

## Welcome to the 2024 AHA Convention!

2024 is going to be an opportunity to meet and collaborate in person at the amazing Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, Nevada. This will be a fantastic time to hear from all our leaders in our AHA as we engage in our commitments and with our members. We are all looking forward to having a productive Convention filled with kindness and engagement.

Prior to Convention be sure to attend the Plenary Session, Wednesday November 13, World Kindness Day, via the Zoom platform. This is such an important part of preparation for the business of Convention. We want to ensure we have an opportunity for all our members to participate and allow our proponents to hear from our members to further clarify the resolutions before they hit the Convention floor. All members may attend the Plenary Session.

First-timers to the AHA Convention will have an in person introduction meeting to learn about the process and to ask questions about how it all works. We are grateful for your participation in the AHA Convention and want to make sure we do as much as we can to help you be productive and enjoy your AHA experience.

We are looking forward to attending many committee meetings Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is the Board of Directors meeting. Our awards night will be very special and very inclusive Friday November 22. Be sure to get your ticket for a memorable evening and good times with friends We will have three general sessions once session on Thursday, one on Friday and the final one on Saturday November 23. The AHYA youth board will have a meeting on Saturday, November 23 at 1pm at the Silver Legacy while celebrating their social media campaign monthly topic of The Magic in Kindness.

Our staff and Convention Planning Committee leadership have been incredible in putting together an efficient and engaging experience for us all. Be sure to take a minute to thank them while you are at the Convention.

In planning ahead please make sure you have checked the weather. Reno tends to be in the mid 60's this time of year but we are hearing predictions of a good winter so plan accordingly. All meetings and events are contained within the hotel and its sister property so you will only need to go outside getting to and from the airport/shuttle. If you do venture up to the mountains to see Lake Tahoe it is beautiful, and you will see some stunning views.

Be healthy and safe as we travel to engage our passion and purpose as we move the mission of our AHA forward. I personally look forward to seeing you and engaging throughout the week! Let's enjoy this time together and I look forward to seeing our support of our friends and our support of our AHA!

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