



**BETA SIGMA PHI**  
**2017 NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION**  
**SYRACUSE, SEPTEMBER 22-24**

**DoubleTree by Hilton**  
**6301 State Route 298**  
**East Syracuse, NY 13057**

Dear Sisters,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2017 New York State Convention for Beta Sigma Phi. Our theme is "High School Reunion" and we will celebrate several decades of music that we hope will trigger fond memories. Bring your prom dress and your dancing shoes. Our professional dancers will entertain and demonstrate several iconic dances. Then we can all join in and step to the music, shake your bootie, get your groove on! It's Beta Sigma Phi High for all decades!

- Thursday night we will welcome sisters with a casual reception in the Chairwoman's suite with some light refreshments. Pick up your registration packets early.
- Friday afternoon registration begins. Pick up your nametags and welcome packets in the lobby beginning at noon. We will have a Ways and Means Room for chapters, councils, and convention committees to raise funds. There will also be a hospitality room where you can meet with friends and enjoy our refreshments.
- Friday Dinner's theme is the Second Chance Prom. You may choose to wear your prom dress. There will be an opening ceremony followed by dinner and entertainment. A DJ will be spinning the tunes and professional dancers will demonstrate a few select dance styles.
- Saturday morning our Hospitality room and Ways and Means room will be open before Brunch. We have an interesting selection of Forums. Get active, or creative, or just listen and learn. Read the descriptions and join in the fun.
- Brunch will be served at 11:15 AM
- We are offering several afternoon tours. If you enjoy local color and history, we encourage you to check out the Onondaga Historical Society, offering two guided tours through exhibits, including Syracuse China. A newer museum is the Matilda Joslyn Gage house. She was a compatriot of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, though lesser known. And she was the mother-in-law of L. Frank Baum, author of *The Wizard of Oz*. If you like to enjoy Autumn in the outdoors, fresh apples, baked goods, and gift shopping, we recommend the trip to Beak and Skiff Apple Orchards. The tasting room will be open for you to try their vodka, gin, and hard cider.

- For those remaining at the hotel, we are offering chair massages. Current price is \$15 for 15 minutes, but we may have discounted group rates if enough people show interest. Sign up on the registration form, but pay at the time of the massage. Between 1 PM and 4 PM.
- Make sure you patronize all our sisters' Ways and Means tables and take advantage of the wonderful products and raffles. Raffle winners will be announced at dinner on Saturday evening.
- Saturday dinner is full of fun and good food. Receive your convention theme charm, perhaps win a door prize. After dinner enjoy our two comedians. Tonight, dress as you would during your own High School years. Feel free to wear your poodle skirt, bell bottoms, cheer leading outfit, etc.
- Sunday morning breakfast will be served buffet style. Our guest from International will speak to us and we will entertain bids from upcoming conventions. After Closing Ritual, please visit the Hospitality Room for any remaining snacks to take on your journey home.
- We are selling T-shirts that say, "What happens with Sisters, Stays with Sisters" spelled out in rhinestones on a black, scoop-necked T with  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeves. A feminine style that runs true to size. Excellent gift idea, and can be worn for all occasions. No convention logo.

Please help us spread the word of convention to all sisters. All information will be available on our website

<http://bspsisters.ca/2017NYS/>

Or email Mary Ann Furtek for additional information or forms at [momma@twcny.rr.com](mailto:momma@twcny.rr.com)



T-shirt inscription



Pumpkin Wreath



**Hotel Reservations should be made separately by contacting:**

DoubleTree by Hilton, Syracuse at (315) 432-0200 or 1-800-222-Tree.  
Mention the group Beta Sigma Phi.

The contracted rate is \$119 per night, 1 to 4 people per room. Reservations must be made by Thursday, August 24, 2017 to obtain this discount. Check in 3:00 PM, check out Noon.

**Tour Descriptions:**  
**Saturday between 1 PM and 4 PM**  
**Transportation and admission fees (if any) included in prices.**

**Matilda Joslyn Gage house in Fayetteville**

<http://www.matildajoslyngage.org/>

Raised by abolitionist family in a home on the Underground Railroad, Matilda Joslyn Gage grew up to be not only an abolitionist, but a suffragist, author, and activist for Native American rights. One of the woman's movement's philosophers, she was a skilled writer and organizer. Gage joined the National Woman Suffrage Association, wrote for the Revolution, was an officer of the New York State Suffrage Association and later was president of both groups. She co-authored the first three volumes of the History of Woman Suffrage with Stanton and Anthony. Gage was the mother-in-law of L. Frank Baum, author of The Wizard of Oz series of books, and an inspiration to him. The museum's mission includes promoting an understanding of the Oz legacy and its cultural significance and peace and social justice themes. Gage reminded her contemporaries of their special treaty obligations to the first nations of her region and was adopted into the Wolf Clan of the Mohawk Nation as "She Who Carries the Sky," our mission includes carrying out projects that advance understanding of Haudenosaunee culture and the meaning and history of Native sovereignty.

