



NOVELTY
Salt & Pepper
Shakers
CLUB

CONVENTION INFORMATION



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 13-18, 2020

(Subject to change)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
All Week	Shaker shopping	Any room that's open!
All Week	Shopping and sightseeing on your own	Check the Local Attractions Section in this booklet
Monday, July 13		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Meet for the sightseeing bus trip to Manhattan	Check the Special Event Section in this booklet and sign up for the trip
9:15 AM - 4:00 PM	Sightseeing bus trip to Manhattan	Check the Special Event Section in this booklet and sign up for the trip
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Raffle donations	Union
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
Tuesday, July 14		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Meet for Trip to 9/11 Memorial & Museum	Check the Special Event Section in this booklet and sign up for the 9/11 Memorial & Museum trip
9:15 AM - 3:30 PM	Trip to 9/11 Memorial & Museum	9/11 Memorial & Museum, 180 Greenwich Street, New York, NY
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Raffle donations	Union
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
Wednesday, July 15		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Raffle donations	Union
6:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Rides and Car Shares Meet prior to going to Don Pepe for Dinner	Check the Special Event Section in this booklet and sign up for the dinner Hotel Lobby
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Don Pepe Restaurant	Don Pepe Restaurant, 844 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey 07102
9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Raffle donations	Union
Thursday, July 16		
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting	Morris
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Raffle donations	Union
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Auction entries accepted	Somerset
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Theme contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Display contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Costume contest sign up	Registration Area (Coat Room)
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Kids Party	Middlesex

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Combined Chapter Presidents and Board of Directors meeting	Morris
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Costume contest sign up	Registration Area (Coat Room)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Raffle donations	Union
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Theme contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Display contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	First Timers' reception	Middlesex
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Auction entries accepted	Somerset
Friday, July 17		
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final auction entries accepted for late arrivals	Somerset
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final registration, volunteer sign up, dinner seating	Registration Area (Coat Room)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final costume contest signup	Registration Area (Coat Room)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final raffle donations	Union
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final theme contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final display contest set up	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
9:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Welcome, Roll Call of States and Countries, President's Greeting, Announcements, Introduction of Volunteers, Raffle Drawings Presentation: "Space Travel, Robots and Extraterrestrial Life for Your Table" By Michael Hall and Pat Glascock 2020 Convention Shaker Unveiling	Grand Ballroom
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Costume contestants gather and change	Boardroom
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Costume contest Vote for your favorites	Grand Ballrooms Back of or Outside Grand Ballroom
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	View & vote on theme contest	Hallway Outside Bergen/Essex/Hudson
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	View & vote on display contests	Hallway Outside Bergen/Essex/Hudson
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	View auction shakers	Somerset
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Cash bar available all evening	Mingle Outside Grand Ballroom
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Electrifying Dinner Banquet, entertainment, auction, raffle drawings	Grand Ballroom
Saturday, July 18		
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Shaker distribution	Registration Area (Coat Room)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Pick up theme contest entries	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Pick up display contests entries	Bergen/Essex/Hudson
9:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Announcements, Lifetime Achievement Award, Business meeting, raffle	Grand Ballroom
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Presentation: "R2 – Rosemeade and Regal" by Freddie Hunter	Grand Ballroom
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Announcements, raffle drawings, 2021 convention presentation, auction	Grand Ballroom
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Cash bar available all evening	Mingle Outside Grand Ballroom
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Sparkling Dinner Banquet, entertainment, dancing, contest winners, slideshow of convention, drawing of #1 shaker, passing of the S&Ps, short auction	Grand Ballroom

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Garden State Chapter hopes you join us at the 35th Annual Novelty Salt & Pepper Shakers Club Convention in the Garden State so we can light up your life. Please read this booklet and we hope you will sign up for the convention and special events as early as possible. If you have any questions, please contact one of the convention co-chairs: Rosalie Friedberg at redoscar131313@aol.com or Linda Rice at ricel539@gmail.com

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Categories of Convention Registrants

There are two types of convention registrants: Club Members and Guests

- **Club Members** (Primary, Associate, and Junior) are paid club members, i.e. each has his/her name and address listed in the club's "Membership Roster" or "Junior Membership Roster." At convention, club members can enter any contest within their membership classification (regular or junior), vote in all contests, buy #1 convention set raffle tickets and convention sets, bid during the auctions, and buy and sell shakers from members' hotel rooms. Note, junior members can bid during the auctions only with written approval of the adult who will be financially responsible for them.
- **Guests** are non-club members who are registered for the convention on a member's registration form, e.g. non-member spouses and friends. Guests may attend all convention functions and activities. They may buy general raffle tickets but NOT tickets for the #1 convention set. Guests cannot vote; enter contests; buy convention sets, bid during convention auctions, buy/sell/trade shakers on their own, or vote at the business meeting. It is acceptable for a guest to help a member sell shakers in the member's hotel room.

*Daily Visitors – Club and Non-Club Members and PR-Generated Visitors

- **Club Member Daily Visitors** wanting to buy shakers for one day only prior to the actual start of the convention, may pay a \$25.00 daily fee. This fee is available the Sunday prior to convention through Thursday before convention. This daily fee allows them to buy shakers in members' rooms. The Club does not guarantee the availability of seller rooms being open at any given time.
- **Non-Club Member Daily Visitors** wanting to buy shakers for one day only prior to the actual start of the convention may pay a \$30.00 daily fee. This fee is available the Sunday prior to the convention through Thursday before the convention. The Club does not guarantee the availability of seller rooms being open at any given time. This fee allows them to buy

shakers in members' rooms. Non-member Daily Visitors can join the club at the \$20 membership level which will allow them to purchase shakers and participate in the convention activities as a club member.

