AGENDA



68th Annual Convention

October 30 to November 2, 2014

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

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# NFB Pledge

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

# About the NFB of Ohio

The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio is a statewide organization composed primarily of blind Ohioans. It is the state affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, Inc., a national-membership organization which holds nonprofit tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is not an organization speaking for the blind; it is the blind speaking for themselves.

# Navigating the Holiday Inn, Worthington

**by Barbara Pierce**

The Holiday Inn, Worthington, is located at 7007 North High Street. You enter the building on the second floor—sleeping rooms are on all three floors. But all the meeting rooms are located on the second floor.

When you step through the front door, you are facing south. The check-in desk is on your right, on the west wall of the lobby. When you finish checking in, turn 180 degrees so that you are facing east with your back to the desk. Walk about ten feet and turn right, south. Walk twenty-five feet. You will find a wall in front of you with the Adams Room slightly to the right and the restaurant, Connections, to the left. You can turn left and travel east about thirty feet, looking for a hallway to the right. The Worthington Ballroom is at the south end of this hall.

If at the Adams Room you turn right, west, instead of left, you are heading toward the North Exhibit Area. On the right is the swimming pool, and on the left is a blank wall, which is the north wall of the ballroom. This area dead-ends into the Patio doors and a wall. You can turn right and travel about forty feet to a left turn, which is the north wing of sleeping rooms. The elevator for these rooms is at the extreme west end of this hall.

If you turn left, south, at the Patio doors, you will find yourself in the foyer to the Griswold D, C, B, and A Rooms, which constitute the ballroom. The Griswold Rooms open on the east side of the foyer, with D at the north end and A at the south end.

Halfway along Griswold C, an east-west hallway goes west from the foyer. Six meeting rooms, three on each side, open into this hall. The rooms are, east to west, on the south, left, side of the hall: Wright Room, the Stansbury Room, and the Morrison Room. On the north, right, side are the John Snow Room, the McGregor Room, and the Chase Room. Note that restrooms are located before these meeting rooms, just after the right turn. The women's room is on the left, just before the Wright Room, and the men's room is on the right, just before the John Snow Room.

This is the south wing, and the sleeping rooms follow the meeting rooms. The elevator is at the extreme west end of the hall, but you must jog to the right to find it.

# Convention Arrangements and Literature

If you have any questions about convention arrangements, contact Karen Warner, Convention coordinator.

# Registration and Literature

NFB literature will be available during registration hours in the Griswold Foyer Area Friday, October 31, from 11:00 am to 1:20 pm and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm; and Saturday, November 1, from 8:30 am to 8:50 am

# Door Prizes

Door prizes should be labeled clearly in print and Braille with the donor's name and the amount of cash or type of gift. Paul Dressell is in charge of door prizes. They may be brought to him directly or left in Convention Registration.

# Guide Dogs

If you have a problem with your dog or need advice or assistance, contact Deanna Lewis (513-328-7976), president of our guide dog division, or Debbie Baker (937-206-2935). The relief area is located outside of the Convention Center Entrance. These doors are sliding glass doors off of the Griswold Ballroom foyer area. A trash receptacle will be outside the doors for your convenience.

# Thursday, October 30, 2014

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| 7:00–9:00 pm | Board of Directors Meeting, Chase Room |

# Friday, October 31, 2014

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| 10:00 to Noon | Employment Workshop Chase Room |
| 10:00–10:55 am | Doing Work We Love. What will you do when you grow up? Anything you want. Three Blind professionals will talk about their chosen careers and their successes and how the work they do benefits others.  Moderator: **Deborah Kendrick**, writer and technology trainer  Panelists:  **Kelly Schlafman**, Oral Care Global Business Services Leader, Procter & Gamble;  **Robert Bosken**, IT Specialist and Management Analyst, Office of Executive Operations and Human Resources, Social Security Administration; and  **Marianne Denning**, teacher of the visually impaired |

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| 11:00–11:55 am | Braille Is Cool – and It Gets Jobs!  Two blind professionals and one full-time student will examine ways in which Braille literacy has played an integral role in doing the work they love.  Introduced by **Deborah Kendrick**, writer and teacher of Braille  Panelists: **Dr. Michael Lichstein**, clinical psychologist; **Annette Lutz**, business enterprise operator; **Kaiti Shelton**, music therapy major, University of Dayton |
| 11:00 am—1:20 pm | Convention Registration, Griswold Foyer |
| 1:30 pm | Call to Order of General Session and Opening Remarks, Worthington Ballroom  **Eric Duffy**, President |
| 1:35 pm | Welcome to Columbus  **Shelbi Hindel**, President, Capital Chapter |
| 1:45 pm | Convention Arrangements  **Karen Warner** |
| 1:50 pm | Roll Call of Chapters  **Shelbi Hindel**, Secretary |
| 2:00 pm | Preparing the Teachers of Blind Children,  **Danene Fast**, the Ohio State University |
| 2:10 pm | National Report  **Marc Maurer**, Immediate Past President, National Federation of the Blind |

