

27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 24 – 27, 2002

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$15 if mailed in advance** and **\$20 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$15** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$152** instead of \$165 (**\$146** for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$136** instead of \$147 (**\$130** for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$116** instead of \$126 (**\$112** for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, **please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your email address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.**

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North phone number (1-973-589-1000. Ask to speak with Isabel and tell her you are with FOTR. You must call during business hours. Cost of the rooms is **\$99.99 a day**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. **A deposit might be required (by credit card).** If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 25th**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated with a new wing.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is also \$99.99. There is shuttle service. Call the Holiday Inn-North also for HJ reservation.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 27th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11 **\$90** **Half Page** – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11 **\$55**
Quarter Page – 4 by 5 **\$35** **Two full Pages** – **\$150**

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 27th annual convention.

For our 27th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about an OTR topic. E-mailing them to me would be the easiest so I can print them right away. In any case, they must be camera ready. Keep the articles 1 page or less if possible.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN variety show on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 2:30 pm on Thursday. We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before. You can sing, act, tell a news story, etc.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.**