



NEWARK NEW JERSEY
Renaissance Hotel
OUR 33 ANNUAL CONVENTION!
The Lighter Extravaganza of 2019!

Dear OTLS Members,

The **THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION** for OTLS will be held Newark, New Jersey.. **THIS IS THE ONLY OTLS LIGHTER CONVENTION OF THE YEAR. Consider it your vacation and budget accordingly!**

Our 2017 convention in Newark was one of the best in recent years. We hope to make 2019 even better.

The convention begins officially on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. and the official close is after the dinner and auction concludes late in the evening on Saturday June 22, 2019. For any who are interested, the OTLS Suite will be open on Sunday.

There will be auctions, door prizes, fun, excitement, LIGHTERS and lighter talk enough to satisfy any collector!

Want a **FREE** 2019 OTLS Convention ZIPPO Lighter? - One will be given to all OTLS members when they pay for the convention registration.

We are pleased to announce that Judith Sanders has agreed to serve as Convention Chairmen again. The Chairman of the Board, John Elster, and all the Board members will also be available should you require any assistance. Richard Weinstein will once again serve as our Head Auctioneer.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR! Since Transportation is a problem for those who do not have a car, we have made some arrangements with some local restaurants to help shuttle us to & from dinner. We will send lists as you register.

Also in case you don't know, in the Newark Airport has a train to take you into New York City and back. The hotel has a shuttle to take you to the airport.

The OTLS Suite will be available for visiting on the afternoon of June 20, and some other times. Inquire at the front desk for the OTLS Suite number but call to ensure a member is there.

The Hospitality/Get Acquainted Party (4:00 – 6:00 P.M.) will be the first event on June 20. We may hold a small auction. This event is reserved for registered members and paid guests. It does not include assistants who have only paid for the daily exhibit fee.

The hotel chosen is the Renaissance Hotel, 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth NJ 07201. Phone: 908.436.4600. The rates are \$119.00 per night. You can also call 800.468.3571. Our group code is **OTLOTLA and OTLOTLB**. The OTLOTLA is for a King Room and OTLOTLB for room with 2 beds. These rates are for single or double occupancy, and are good 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. To request a room on the Club Level, the rate is \$165 per night and for that type room you need to call Judith.

THE HOTEL CUT-OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED ROOM AND GROUP RATE IS MAY 31, 2019! IMPORTANT: EVEN IF YOU MAKE A ROOM RESERVATION WITHOUT UTILIZING THE CONVENTION CODE/RATES, YOU MUST ADVISE US SO WE CAN PETITION THE HOTEL FOR CREDIT ON YOUR ROOM. THIS IS CRITICAL AS WE GUARANTEE THE HOTEL A MINIMUM NUMBER OF ROOM NIGHTS.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE THE CONVENTION TO EASE OUR ACCOUNTING BURDEN. SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: JUDITH SANDERS, 4610 EUBANK BLVD NE APT 1213, ALBUQUERQUE NM 87111. If you pay with

Paypal, send to payments@otls.com but you must still mail or email the information asked on the form to Judith at her street or email address as noted above.

THERE ARE SHUTTLES AT THE HOTEL.

The shuttle runs from the hotel to Terminal P4 at the airport every 15 minutes continuously, except from 12 am – 4 am. From 12 am – 4 am the shuttle runs every 30 minutes. Guests can wait in our lobby area for any shuttles and follow the TV that shows the actual location of our shuttles so they can tell exactly how long it will take for the shuttle to arrive.

PLEASE NOTE IF YOU ARE DRIVING THERE IS A CHARGE FOR PARKING – THE HOTEL HAS GIVEN US A SPECIAL RATE OF \$10 per night. AND \$5 FOR ANYONE COMING FOR JUST ONE DAY.

ALTHOUGH THE CONVENTION SCHEDULE IS FULL YOUR EVENINGS ARE FREE TO GO OUT TO DINNER OR SIGHTSEEING OR SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS! NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU PLAN TO SIGHTSEE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ARRIVE A FEW DAYS EARLIER.

We are pleased that ROB GIARRETTA has agreed to allow us to ship packages to his house. His address is:

**ROB GIARRETTA
96A JEFFERSON AVE.
DUNELLEN NJ 08812
Phone: 732-672-6592**

Please have your packages to his house no later than June 5, 2019

IMPORTANT: WE ARE LIMITED ON THE NUMBER OF TABLES THIS YEAR SO EARLY REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT!