- **Local PR-generated Visitors** wanting to stop by the convention and check out our club, may pay a \$15.00 daily fee. **This fee is only available on the Friday and Saturday of the convention.** This daily fee does **NOT** allow them to buy shakers in members' rooms. Non-member visitors can apply the visitor's fee directly to club membership dues and pay a convention registration fee which will allow them to buy shakers and participate in the activities as a club member.

Daily Visitors (both Club and Non-Club members) will be issued a dated "Visitor" badge.

*Please note that daily visitors are **NOT** allowed to SELL shakers.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Address: 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07201-2113

Telephone: (908) 436-4600

When calling for reservations, mention Group code "Salt and Pepper Shakers Club Convention."

For reservations via the internet, book your group rate for the Novelty Salt and Pepper Shakers Club by using this online reservation link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1565875719896&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Our room rate is \$134.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. The hotel room rate is valid from July 8 – July 22, 2020 so plan on coming ahead of time or staying late to visit local attractions. **Please make your hotel reservation by June 20, 2020, in order to receive the block rate until the block is filled.**

Hotel General Amenities

- **Parking:** Parking is provided free to our convention attendees. Please tell the attendant in the Parking Gate House that you are an attendee at the Salt and Pepper Shakers Convention for free parking.
- **Airport Shuttle:** The shuttle runs 24/7. Upon arrival at the Newark International Airport take the AirTrain to Terminal P4 and take the Renaissance Shuttle Van to the Hotel. There is a phone there to call the Renaissance Hotel, but it regularly stops so there is no need to call unless you wish to. The shuttle on the way back is permitted to stop at every terminal so there is no need to take the AirTrain on the way home.
- **Check in:** 4:00 PM **Check out:** 12:00 PM
- **Large Fitness Center:** 24 hours
- **Iron Bound Grill:** Serves breakfast, lunch and dinner 6:00 AM through Midnight
- **Room Service:** 6:00 AM through 11:00 PM
- **Starbucks** (limited hours)
- All rooms have refrigerators, safes, coffee makers, irons, ironing boards, flat screen TV with cable and free WIFI to Marriott Members (sign up is free).

Smoke free environment: The hotel follows a Smoke Free Environment and is completely smoke free. The smoke free policy applies to all guest rooms, hallways and interior spaces.

Pet Policy: Pets are not allowed.

Package receiving: The hotel will accept packages starting July 9, 2020 at a charge of \$5.00 per package.

MEALS

Your registration fee includes the following meals:

- Friday night dinner – Electrifying Banquet
- Saturday night dinner – Sparkling Banquet

Breakfast and lunch are not included in the convention registration fee.

Friday and Saturday Night Seating

Seating will be advanced, assigned seating. Tables will be numbered, and at registration you can select a table number based on seating charts. Seating will be at round tables with 10 people to a table. While your table number will be consistent for both nights, the location of the table will change. Changing table locations gives everyone a better chance to have a “prime” table spot for one of the two nights.

Example 1: You have table #5. On Friday night your table might be center, front, on the left side of the room, but on Saturday night it might be right, rear, near an exit.

In order to be fair to everyone, and to keep a complicated process as simple as possible, seating will be selected on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to sit with specific people, you can reserve spots for up to 10 people including yourself. Please provide the name of those for whom you’re reserving places. Also, please ensure that these folks know that you will be reserving for them.

Example 1: You arrive on Tuesday morning, but your good friend won’t get there until Thursday evening. With your friend’s approval, you can reserve table spots for yourself and your friend.

Example 2: Your chapter wants to sit together. You will be the first to arrive at convention. With the approval of your fellow chapter members, you can reserve up to 10 spots including your own, i.e. a whole table, if it’s available. If more than 10-chapter members want to sit together, then more than one person must make the reservations. Note: Your tables may not be adjacent since table numbers will be randomly placed.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Buying, Selling and Trading of Shakers

Buying, selling and trading of shakers are restricted to club members who are registered convention attendees and visitors who have purchased a daily pass . **Members, guests and visitors must always wear their name badges during convention activities, including when they are buying, selling or trading shakers in individual hotel rooms.**

Room Selling

If you are selling and want to rent a table from the hotel, the total cost including sales tax is approx. \$31.00 and will appear on your hotel bill. If you wish to order a table, please contact Carol at Carol.Caltagirone@renaissancehotels.com to order your table or call Carol at (908) 436-4639. Contact Rosalie Friedberg for more information.

If you are selling from your room, here are a few things to remember:

- All shakers must be priced individually or placed on a table with other shakers offered at the same price with the price displayed.
- Any sets brought for display purposes must be clearly marked as “DISPLAY ONLY; NOT FOR SALE.”
- Private auctions or raffles of any kind are not permitted in hotel rooms.
- Rooms are not permitted to be open during club functions. However, rooms can be open after 10:00 PM. on Friday and Saturday if the auction extends beyond this time.
- Please return door hangers to the boxes next to the elevators on Saturday night after the evening function.

