I don’t know about you but I am so glad that the fall weather has finally come to Ohio!

On Friday, September 14th, I will be meeting with the hotel staff in preparation for our upcoming convention in Dayton on November 2nd. Richard Payne, Sheri Albers and Deborah Kendrick as far as I know now, will be joining me for that meeting. I will then stay over that weekend for the Miami Valley chapter meeting. If you have issues or concerns relative to the hotel or other logistical suggestions for the convention please get them to me before I leave on Thursday the 13th.

Our fall board meeting will be held Saturday, September 22nd in the Cleveland Room of the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Columbus. The hotel is located at 4900 Sinclair Avenue and the phone number is (614) 846-0300. We will be having boxed lunches and I have worked out a great deal with the hotel, so please be prepared to pay $10 for your lunch. You should contact Eric Duffy at (614) 377-9877 or at eduffy@pobox.com with your lunch selection. The selections are as follows:

**Boxed lunch wrap selections are served with a fresh deli salad or tortilla chips, Chef’s choice dessert and beverage.**

**The wrap choices are**:

**Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap**- a soft flour tortilla filled with marinated grilled chicken, Parmesan cheese and romaine lettuce, served with creamy Caesar dressing.

**Tuscan Beef Wrap**- a soft flour tortilla filled with sliced sirloin of beef, roasted pepper, onions and shredded lettuce, served with creamy horseradish sauce.

**Turkey Bacon Wrap**- a soft flour tortilla filled with shaved turkey and bacon, Monterey Jack cheese, lettuce and tomato, served with honey mustard dressing.

**Baja Chicken Wrap**- a soft flour tortilla filled with chicken breast, Monterey Jack cheese, romaine lettuce and diced tomato with Chipotle mayonnaise.

**Vegetarian Wrap**- a soft flour tortilla filled with oven roasted balsamic vegetables, shredded lettuce and avocado, served with dill cream dressing.

On Friday, September 28th there will be a big statewide gathering of a variety of groups and organizations of people with disabilities. This event will be held in Columbus and is intended to place the political spotlight on people with disabilities in Ohio. The National Federation of the Blind is one of the sponsors and I will be attending and hopefully some of you will be as well. Both major political candidates have been invited and even if they don’t show up, they are sure to send fairly prominent replacements from their staffs. We should get some good exposure and coverage from this event, so keep your fingers crossed.

Finally, don’t forget about the month of October being meet the blind month. I hope to have more details about the October 21st run/walk sponsored by the Delta Gammas on our behalf soon. If your chapter is conducting activities during that month don’t forget to spread the word widely about them and to milk them for all they are worth.