

# NYSSMA

## 2020 Convention Chatter

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### 2020 Vision

#### A Look At Our Future By Way Of The Past

Greetings NYSSMA Members & Friends,

Sadly, summer has ended, and it's now time to get to work on the 2020 Convention. The members of Onondaga Chapter await your visit and hope to have a great weekend in store for you filled with Continuing



Education Sessions, the business of our state society, networking, a chance to be with old friends from across NYS, make new acquaintances, and have the opportunity to meet a representative of the AAMA

Mark your calendars---The **61<sup>st</sup> Annual** New York State Society of Medical Assistants will be held **Thursday 4/23/20-Sunday 4/26/20** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Destiny USA.

As time gets closer, there will be a link set up for your **reservations directly with the convention hotel**. The hotel is a few years old, and is across the street from the Destiny USA Mall. Each over night guest will get a

Shop & Play coupon book for discounts & free items at the mall. Bring your spouse or the kids----while you're in the meeting(s)



they will have a lot to do across the street or they can take advantage of the hotel pool, creek walk, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo or may be able to catch a baseball game. This is the hotel that *Tim Tebow* called "home" while playing with the Syracuse Mets this summer, and it's the official hotel for Syracuse University sports.

The hotel offers 2 room suites, cooked to order breakfast for each overnight stay, a manager's reception each evening with complimentary cocktails, non-alcoholic beverages & snacks. It's always nice to have space in your room to have guests, drinks, meetings etc and not have to sit on the bed. Both rooms have HDTV, cable, The bed room has a King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. The hotel has an ATM, On-site convenience store, room service, complimentary Wi-Fi, cable TV, microwave, mini fridge, wet bar, coffee



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maker and more. It's conveniently located off RT- 81 and the NYS Thruway (I-90).

The **hotel rates** will be \$119 + 13% tax on Thursday night and \$129 + 13% Friday and Saturday nights. The \$119 rate will be extended to Wednesday & Sunday nights. Come early and have some fun. As always, our discounted rates, meals etc are based on the guarantee of rooms and meals, so please limit the people in a room to (2) two unless of course you're bringing your family. There will only be 2 coupon books per room of two.

If you **come early**, there is a restaurant in the hotel, 2 diners very close by with great food, and several places to eat in the mall for everyone's pleasure and budget.

The **registration fees** will not be increased, as a matter of fact—they are still the same price as they were in 2016. It's a great bargain for what you get. The list of registration fees and types will be in a later convention newsletter. **Onondaga Chapter** has used the **Convention Chatter in** the past to keep you informed of convention details, plans, costs etc. Please feel free to share it with your chapter members. Thanks.

**The Lion's Club:** Please save your old glasses and bring them to the convention for a donation to the Lion's Club. Ask your family and friends to do the same. *Did you know that NYSSMA Past President, Joyce Maier has served in many positions on the state, national and international Lion's Club?*



The convention committee has a long list of possible **speakers & topics** but if there is some new "hot" info that you think would be a good fit---please let me know. We are hoping to offer a maximum amount of CEUs while giving you time to enjoy the mall or pool.

**Shuttle Service** We really hope that this will be the year that you will attend if it's been a while or if you've never been able to attend. The hotel provides free shuttle service to/from the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Amtrak or Greyhound Bus Station.



Hey Veteran Members or Chapter Officers—**how about a challenge** to see how many you can recruit to join us. It can be a win/win for all. We'll give this some

thought. It's always nice to introduce new CMAs, first timers, students etc.

The **Convention Journal** is important to our meeting. Not only does it act as our "program", there are ads from companies that we may do business with, our employers, and chapters wishing officers well. It's usually something that the society can count on for convention income. The cost of putting on our meetings gets more expensive each year. While trying to keep our registration fees affordable, profit from this journal helps defer some of the other convention expenses. Please consider being a booster, patron, sponsor, ---putting a business card in, asking your employer or a company you know for an ad, or congratulating retiring officers/chairs or those new candidates for office. The **journal fees** also remain the same as last year.

Please remind your new CMA chapter members (or students) that it's never too early to begin to **earn CEUs**, and this is the time and place to earn a lot.



We hope to see you *Paula, Susan, Gerri and the members of Onondaga Chapter.*