Contests

Contests can be rewarding for participants and fun for all to view or watch. You must be a Club member to participate in any of the contests. Only registered, club-member attendees may vote on contests. Contest winners will be announced Saturday evening. Adult prizes in any contest (one prize awarded per contest category) will be as follows: 1st place: either 1 free room night (based on availability) or \$100 in cash; 2nd place: \$75; and 3rd place: \$50. Prizes for participants under 18 in any contest will be determined by the convention committee.

Adult Display Contest

Adult shaker displays may be created in a choice of four sizes:

- **Shoebox displays** can be any number of shakers, but all shakers must fit inside a shoebox that is no larger than 13" × 7.5" × 5". Neither shakers nor any part of the display can extend out of or above the box.
- **Small displays** consist of up to 30 shakers and may not occupy more than half of a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.
- **Medium displays** contain from 31 to 75 shakers and may not occupy more than half of a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.
- **Large displays** are those containing more than 75 shakers and may not occupy more than a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.

Junior Member Display Contest

- Junior displays will have not more than 30 shakers and may not occupy more than half a 6-foot table with no overhang.

Display Definitions

- **Shaker definition:** A "Shaker" means an individual shaker. A pair of shakers would constitute two shakers in the count for Small, Medium and Large, or Junior displays. Individual shakers used in displays may be part or a pair or a single without a mate. One-piece shakers are counted as a single shaker. Trays, bases, and condiment pieces (such as mustard pots which are not salt or pepper shakers) are not counted in the number of shakers for display.

Example 1: If you enter one pair and one single in the small display contest, then three shakers have been entered.

Example 2: If you enter 6 pairs including a complete condiment set and two shakers with their egg cup bases, then 12 shakers have been entered.

- **Displays must meet the above dimensions even if the tables provided by the hotel are larger than 6 feet × 30 inches.** In order to protect your shakers and your display, please do not allow the base of your display to hang over the table edges.

Adult and Junior Member Shaker Theme Contest

You are encouraged to bring a shaker that you feel represents the convention theme: "Shaker Power". Only one set per member classification (regular or Jr. Member) may be entered in the contest. Shakers are accepted on a first come basis, i.e., duplicates will not be accepted.

Costume Contests

Your costume must represent an entire set, even in the one-person categories. Note: A one-piece shaker is a set. Be sure to bring the actual set that you represent, or a good photo of it, when you sign up for the costume contest (see "Schedule of Events" for when and where to sign up). You may sign up for only one type of costume contest. **All participants, regardless of age, must be club members (primary, associate or junior).** The costume contest types are described in the table below.

TYPE	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
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Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older)	One Person	A club member dresses as his/her favorite shaker set
Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older)	Double Person	Two club members dress as their favorite shaker set
Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older).	Multi-Person	More than two club members dress as their favorite shaker set(s)
Junior Member Costume Contest	One Person	A junior club member dresses as his/her favorite shaker set
Junior Member Costume Contest	Multi-Person	Two or more junior club members dress as their favorite shaker set(s)
Toddler Costume (must be under 5 yrs. old)	Toddler	One, two or more members under 5 years old dress as their favorite shaker set
Mixed Costume Contest	Mixed	Two or more members dress as their favorite shaker set. May include ANY convention-registered club member.

In the interest of fairness and expediency, contestants may only wear his/her costume; no musical accompaniment, skit or other forms of entertainment will be permitted.

CONVENTION AUCTIONS

This section explains everything you need to know about entering items into the auction and about bidding on items. Club auctions are held Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and a short auction on Saturday evening. Only registered club members may participate in the auctions. Check the convention schedule for times to enter sets into the auction. Members may not bid on sets they place in the auction. Members and chapters may choose to establish a reserve price on two (2) of the entries they place in the auction.

Shaker and Shaker Related Items Entry Allowance

Each chapter can enter up to a maximum of four sets and two trays which may contain shaker related items into the auction. Individual members can enter four sets and one tray lot which may contain shaker related items. Members may donate as many shakers as they want to the club tray lots.

Auction Tray Lots

All auction trays will be in uniform-sized cardboard box flats, measuring a maximum of 12" x 18" (30.5 cm x 45.7 cm). The auction tray lot must consist of two or more sets of shakers or shaker related items and be only one layer deep. Shakers and shaker related items put into tray lots are **NOT** checked, are sold "as is," and cannot be returned. Members and chapters are responsible for advising the auction staff of any imperfections or damage on sets or items submitted in tray lots.

Auction Material

The auction material is comprised of six types:

Type	Definition	Division of Selling Price
Club Tray Lot	Consists of shakers that are donated to the club and assembled into trays and auctioned. Whenever possible, each tray has at least one set valued at \$10 or more. No singles, wooden, chipped, damaged or repaired shaker sets will be accepted.	100% to Club

Club Set	Shaker sets which belong to the Club or are donated to the Club.	100% to Club
Chapter or Club Member Shakers	Consists of individual sets registered by Club members or sets that belong to Club chapters. Each set must have minimum value of \$15. Each Club member or chapter in good standing can register a maximum of four sets.	If set sells for under \$1,000, the seller gets 80% of the selling price, and the Club 20%. If set sells for \$1,000 or more, the seller gets 90% of the selling price, and the Club gets 10%
Chapter Tray Lot	A chapter in good standing may submit a maximum of two tray lots for the auction.	100% to chapter
Club Member Tray Lot	A Club member in good standing may submit a maximum of one tray lot for the auction.	If tray lot sells for under \$1,000, the seller gets 80% of the selling price, and the Club 20%. If tray lot sells for \$1,000 or more, the seller gets 90% of the selling price, and the Club gets 10%.

