

New York StateWide Senior Action Council

MEMBER UPDATE

Summer 2019



María Alvarez

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!

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Medicare Patient's Rights Helpline 800-333-4374

2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Join us October 15-17, 2019

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!

2019 Award Nomination Form

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.

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**



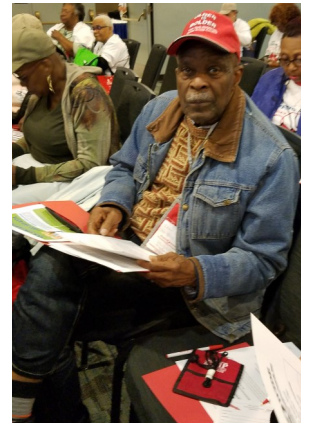
Educational Grassroots Day

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.

New Individual Members:

Florence Anthony	Bronx
Leila Brunson	Brooklyn
Janet Burns	Brooklyn
Larry & Sue Denesha	Dekalb Junction
Nancy Emery	Kingston
Joan Garippa	Little Neck
Gloria Goodman	Brooklyn
Jean Hantz	Potsdam
Douglas & Kendra Hart	Moravia
MaryAnn Hildebrandt	Saugerties
Bruce Hudson	Williamson
Robin V. Marion	Brooklyn
Frances & Michael	
Mayers	Brooklyn
Jesus Morales	Bronx
Kandis Paolone	Saratoga Spr.
Sallie Robertson	Hollis
Patricia Smith	Ithaca
Howard & MaryAnn	
Stolan	Cheektowaga
Willie & Julia Terry	Troy

New Lifetime Members:

Janet Burns	Brooklyn
Ann Converso	Lawtons
Eustene Corbin	Brooklyn
Adiel Gillette	Arverne
Mary Jackson	Brooklyn
Evelyn McKinney	Brooklyn
Francesca Ortolano	Woodstock

Kryzak Fund Contributors:

Florence Anthony	Bronx
Hazel Collman-Foster	Elmont
Ann Converso	Lawtons
Mary Ann Fastook	Brooklyn
Gloria Goodman	Brooklyn
Peg Graham	New York
Mario Henry	Flushing
Kathlene Lyman	Alplaus
Jesus Morales	Bronx
Henry & Mary Frances	
Moss	Bronx
Leola Phillips	New York
Susan Schrader	Ft. Covington
Ken Traub	Rochester

New Organization Members:

Albany County Department for Aging
 Niagara Women's Club

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF

CONTRIBUTOR:

Maria Alvarez
in memory of
Barbara J. Hance

CONTRIBUTOR:

Adele Rogers
in memory of
Lucille Adella Browne

CONTRIBUTOR:

Gail Myers
In honor of the
1st birthday of
Jordyn Iosefson and
Stuart Myers

2019 Annual Convention Registration

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

PACKAGE PRICING

	Member	Non-member
FULL Package A: Single, 2 nights, + opening day reception and 4 meals	\$435/person	\$500/person
FULL Package B: Double, 2 nights, + opening day reception and 4 meals	\$295/person	\$370/person
Package C: Single, Tuesday night hotel, + opening reception, Weds. bkfst, lunch	\$255/person	\$330/person
Package D: Double, Tuesday night hotel, + opening reception, Weds. bkfst, lunch	\$185/person	\$260/person
Package E: Single, Wednesday night hotel, + Weds. lunch, dinner & Thurs bkfst	\$265/person	\$335/person
Package F: Double, Wednesday night hotel, + Weds. Lunch, dinner & Thurs bkfst	\$210/person	\$270/person

COMMUTERS

FULL Package G: 3 days, reception & 4 meals	\$180	\$230
Package H: Tuesday, with reception	\$35	\$66
Package I: Wednesday, 2 meals (lunch, dinner)	\$105	\$155
Package J: Wednesday, lunch	\$55	\$105
Package K: Wednesday Awards, dinner only	\$50	\$50

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.

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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

CALL 800-333-4374 to Register Today!