For your convenience the hotel will post our schedule and location on their in-house Daily Events screen. The Displays will run from Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. We will assign a person to stay until everyone has exited and then the Security Guard will be instructed to lock the room. Saturday hours are 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

NOTE: WE WILL HAVE SECURITY, ALL NIGHT, ON FRIDAY NIGHT. SO YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE DOWN YOUR DISPLAYS.

For ANYONE coming to a convention for the first time, please bring a few of your special lighters (not for sale) to "Show & Tell", as well as lighters you want to sell or trade. You may want to start LOOKING for duplicates to bring for trading purpose. Some of you have not been able to stay past noon on Sundays, however, I would like to mention there is a LOT of trading and last minute deals that go on in the OTLS Suite - if possible you may want to leave later Sunday so as not to miss this!

PLEASE NOTE **if there is something in particular you want to find at the convention, please email Greg Ryman. He will put an ad in the May paper. Remember his new email for newsletter is OTLS.ads.articles@outlook.com**

For you who haven't been to a convention before, we are a pretty casual group. Feel free to bring shorts, slacks, sandals, etc. For OTLS activities wear whatever you want - **ONE EXCEPTION** - for the Saturday night dinner, it is requested that you dress up a little (dresses or nice pants suits for the ladies and slacks for the men).

The registration fees for the convention will be as follows:

Schedule of Convention Fees

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID FULL REGISTRATION & ARE FULLY PAID MEMBERS FOR 2019 WILL RECEIVE A FREE CONVENTION LIGHTER

1- Registration -- \$110.00 -- includes a table, Saturday dinner/auction and all other attendance privileges.

- a. Family members and significant others -- \$60.00 each - includes dinner/auction and full Convention admittance.
- b. Extra tables -- \$50.00 each.
- c. **Assistants - Friday \$60.00 each /Saturday \$30.00 each. Add Sat. dinner/auction - \$35.00 ea .**

2- Single-day member-buyer attendance

- a. Friday -- \$30.00
- b. Saturday – FREE – If you want to stay for the dinner/auction -- **\$55.00**

Most of you have heard we hold an Auction on Saturday night. This auction helps pay for "extras" for the convention and special club projects, such as our computers, printing, etc. The lighters in this auction are contributed by various members. If you have a lighter that you would be willing to donate to the OTLS auction - Please bring it! You are NOT required to contribute a lighter, and the lighters do not have to be expensive lighters! In fact, even if you don't attend the convention, you can contribute a lighter since the majority of the proceeds from the auction benefit **EVERYONE IN OTLS!** Even if you don't contribute a lighter, you will LOVE the auction and our **WORLD FAMOUS AUCTIONEERS!**

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS BY MAY 31, 2019. OVERSEAS & CANADIAN MEMBERS - IF YOU WANT ME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS - PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES! On the registration form it is **IMPORTANT** to list all names in your party - for name tags, table tags, etc.!

We have also been contacted by the Elizabeth New Jersey Convention Bureau. This year, they will again send some very nice items for our Welcome Bags.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

NAMES OF EVERYONE IN YOUR PARTY:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

THERE WILL BE _____ PERSONS (INCLUDING MYSELF) AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER. MY REGISTRATION FEE OF **\$110.00 PER MEMBER and/or \$60 PER GUEST** . PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANTS WHO MIGHT BE COMING, AND THE DAY THEY WILL ATTEND. FEES ARE STATED ABOVE FOR ASSISTANTS. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY FEES FOR ASSISTANTS ALSO.

NUMBER OF TABLES NEEDED FOR DISPLAY _____ (If request for tables is more than 1 table, please send **\$50 PER EACH EXTRA TABLE** - Space is limited, we will try to accommodate your request)

REGISTRATION FEE & DEFINITE RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN OTLS OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 2019. ANY QUESTIONS, REQUESTS. OR COMMENTS?

IF YOU ARE AN OVERSEAS OR CANADIAN MEMBER OF OTLS & WANT US TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT JUDITH SANDERS AT 505.433.5303 (Mountain Time Zone) OR JudithLQ@comcast.net.