Auction Reserve

A Club member or chapter may put a reserve on two auction entries. **A shaker set must have a minimum reserve of \$50, and a tray lot must have a minimum reserve of \$100** . All other sets or tray lots will be entered in the auction without a reserve price.

It will be up the seller to determine the reserve price. If the Auction Committee feels the reserve to be too high, the committee may discuss the reserve with the seller and make alternate suggestions, which the seller may accept or reject. Only the Auction Committee will know the reserve price.

During the auction, if the high bidder on a reserve auction set/tray does **NOT** bid up to the reserve, the high bidder will be told the reserve price and will be offered the option to pay the reserve price or decline. If the high bidder declines the reserve price, the seller will be asked to sell the set or tray to the high bidder for the bid price. No response from the seller means 'no sale' and the auction is closed for the item.

If the set or tray lot with the reserve price is **NOT** sold, the seller will be charged a fee of 5% of the established reserve price. If the set or tray lot sells for the reserve amount or above, the reserve fee will be waived. The fund distribution will be in accordance with the established procedures.

Letter/Number Assignment

Club tray lots are lettered and chapter tray lots are assigned the name of the chapter/letter combination. The tray lots will be auctioned off in the order that they are displayed on the auction table at the beginning of each session. The order is determined by the Auction Committee in order to provide a balance at each session of all types of shakers registered. Tray lots are interspersed between sales of individual sets. Tray lots are NOT auctioned off sequentially.

Individual sets are assigned a number/letter combination. Individual sets are **NOT** auctioned off sequentially.

Bidding Numbers

A bidding number is assigned to all registered club members and is included in the convention registration packet. Members will need this number when registering sets to sell in the auction or when bidding on auction sets.

Note: Registered guests and non-club members are NOT permitted to participate in the auction.

Previews

Sets and tray lots to be auctioned will be available for preview prior to each auction. During the preview periods members should make note of trays and sets they are interested in. When previewing, members are **NOT** to handle the sets, point over the table, touch or lean over the table. Members must be aware of items hanging from their arms or neck so that those items do **NOT** touch the table or come over the top of the table.

Helpers will be able to answer questions or provide a closer inspection. Tags will indicate any known damage, problems or special details about the sets. Possible or known reproductions will be marked as such.

To avoid confusion and disturbances, members should **NOT** approach the display table while the auction is in progress.

Auction Etiquette

All members bidding in the auction **MUST** have their assigned bid number with them. The best way to place a bid is to raise the bid number for the auctioneer or one of their assistants to acknowledge. But some people place more subtle bids, such as raising an arm or nodding their head. Members must be conscious of arm movements during the auctions—a wave to a friend across the room might be interpreted as a bid on a very expensive set.

The Auction Committee tries as much as possible to acknowledge all bids, but ultimately it is the bidder's responsibility to make sure their bid is **NOT** overlooked. They must do whatever is necessary to make it known that they are in the bidding. It is better to interrupt for a moment than to lose out on a set they really want. Remember, once the auctioneer announces "SOLD," the sale is final.

There is no buyer's premium or sales tax on auction items.

There is a minimum bid required of \$15 for individual sets, but no minimum bid for tray lots. Sets that fail to achieve the minimum bid will be set back and it will be the seller's responsibility to reclaim the set following the auction. High bidder always takes the entire tray lot or set.

It is members' responsibility to keep track of their expenditures. They should **NOT** ask the clerks to check their total while the auctions are in progress.

The first bidding cycle will go slowly, to give members a feel for the process. Then the auctioneer will move to a more rapid pace that will continue through the Saturday evening auction. This pace is necessary to sell all the sets by the end of the convention. Members must make their bids quickly or lose out on desired sets. Sellers are **NOT** allowed to bid on shakers they are selling.

Duplicate Sets

Members will be told when submitting a set for auction if there is a duplicate set already in the auction. They will be given the choice to withdraw the set or continue to place the duplicate set in the auction. All the sets will be displayed prior to the auctions. If a seller wishes to withdraw a set because there is a duplicate of that set already in the auction, such action **MUST** take place prior to the start of the first auction. An announcement of the withdrawal will be made so that all members bidding will know the correct quantity of that set remaining in the auction.

Returns

Any known damage or irregularities concerning a set will be announced by the auctioneer before the bidding begins on a set. It is the buyer's responsibility to inspect the set immediately upon receipt.

Buyers have two cycles to return a shaker set which has damage **NOT** announced prior to the sale of that item by notifying the auctioneer. Sets can only be returned if the buyer discovers any damage **NOT** previously announced. Tray lots are **NOT** checked, are sold "as is," and **CANNOT** be returned for any reason.

Any disputes or questions concerning the sets or bids will be settled by the Auction Committee, comprised of experienced volunteer club members.

Payment

Buyers should wait to settle their account until they are sure they are finished bidding. The club accepts personal checks, travelers' checks, and U.S. dollars.

Accounts MUST be settled no later than Saturday evening.

Summary of Auction Rules

The following information summarizes the auction rules:

1. Maximum of four sets and two tray lot entries per chapter, and four sets and one tray lot per member.
2. No bidding on sets or trays you registered for the auction.
3. Members have two cycles to return a shaker set which has damage **NOT** announced prior to the sale of that item. Tray lots **CANNOT** be returned.
4. Maximum tray lot size is 12" x 18" with shakers one layer deep. Members and chapters are responsible for advising the auction staff of any imperfections or damage on sets submitted in tray lots. Tray lots are **NOT** checked and are sold "as is."
5. All disputes on bids or questions will be settled by the Auction Committee.