**Onondaga Historical Association**

<http://www.cnyhistory.org/>

You will have a guided tour of two buildings, including the Syracuse China exhibit. Permanent exhibits include "Heart of New York" (covering an overview of the history of Onondaga County), the Underground Railroad, Syracuse China, and our Brewing History. Our five temporary galleries are always changing to showcase the depth of our collections and the skills of our curators. We mount an average of 12 temporary in-house exhibits per year in our museums so there's always something new (that's old) to see. The museum just completed a 4 hour film, an oral history of Ruth Colvin, founder of Literacy Volunteers, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. She was an honoree of the BSP Syracuse City Council who was later recognized as an International Honoree.

**Beak and Skiff Apple Orchard**

<http://www.beakandskiff.com/history.html>

A family owned orchard that has grown to include hard cider and distilled spirits (under the brand "1911"). They claim they've grown quality apples for over 100 years and the best apple cider in New York State. There is an apple barn, country store and bake shop, café and 1911 tasting room, kids play area and hay rides. The Tasting Room will be open to sample vodka, gin, and hard cider. The buildings are on a slight slope up from the parking area and the pathways are graveled. This may be a challenge to those with mobility problems.

**Forum Descriptions:**  
**Saturday between 9 AM and 11 AM**

**International Guest**

A meet and greet with our guest from International Headquarters, who will probably have fun facts and handouts to share with all. No charge to attend this forum.

**NYS Fairgrounds**

The NYS Fair Coordinator/Agriculture Manager, Mary Ellen Chesbro, will speak to us about "What was, what is and will be at the Fair". It is a very interesting and educational presentation, followed by a Q&A session. There is no charge to attend this forum.

**Craft your own Wreath**

An experienced instructor will guide you through the process of creating a Pumpkin Autumn Wreath/Decoration from the materials supplied. The charge for this forum is \$25.00 and you will be able to take home your own creation.

**Zumba Gold Class**

We have two instructors for Zumba Gold, which is performed while seated. It follows the same format of exercising to Latin, Cha-Cha and other rhythms but done in a chair. It is fun to do, especially with the speed and movement toned down to accommodate different levels of fitness. Participants will reap healthy benefits. Cost is \$5.00

## **Your Convention Timeline**

### **Thursday, September 21, 2017**

Those arriving before Friday are invited to meet in the Chairwoman's suite on Thursday night at 7 PM for light snacks and drinks. You will be able to pick up your registration packets that night, leaving plenty of free time for Friday.

### **Friday, September 22, 2017 Convention Officially Begins!**

Registration Table will be set up in the lobby from Noon until 5:30 PM. Please pick up your nametags and registration packets.

Ways and Means Room will be open for set-up at Noon and open to the public from 1 PM until 5 PM. Tables are \$15 each.

Hospitality Room will be open from Noon until 5 PM. Location will be given at Registration.

Cocktails are from 6 PM until 7 PM (cash bar). Hostesses are asked to report to the dining room at 6:30, doors open 6:45 PM. Dinner and opening ceremonies at 7:00 PM.

Entertainment: "The Second Chance Prom" from 9 PM until Midnight. DJ will be spinning music from various decades. Professional dancers will demonstrate selected dance styles.

### **Saturday, September 23, 2017**

Hospitality Room will be open from 7 AM until 9 AM, and after brunch 1 PM until 5 PM

Forums will take place between 9 AM and 11 AM

Ways and Means will be open from 9 AM until 11 AM, and after brunch 1 PM until 5 PM

Brunch will be served 11:15 AM until 1:00 PM

Tours depart at 1 PM, and return at 4 PM

Chair massages available from 1 PM until 4 PM

Cocktails are from 6 PM until 7 PM (cash bar). Hostesses are asked to report to the dining room at 6:30, doors open 6:45 PM.

Dinner at 7 PM, followed by entertainment: Tonight is Comedy Club night.

### **Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Breakfast at 9 AM followed by bids and Closing Ritual.

Hospitality will be open after closing ritual, please stop by for some snacks to enjoy on the ride home.

**COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SHEET ONLY**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Pledged: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated HS: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Best to Call  
Day / Night? Name you want on Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Presenting a Bid? Year: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to act as a Table Hostess: **Yes or No** (circle one). Are you arriving on Thursday, Sept 21? **Yes or No**

List all costs here

<b>Registration Fee (non-refundable)</b>		Add \$45.00 if not already paid, in addition to Conv. price of \$188		
<b>Convention Package</b>		(all meals, entertainment, favors)		\$188.00
See detailed meal descriptions on back page				
<b>Friday Dinner</b>	Strip Loin Filet	Herb Roasted Chicken (GF)	Pan-Seared Sea Bass	Circle your choice
<b>Saturday Brunch</b>	Bistro Steak	Cheese Ravioli	Quarter Roasted Chicken	Circle your choice
<b>Saturday Dinner</b>	Prime Sirloin Steak	Chicken Rockefeller	Whiskey Caramelized Salmon	Circle your choice
Sunday Brunch is Buffet style, no choice needed				
Describe any special dietary needs on back of this form				
Ways and Means Table, add \$15.00		Chapter name for Table:		
<b>Tours</b>				
Onondaga Historical Society, add \$30.00				
Matilda Joslyn Gage House, add \$20				
Beak and Skiff Apple Orchard, add \$15.00				
Would you like to sign up for a 15 minute chair massage in the afternoon? Yes or No (circle one)				
<b>Forums</b>				
International Guest, no fee		Attending: Yes or No		Circle your choice
NYS Fair Speaker, no fee		Attending: Yes or No		Circle your choice
Zumba Gold class, add \$5.00				
Create your own wreath, add \$25.00				
<b>T-shirt</b> , circle the size wanted and add price to the final column. Great Gift!		Circle Size ( XS, S, M, L, XL, 2X ) Price \$27.50 Circle Size ( 3X or 4X ) Price \$31.00 (fit is true to size)		
<b>Total Due</b>				

**Please submit your High School Graduation Picture.** (print your name on the back of the photo)

Please make check or money order payable in U.S. Funds to "Beta Sigma Phi Syracuse Convention" and return this form by **June 30, 2017** to: Mary Ann Furtek, 115 Idlewood Blvd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. Please keep a copy of your form. Additional forms can be found on the website, go to BetaSigmaPhi.org, Upcoming Conventions, and click on our logo for New York State 2017.

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**Meal Descriptions:**

**Friday, September 22, plated Dinner**

Field Green Salad (Mesclun greens with cherry tomatoes, seedless grapes, apple wood-smoked cheese, candied walnuts and raspberry vinaigrette.)

**Entrée choices:**

Top Choice Strip Loin Filet (Angus-reserve, topped with a Portobello mushroom ravioli & parmesan peppercorn butter.)

Herb Roasted Chicken (GF) (Served with roasted red pepper cream sauce)

Pan-Seared Sea Bass (finished with a lemon caper berry sauce)

**Dessert:** Lemon Meringue Pie

**Saturday, September 23, plated Lunch**

Sweet Harvest Salad (Half a head of artisan lettuce served with roasted peaches, pears, seedless grapes, toasted almonds and Parisian vinaigrette.)

**Entrée choices:**

Bistro Steak (6 ounce grilled prime Angus, served with 'Side Winders' Fries and green beans.)

Quarter Roasted Chicken (Seasoned roasted Chicken with cornbread stuffing, whipped mashed potatoes and roasted vegetables)

Cheese Ravioli (sundried tomato herb cream sauce, topped with frizzled onions and balsamic drizzle)

**Dessert:** Carrot Cake

**Saturday, September 23, plated Dinner**

Tuscan Green Caprese (Tuscan blend greens with heirloom tomatoes, mozzarella, red onion and balsamic vinaigrette.)

**Entrée choices:**

Prime Sirloin Steak (Angus-reserve, garnished with a whole grain demi glace.)

Chicken Rockefeller (Seared, finished with spinach, bacon and a white wine sauce topped with Swiss cheese)

Whiskey Caramelized Salmon (Seared, topped with a brown sugar and bourbon glaze)

**Dessert:** Oreo Raspberry Cheesecake

**Sunday, September 24, Buffet Breakfast**

Assorted juices, Danish, Croissants and Muffins. Sliced seasonal fruit, breakfast potatoes. Crisp bacon. Farm-Fresh Scrambled eggs. Belgian waffles with fruit topping.