phone calls at home, often from Robocallers. If you pick up the phone, they will say things like, “We hear you need a back brace, Medicare will pay for it.” A few days later, you receive boxes of knee and back braces that you did not order and did not need.

The Senior Medicare Patrol sees many cases where back, neck, & knee braces are ordered from out of area providers and doctors that the beneficiary has never heard of.

REMEMBER:
- Only YOUR Doctor can prescribe any type of medical brace for you.
- If you answer the phone, and hear a Robocaller, do not stay on the line and hang up immediately.
- Don’t answer any questions or give out any personal information or your Medicare number.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU RECEIVE ANY BRACES?
- Contact StateWide, your NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-333-4374. We can help you with what to do next.
- Report receiving the braces as fraud to 1-800-MEDICARE as soon as possible.
- Contact the supplier about returning the braces. You should not have to pay for the return.
- If you return the item, keep the mail receipt and tracking number.
- Check your Medicare Summary Notice to see the name of the ordering provider. Tell 1-800-MEDICARE if you have never visited this person.
- Review your Explanation of Benefits paperwork for items that appear that you did not order or receive and report any discrepancies immediately.
- If you suspect Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse, address it immediately by calling 800-333-4374.

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Yes! I want my experience to count.

I want to join NY StateWide Senior Action Council.

Check box:

☐ Individual Membership  $ 20/year
☐ Couple Membership  $ 25/year
☐ Lifetime Membership  $ 150/individual
☐ Lifetime Membership  $ 200/couple
☐ Organization Membership  $ 75/year

Check box:

☐ New Member
☐ Renewal
☐ Contribution  $ _______

Name__________________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

City________________________________ State ____________ Zip______________

County__________________________ Affiliated Organization ____________

Phone___________________________ E-mail______________________________

You can contact us at 518-436-1006. Please make your check payable to: NY StateWide Senior Action Council

Send this form to: NY StateWide Senior Action Council, 275 State Street, Albany, NY 12210

All dues and contributions are tax deductible.

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October 15-17, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY

Name_________________________________________ Telephone__________________________

Address___________________________________ City Town ___________________________ Zip_____________________

E-mail____________________________________ Affiliation (if any) ________________________________

Circle One: Package Option (from below)  A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K

Total enclosed $___________  If you are not a member and would like to join now, add $20 to your registration*

If registering for a double room, preferred Room-mate’s Name ______________________________

Please Circle Lunch and Dinner Choice:  (Breakfasts are buffet style—no choice needed)

Lunch Wed. - Cheese Tortellini/Cream Sauce       Grilled Sirloin Salad

Dinner Wed. - Turkey       Fish       Tomato Basil Pasta

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Return this form w/ accompanying check to the Albany office by September 14, 2019. Registrations received after September 14 will have a $20 surcharge applied. Questions, call us at 800-333-4374.

Check payable to NY StateWide Senior Action Council.
Mail to: StateWide, 275 State Street, Albany, NY 12210
Online credit Card Charges Accepted. Call 518-703-2617 for more information.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, NY, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Phone: 1-518-584-4550, website: www.holidayinn.com
Hotel Accommodations Included in Package Pricing Registration. StateWide will make your reservation.

*If you are not a member of StateWide, become a 2019 member today for $20.
You will receive the discounted Member price for this event.
Our State Bill Tracker has been recently updated and posted to our website www.nysenior.org. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call our office.

NY STATEWIDE SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL
Annual Convention Oct 15-17

Socialize with Friends
Meet seniors from all over NYS to connect with and share information

Attend Panel Discussions

Visit the Exhibit Hall
Visit our Exhibit Hall on Oct. 16th 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

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