Raffle Prizes

General raffle and Chapter baskets: Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the convention for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00, or 30 for \$20.00. There is no limit on the number of raffle tickets that may be purchased, and all registered attendees (excluding visitors) may participate. These tickets are good for the chapter baskets AND the general raffle. All registered club members and guests will receive one free raffle ticket in their registration packet. Raffle drawings will be held throughout convention.

Chapter Presidents' Meeting

On Thursday, July 16, chapter presidents (or a chapter representative) are invited to attend a meeting with the Club President and the Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to share ideas with your fellow chapter presidents and to make suggestions to your officers.

Volunteering

Please consider volunteering. When you pick up your registration package at convention, please ask one of the registration volunteers if any help is needed.

First Time Attendees

Welcome! We hope you have a great first convention, find lots of shakers and make lots of new shaker friends. Be sure to plan on attending the "First Timers' Reception" on Thursday where you'll have a chance to meet Club officers and other first-time attendees.

MERCHANDISE

Convention Shaker Set

Each year a commemorative shaker set is created to celebrate the annual convention. Only 127 sets will be made this year which includes the number 1 and 2 sets, and each member is limited to purchasing a maximum of 2 convention sets. The first sets ordered will be filled until all the first sets ordered are filled. Then the second sets ordered will be filled until sold out or there are no remaining orders to be filled. The price is \$95.00 before unveiling and \$100.00 after unveiling (if still available). Shipping (with insurance) is available for additional fees.

A special gold-trimmed "number one" set is being made and will be raffled off. Only Club members may purchase tickets for this exceptional, one-of-a-kind set at time of registration or, if still available, at convention. Club members not able to attend convention can purchase tickets ahead of time using the enclosed registration form. If an absentee member wins the number one set it will be shipped to them at the expense of the club. Tickets will be sold at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Only 700 tickets will be printed. There is no limit on how many tickets a registered Club member can buy. As with the convention sets, the raffle tickets will be filled with similar sequencing. The winner of the number one set will

have the option of keeping it or, if in attendance, placing the set in the auction on Saturday night.

A special silver-trimmed "number two" set is also being made. It will be placed in the Club auction on Friday night. Get your auction paddles ready!! The winner of the #1 set may decide to keep it, so winning the #2 set at the Friday night auction may be your only chance to get one of the two special sets.

Convention T-Shirts (sold by the Garden State Chapter)

T-shirts must be ordered ahead of time. Please see the registration form for sizes and costs. T-shirts are light gray. The convention logo will be large and centered on all t-shirts. Please order your t-shirts in advance because we will not be ordering extra t-shirts to sell at the convention.

DONATIONS

We hope that you will donate to the raffles and the goody bags. If you wish to donate to the raffles, please contact Patty McHugh at patty_mchugh@hotmail.com and if you wish to donate to the goody bags please contact Bonnie Clark at bgcfitness@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)

Bus Tour of Manhattan, New York City, Monday, July 13, 2020, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please join us for an air-conditioned bus tour of the major sites of Manhattan, New York. The bus will take you down Museum Mile on Fifth Avenue and you will stop and get out and visit Strawberry Field in Central Park to visit the tribute to John Lennon, you will also stop at Rockefeller Center, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Empire State Building, and, if traffic permits, a stop in Times Square and Broadway. You will see the Bull at Wall Street and have a ride on the Staten Island Ferry so you can see the Statue of Liberty from the ferry, and you will also see the United Nations and other sites. There will be restroom stops and a stop to have lunch on your own, which is not included in the price.

The price is \$55.00 per person. This trip requires a minimum of 30 people so if 30 people do not sign up this trip will be canceled, and your money refunded. The bus holds 55 people. If more than 55 people sign up for the trip, the bus company will try and accommodate extra people on another bus. If the tour is canceled, you will be notified in advance.

The bus tour will start from the hotel at 9:15 AM on Monday morning and shall return at about 4:00 PM depending on traffic. Please sign up early so we can reserve the bus. Meet in the Hotel lobby at 9:00 AM.

9/11 Memorial & Museum Tour, New York City, Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

An air-conditioned bus will pick up our group and take us to the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in Manhattan, New York. The 9/11 Museum is a moving tribute to those who perished on 9/11. It is very informative and tastefully tells the story of one of the most important events in the history of the United States, if not the world. Although it is not necessary, you can rent the audiotope guide for \$8.00 or download it for free to your phone. If you wish, you can sign up at the Museum for a one hour guided tour for \$20.00 per person. There is a great gift shop, but unfortunately, they do not sell salt and pepper shakers. Lunch is on your own. You can purchase lunch at the café in the Museum (they have ready-made sandwiches and salads) or go across the street to the Brookfield Place food court or go to the Oculus for lunch options. You can also see the Memorial outside the Museum with the fountain. Please sign up early so we can reserve the bus. The prices are as follows (prices do not include the audiotope guide):

- Children up to 12: \$45.50
- Children 13 -17: \$50.00
- Adults 18 - 64: \$55.50
- Adults 65 and Over: \$50.00

Dinner at Don Pepe Restaurant, Newark, New Jersey, Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

The Ironbound section of Newark is well known for its Portuguese and Spanish restaurants. Join us for a group dinner at Don Pepe Restaurant located at 844 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey 07102. The menu below has entrée choices with something for everyone. The menu below has entrée choices with something for everyone. **For just \$73.00 you can enjoy all this fine dining!**

MENU:

Unlimited Rioja Wine, Sangria, Beer and Soda on the table while you eat.

