

# AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND OF NEW YORK, INC.

AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
A SELF-HELP ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO  
IMPROVING THE LIFESTYLE AND INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE BLIND

Members and Friends of ACBNY:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Convention of the American Council of the Blind of New York (ACBNY). This year ACBNY together with the Utica Council of the Blind (UCB) will be hosting the convention at the Utica Radisson, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502, phone, 315-797-8010. Room rates are \$99.00 per night if registered through ACBNY. The dates of the convention are October 20-22, 2017. Preconvention events are scheduled for October 19, 2017.

For your enjoyment and entertainment pleasure, we have planned a preconvention tour to the Saranac Brewery, scheduled to depart the hotel at 2:00 pm, Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see the registration form for details. Additionally, President Lori Scharff is planning a leadership training for new and current leaders of the organization. This event is by invitation only, please speak with your local leaders if you are or plan to attend this ACBNY training.

\*All chapter leaders should contact President Lori Scharff for more information.

This year the Convention committee has assembled a meal plan to assist in offsetting the high cost and additional outlay for meals at convention. The meal plan will consist of a full hot Buffet breakfast at the Terrace Grill Friday, Saturday and Sunday, your choice of lunch on Friday and Saturday, and, a meal ticket for the annual convention banquet on Saturday night. Additionally, we have included the options to pre-purchase the annual scholarship fundraiser ticket for a discounted rate as part of the meal plan; please see the registration form for details and pricing.

The Convention Committee has also been busy putting together an agenda to raise your awareness while educating and hopefully entertaining each of you. The 2017 ACBNY Convention Agenda we have assembled is as follows:

Friday October 20,

Full Buffet Breakfast

10 to 12 Noon, NYS Commission for the Blind Town Meeting

Opening Session, Lunch

ACBNY Business Meeting President Lori Scharff

ACBNY Scholarship Fundraiser: dinner, entertainment and raffles,

Music from **Hand Picked** and Comedian from **Comedy CNY**.

Saturday October 21,  
Full Buffet Breakfast  
Exhibits in the Hotel Lobby  
Family Expo, Hands on event for families with children  
GDUES meeting  
NYSCCLV meeting  
Lunch and presentations; we have invitations out that promise to expand your knowledge on various topics.  
ACBNY Annual Banquet  
Keynote speaker, Sharon Giovinazzo  
Presentations, Awards and Raffles.

Sunday October 22,  
Full Buffet Breakfast  
Board Meeting, President Lori Scharff  
12 Noon, Close of Convention.

To register for the 2017 ACBNY Annual Convention visit [www.acbny.org](http://www.acbny.org) or call or e-mail Mike Godino at 516-612-3368 / [mikeg125@optonline.net](mailto:mikeg125@optonline.net). Payment options are PayPal through the [www.acbny.org](http://www.acbny.org) or by mail. Payments must be received on or before September 15, 2017. Payments received after September 15, 2017 are subject to 20% increase on pricing. All payments by mail should be made payable to ACBNY and mailed to:

ACBNY  
c/o Mike Godino  
104 Tilrose Ave.  
Malverne, NY 11565-2024.

Refund policy: The registration fee is non-refundable. Refunds for all events are subject to the reselling of the ticket(s) for each event. If you must cancel your room reservation, you MUST do so more than 48 hours in advance of the canceled date(s) through the hotel and provide proof that it was done. Any and all refunds will be addressed after the conclusion of the convention.

Thank you. The Convention Committee looks forward to seeing you in October.

Warmest Regards,  
ACBNY Convention Committee