

AsMA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 24-29 April 2016

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The Aerospace Medical Association Arrangements Committee recently visited Harrah's Resort Atlantic City in New Jersey, the site of our next AsMA annual meeting. Both site and setting are terrific. AsMA will be the first large conference to be held at Harrah's after completion of a multi-million dollar refurbishment of their entire conference center. The resort has excellent entertainment, shopping, gaming, and spa facilities. Harrah's is located in the beautiful Marina District, with easy access to the downtown historic Boardwalk area.

As all you Monopoly™ fans already know, the entire game is based around the setting of Atlantic City. When you travel around the town, you will see many streets and locations mentioned in the board game. The Jersey Shore has a reputation for food, sun, and fun. The area's tourism business is growing once again, after having gone through a recent decline, particularly due to the devastating Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012. Our conference will arrive during a critical time in Atlantic City's resurgence, and the city is extremely thankful for AsMA's support.

Atlantic City is centrally located for anyone intending to visit Philadelphia, Washington, DC, or New York by car. For those interested in public transportation, shuttle buses run from Harrah's Resort to the Atlantic City Rail Terminal. Trains travel from this terminal for approximately 90 minutes to arrive at downtown Philadelphia's 30th Street Station. Train schedules are available at the New Jersey Transit website www.njtransit.com. For those flying into the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), public transportation is available from the airport to 30th Street Station.

The Atlantic City area is covered by NJ Transit buses. Harrah's offers a special bus service to take hotel guests to Caesars Atlantic City and Bally's Atlantic City, which like Harrah's are Caesars Entertainment properties.

Highlight on the Wing of AsMA

The AsMA Wing is an outstanding and integral part of our association. The Wing offers interesting tours and social activities to spouses and other accompanying persons during the week of the AsMA annual meeting. Their 2016 tours could be an easy way for your friends or family to see interesting sites in the Atlantic City region.



The Wing organization was formed in 1952, growing out of a desire for the wives of AsMA members to have an outlet to come together as a group socially while the annual meeting was in session. Throughout these 63 years, the Wing has grown and continues to meet the needs of all members. Ms. Janice Berry-Dudley, the current Wing President and daughter of Dr. Charles A Berry, became a member of the Wing 8 years ago while attending meetings with her father after the passing of her mother. She offers the following to those interested in joining:

"As a group we continually strive to update our program while keeping the founding values of the organization. We welcome new members and encourage wives, significant others, and those with an AsMA member to come by our Hospitality Room that is set up at every meeting. By coming to our room, you will have time to meet the members of the Wing, find out what we are about, learn about our current activities, find places to go with your family, and hopefully join our group. At each meeting we have scheduled tours, receptions, and a luncheon for all to take part in. You can even join our group before the annual meeting by watching for the Wing's registration form in the AsMA journal that AsMA members receive in January. You can see the tours and activities that will happen at the 2016 meeting, then join and register, either online or by mail. We are working on saving you money if you pay your dues and register early."

The Wing members look forward to meeting all accompanying persons in their Atlantic City hospitality room over a cup of coffee and refreshments. Many thanks to the Wing executive committee members for the great effort they contribute yearly to make our conference a success. The Wing's diligent work has been a notable part of keeping AsMA strong and has been greatly appreciated for decades.

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