Appetizers - Family Style: Shrimp in Garlic, Clams Casinos, Portobello Mushrooms, Stuffed Avocado with Seafood, Fried Calamari, some vegetarian entrees, etc.

House Salad

Choice of Entrees:

- USDA Choice N.Y. Shell Steak
- Grilled Salmon
- Paella Valenciana
- Chicken Filet in Garlic Sauce

The above entrees are served with Saffron Rice, Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Dessert: Choice of Cheesecake, Fresh Fruit or Flan

Espresso/Cappuccino/Tea/Coffee

We will be arranging car service for those who will not be driving. We will meet in the lobby and go to the restaurant in groups. Please sign up early so we can reserve the restaurant.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Liberty State Park, located on the shores of Jersey City, has over 300 acres of land for public recreation. At Liberty State Park you can take the ferry to **Ellis Island** and the **Statue of Liberty**. It is located approximately 9 miles from the Renaissance Hotel and is about 15 minutes away. The ticketing and departure area are located by the historic Central Railroad of the New Jersey Terminal near the water. Parking is available for a fee. Visit the new Statue of Liberty Museum and you can see the Statue's original torch and get a great deal of insight into the history of the Statue. You can spend hours at Ellis Island learning about the history of immigration at the Island. Start very early in the day so you can visit both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. For reservations you can go to www.statueoflibertytickets.com (this is not the official government site and they charge a small premium).

Liberty Science Center, a 300,000-foot learning center is located in Liberty State Park. The Science Center houses 12 museum halls, a live animal collection, giant aquarium, a 3D theater, hurricane and tornado force wind simulators, and the Western Hemisphere's largest planetarium – The Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium and LCS Giant Dome Theater. On the third Thursday of every month (July 16, 2020), guests over 21 are invited to explore the building and enjoy drinks, food, music, exhibits, dancing and more. It runs from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Admission Fees apply. The Science Center is located at 222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07305, and their hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday – Sunday 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, closed Mondays. Please call the Science Center for more information at (201) 200-1000 and the website is <https://lsc.org/>

The **Newark Museum of Art** located at 49 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, consists of a complex that weaves together 80 galleries of art and science, the Alice and Leonard Dreyfuss Planetarium and the Ballantine House, a restored 1885 mansion that is a national historic landmark. It is the largest museum complex in New Jersey and has collections of American art, decorative art, contemporary art and the art of Asia, Africa, the Americas and the ancient world. The collections of American art include works by John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, Frederick Church, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keefe, and Frank Stella. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Museum's telephone number is (973) 596-6550 and its website is www.newarkmuseumart.org

The **New Jersey Performing Arts Center**, located at One Center Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, is a state-of-the-art facility built in 1997 that provides varied shows from classical musical to contemporary rock stars. The Center is located approximately 4 miles from the Renaissance Hotel and is about 11 minutes away. Dining is also available at the Nico Kitchen & Bar or the Tier 3 Café (you can go online and make a reservation for either restaurant). You can call the Center at (888) GO-NJPAC or check the Center's web site www.njpac.org/

The **Ironbound District** of Newark is bordered by the railroad lines and the Passaic River. The Ironbound District is the home of beautiful architecture and extraordinary culinary experiences with over 170 restaurants. Spanish and Portuguese cuisine is featured. Sangria, the fruity wine of Spain, is a staple. Join us for dinner at Don Pepe on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 for a great dinner with our salt and pepper friends. Please read about the dinner in the Special Events Section above and sign up for the dinner.

NEW JERSEY ATTRACTIONS

American Dream Mall, located in Rutherford, NJ off Route 3, the NJ Turnpike and Route 120, is a revolutionary, first of its kind community which offers an array of unexpected entertainment and fashion and dining. It is still under construction as this booklet is being written. It should be completed before July. It is larger than the Mall of America. It contains North America's first only indoor, real-snow, year-round ski snow resort with skiing and snowboarding open 365 days a year. You can take lessons and rent equipment as well. There is also an indoor NHL regulation size ice skating rink. The Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park will be opening, and it will be the largest indoor theme park in the Western Hemisphere. There will also be the DreamWorks Water Parks which will be the largest in America. There will be an observation wheel, an aquarium, LegoLand Discovery Center, and 2 miniature golf courses. The retail stores and restaurants will be opening soon. The retail stores are closed on Sundays but everything else are open on Sundays to enjoy. The website is <https://www.americandream.com/> and the telephone number is (833) 263-7326.

Six Flags Great Adventure & Safari, located in Jackson, NJ, is the world's largest theme park with world class roller coasters, a 350-acre animal preserve, a water park with 25 thrill slides and wave pool and many thrilling amusement rides. The Animal Safari was closed in 2019 and is reopening for the 2020 season. Six Flags Great Adventure & Safari is located approximately 55 miles from the Renaissance Hotel and driving time is about one hour. Their telephone number is (732) 928-2000 and their web site is www.sixflags.com/greatadventure.

The Garden State is known for the **Jersey Shore** with 127 miles of beautiful white sand beaches on the Atlantic coastline. You can have a peaceful day by the ocean at the beaches from Sandy Hook to Cape May. Avon and Bay Head offer surfing, scuba diving, rafting and tennis. Cape May is the oldest seaside resort in the United States and is a national historic landmark.