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| 2:45 pm | Rehabilitation Services in Ohio  **Kevin Miller**, Director Opportunities for Ohioans With Disabilities, and **Melinda Duncan**, Director Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired |
| 3:15 pm | Recess |
| 3:30–4:30 pm | Members at Large Chapter Meeting, Chase Room  **Colleen Roth**, President |
| 3:30–4:30 pm | Ohio Association of Blind Merchants Meeting, Wright Room  **Annette Lutz**, President |
| 4:40–5:10 pm | Nominating Committee Meeting, Stansbury Room  **Sherry Ruth** , Chair |
| 5:20 pm | Resolutions Committee Meeting, Stansbury Room  **Deborah Kendrick**, Chair |
| 7:00 pm | The Beatles and More from 1964 with the **John Schwab Band,** Griswold Foyer  Auction Tables |
| 7:30 pm | **Arthur Schreiber** shares his Beatles experiences, Griswold Ballrooms |

# Saturday, November 1

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| 7:00–8:00 am | Diabetes Action Network of Ohio (DAN) Breakfast, Connections  Wanda Sloan, President |
| 7:30–8:45 am | National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB)  Continental Breakfast Meeting, Worthington Ballroom  **Barbara Pierce**, President |
| 9:00 am | Call to Order of General Session, Griswold Ballrooms A and B  **Eric Duffy**, President |
| 9:05 am | The Blind and the Ohio General Assembly Working Together to Create a Better Future for the Blind  The Honorable John Barnes |
| 9:25 am | The KNFB Reader on the iPhone: Go Totally Mobile  **Aleeha Dudley** |
| 9:40 am | Why I am a Federationist  **Patricia Eschbach** |
| 10:05 am | Report from the Talking Book Library  **Tracy Grimm**, Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled |
| 10:35 am | Building the Federation and the Brand  **Richard Payne** and **Marc Maurer** |
| 11:15 am | Charles Bonet Syndrome  **Rosa Jones** and **Charlene Bolton** |
| 11:35 am | Reports and Resolutions |
| 12:00 noon | Recess  Those who have ordered boxed lunches can pick them up in the Griswold Foyer. Only those with tickets will be served. |

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| 12:15 pm | Parents of Blind Children Division Lunch Meeting, Chase Room  **Carol Akers**, and Cindy Conley, Co-Presidents |
| 12:15 pm | Ohio Organization of the Senior Blind, Wright Room  **Barbara Fohl**, President |
| 12:15 pm | Student Division Pizza Party, Stansbury Room  **Kaiti Shelton**, President |
| 12:15 pm | Ohio Association of Guide Dog Users, McGregor Room  **Deanna Lewis**, President |
| 2:00 pm | Call to Order of General Session, Griswold Ballrooms A and B  **Eric Duffy**, President |
| 2:05 pm | Paratransit: What Is It, and How Does It Work?  Central Ohio Transit Authority, (COTA), Columbus, Ohio |
| 2:25 pm | The Organized Blind and the United States Senate: a Report from the Office of Senator Rob Portman  **Stephen White**, Director, Columbus Office for Senator Rob Portman |
| 2:45 pm | I Attended a World-Class Training Center for the Blind: My Experience at the Louisiana Center for the Blind  **Macy McClain** |
| 3:00 pm | ICANCONNECT Serving Blind Ohioans  **Gayle Stanford**, Program Support Specialist, Columbus Speech and Hearing Center |
| 3:20 pm | You Can Ring My BELL |

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| 4:00 pm | Working Together to Create Positive Change for the Blind of Ohio  **Kerstin Sjoberg-Witt**, Director of Advocacy and Assistant Executive Director, Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center Inc. |
| 4:20 pm | STEM2U Columbus  **Ashley Russell**, MBA, CHES, Director of Health and Medicine Initiatives, COSI  **Lillie Pennington**, Cincinnati |
| 4:40 pm | Reports and Resolutions |
| 5:00 pm | Recess |
| 5:30–6:15 pm | Social Hour with Cash Bar, Griswold Foyer |
| 6:15 pm | Annual Banquet  **Richard Payne**, Master of Ceremonies  Banquet Address, **Marc Maurer**, NFB National Representative |
|  | Affiliate Awards |
|  | Scholarship Awards  We would like to thank the Norwalk Ohio Lions for generously supporting our Scholarship Program.  Money for the Movement, honor roll call of chapters, divisions, and individuals |
| 9:00 pm – 1:00 am | Post-Banquet activities with cash bar: |
|  | Games, Stansbury Room |
|  | Music and Singing, McGregor Room |
|  | **Don't forget to turn your clocks back.** |

# Sunday, November 2

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| 7:15 am | Leadership Breakfast for Chapter and Division Presidents and Treasurers, Griswold Ballroom C |
| 9:00 am | Call to Order of the General Session, Griswold Ballrooms A and B  **Eric Duffy**, President |
| 9:05 am | Raising a Blind Child the Federation Way  **Crystal and Mark McClain** |
| 9:25 am | Presidential Report  **Eric Duffy** |
| 9:40 am | Historical Highlights  **Marc Maurer, Paul Dressell,** and **Barbara Pierce** |
| 10:10 am | NFB Philosophy, Audience Discussion  **Deborah Kendrick, Shelbi Hindel,** and **Marc Maurer** |
| 11:00 am | Treasurer’s Report  **Sherry Ruth** |
| 11:10 am | Report of the Nominating Committee  **Sherry Ruth**, Chair |
| 11:20 am | Affiliate Elections |
| 11:40 am | Reports and Resolutions |
| **Noon** | **Adjournment** |

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