Atlantic City never shuts down with 24-hour gaming excitement at its many gambling casinos and headline entertainment. There is the 4.5-mile boardwalk with the famous Steel Pier. Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, famous for its odd exhibits, is in Atlantic City. The area also offers attractions such as the Storybook Land, the Atlantic City Art Center and Absecon Lighthouse.

New Jersey's **50 wineries** offer tours, wine tasting, festivals, and other special events. You can follow one of the "wine trails" that has been established by the Garden State Wine Growers Association. Check their web site www.newjerseywines.com for more information.

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

The Renaissance Hotel is located 11 miles from **Manhattan, New York**. Traveling to Manhattan is very fast and easy. You can also take the AirTrain at Newark Airport to NJ Transit which provides a train into Penn Station, Manhattan. To learn more about the trip go to <https://www.airport-ewr.com/airtrain.php> The train trip is about 30 minutes. You can also take the Newark Airport Express which makes three Manhattan stops – Port Authority Bus Terminal, Bryant Park and Grand Central Terminal. You can call them at (888) 701-5346 or check their web site at www.newarkairportexpress.com. Manhattan offers so many sights to see. You may wish to explore Manhattan on your own and go to Katz's Deli with huge sandwiches made famous in the memorable scene in the movie When Harry Met Sally, or Tavern on the Green in Central Park. For a reasonably priced good meal go to the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant at 140 Second Avenue (8th Street) or Little Poland at 200 Second Avenue for homemade soups, blintzes and pierogi in the East Village. Also, have a chocolate or vanilla egg cream drink at the famous stand Gem Spa located at 131 Second Avenue (St. Marks Place, 8th Street). Egg Creams do not contain eggs or cream. A visit to Serendipity 3 on East 60th Street by Bloomingdales for frozen hot chocolate is fabulous but expect to wait or make reservations way in advance. You can explore the beautiful and expensive stores at Hudson Yards (you can enter at 30th Street and 10th Avenue) and see the unique staircase known as the Vessel. If you want to walk the Vessel, please book tickets in advance online. There is no charge. For a real New York experience, walk the High Line which is a 1.45-mile elevated linear park created on a former New York Central Railroad spur on the west side of Manhattan. It starts at Gansevoort Street in the meatpacking district and goes up to West 30th Street. You need not go the whole way. Your walk on the High Line will be so pretty. Buy an ice cream and enjoy.

See a **Broadway Show**. Newark Airport Express offers a bus from the airport which will take you to the Port Authority in Manhattan, within walking distance of the Theater District. You can sign up to receive discount offers for Broadway and Off Broadway shows at www.Broadwaybox.com. You can also purchase theatre tickets through www.telecharge.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Discount

theatre tickets of 25% - 50% off (plus a service charge) are also offered for sale on the day of the performance at the TKTS ticket booths located “under the red steps” at Father Duffy Square at Broadway and 47th Street in the Theater District, and downtown in the South Street Seaport at the corner of Front and John Streets at 190 Front Street, and on the west side at Lincoln Center located in the David Rubenstein Atrium at 61 West 62nd Street. Tickets for Lincoln Center events are also sold at the Lincoln Center TKTS ticket booth when available. Note that at the South Street Seaport and Lincoln Center TKTS ticket booths tickets for matinees are sold on the same day and for next day performances. Their website is www.tdf.org and you can contact them at (212) 912-9770. Broadway is generally dark (closed) on Monday.

The **museums** of Manhattan are well known throughout the world. There is the new Modern Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum, the Frick Collection (a real gem located in an old mansion on Millionaire’s Row), the American Museum of Natural History and The Hayden Planetarium, Museum of the City of New York and so many more. You can spend a couple of days enjoying the museums. The Whitney Museum moved to 99 Gansevoort Street in the meatpacking district (the building itself is a work of art), and they have interesting exhibits. After the museum, check out the High Line.

SHOPPING

The Mills at Jersey Gardens, New Jersey’s largest outlet mall, is located a few minutes from the airport. You can drive there, or you can take the shuttle bus from Terminal P4 which goes to Jersey Gardens. The cost of the shuttle bus from the airport to Jersey Gardens is \$5 one way or \$9 round trip. Jersey Gardens is open 7 days a week. The mall contains a food court, restaurants, an AMC 20 screen theater with IMAX and over 200 retailers. There is Burger King, Cinnabon, Nathan’s Famous, Sbarro’s, Cold Stone Creamery, IHOP, Popeye’s, Johnny Rockets, Chili’s, Applebee’s and many others. **There is no sales tax on clothing and shoes.** A few of the 200 retailers are Nike Factory Store, Marshall’s, Disney Factory Outlet, The Lego Store, Michael Kors, Burlington, Ann Taylor Factory Stores, Coach, H & M, Polo, Ralph Lauren, Off 5th (Saks outlet store) and so many other stores. **Our group is registered so you can go to Guest Services located on the 1st Floor and mention that your group is registered under Confirmation #14904 and you are with the Salt & Pepper Shaker Club and you will get a coupon book (destination passport) for free which is normally \$7 which contains coupons that you can redeem when making purchases at many of the stores and restaurants at Jersey Gardens.** The mall’s telephone number is (877) SAY-VALU and the web site is <https://www.simon.com/mall/the-mills-at-jersey-gardens/stores>.

IKEA Elizabeth (the furniture store) located at 1000 Ikea Drive, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201 is only 5 minutes from the Renaissance Hotel. It is an amazing store from Sweden that sells furniture, bedding, glassware, candles, vases and nearly everything you might need for your home or office with great styling at inexpensive prices. Furniture is flat boxed for easy transport. It is a fun place to visit. They also have a restaurant and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Their telephone number is (908) 289-4488 and the website is www.IKEA.com.

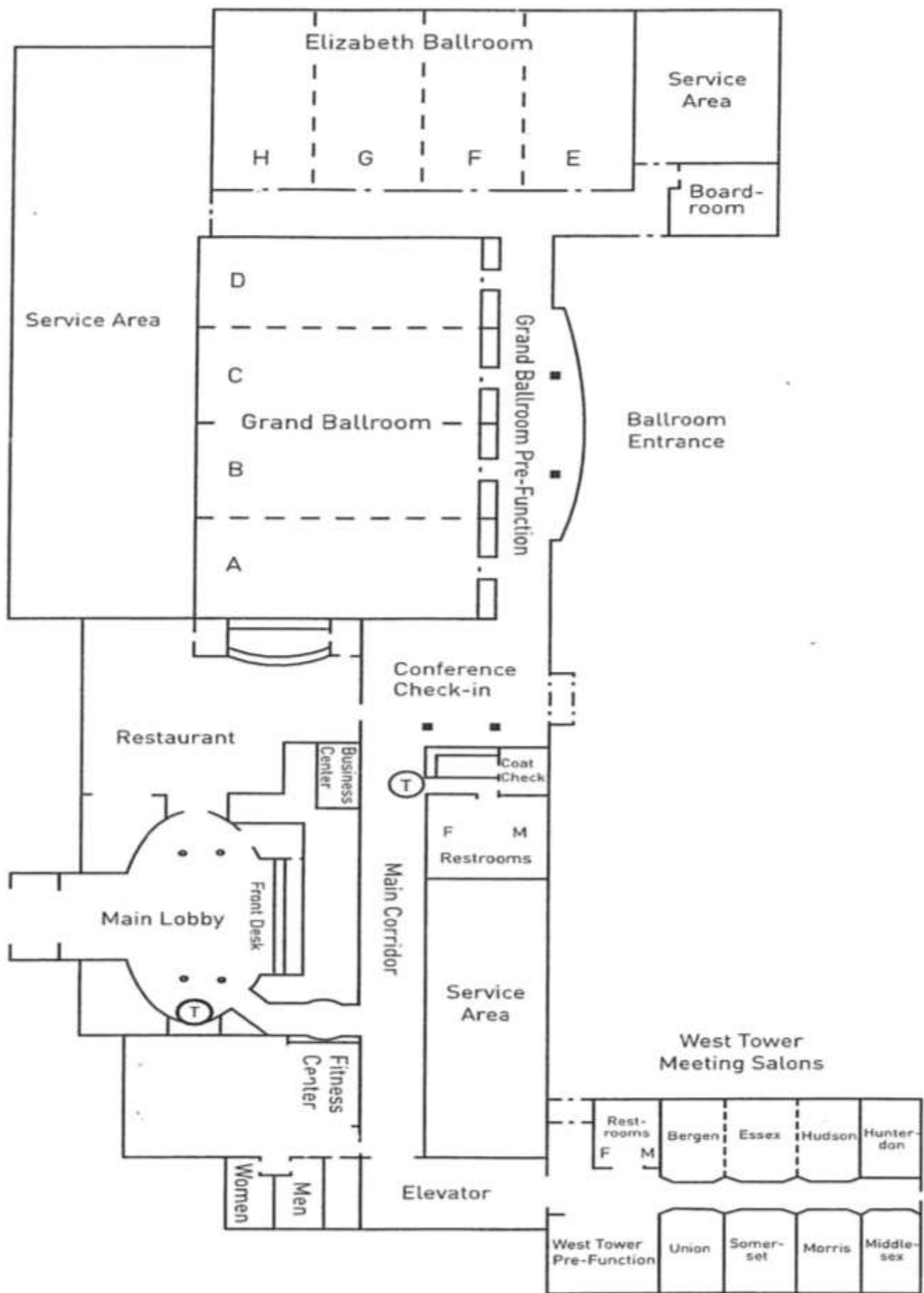
You can go **antique shopping**. One of the places you can go to is the Antiques & Collectibles Mall located at 174 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662. Their hours are currently 10 AM to 7 PM Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays. Their telephone number is (201) 880-9080. We suggest you call first. It is located about one-half hour away. There is also the Summit Antique Center at 511 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901 located about 15 minutes away from the Renaissance Hotel and the telephone number is (908) 273-9373 and the web site is <https://www.thesummitantiquescenter.com/> For jewelry, art and antiques you can go to Another Facet located at 150 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607 located about 45 minutes from the Renaissance Hotel. They are closed Sundays and Mondays and the telephone number is (201) 368-9433 and the web site is <https://anotherfacet.com/>.

MEMBER COLLECTION VIEWING

Look for information at the convention about local collections that you may be able to visit after the convention.

LIABILITY

The 2020 Convention Committee, the Convention Chairpersons, the Novelty Salt and Pepper Shakers Club, its respective officers and members, and the Renaissance Hotels assume no responsibility for any injury to persons or damage, loss or theft of shakers or any other property at the convention. It is suggested that attendees contact their insurance companies to see what losses, if any, are covered.



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