

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF FLORIDA**

## AGENDA FOR 2010 CONVENTION

**May 28 – 31, 2010**

**International Palms Resort and Conference Center**

**6515 International Drive**

**Orlando, Florida 32819**

**National Federation of the Blind of Florida**

**Officers and Board of Directors**:

President Dan Hicks

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Door Prizes will be awarded at all general sessions and at the banquet.

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Please turn in auction items and door prizes at the NFBF Information Desk on the Convention Area Foyer. You must be present in the session – or on approved NFBF Business – to receive a door prize, if your name is drawn.

Please Note: This agenda is subject to change at any time without notice.

Exhibit Hall

St. Thomas Room

Joe Minichiello & Joe King, Coordinators

Hours of operation:

Friday, May 28: 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Saturday, May 29: 12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 30 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

Childcare – “Kids Convention”

Pelican Room, Lenora Marten, Coordinator

*Pre-Registration Required!*

Hours of operation:

Saturday, May 29, 8:30 AM to 12PM and 1PM -5:00 PM

Saturday, May 29, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, May 30, 8:30 AM to 12PM and 1PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 30, 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Monday, May 31, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

#### Schedule of Convention Events

#### Friday May 28

**4:30 –6:30 PM** **NFBF Convention Registration** – Convention Area Foyer –

NFBF Treasurer Gloria Mills Hicks, Events Committee Chairperson

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**6:00 – 10:00 PM**  **Exhibit Hall Open**– Sanibel Room

**7:00 – 9:00 PM Family Connection:** Meet and Greet NFBF Parents and

Kids – Pelican Room – Florida Organization of Parents of Blind Children President Lenora Marten, Coordinator

**7:30 PM NFBF Board Meeting** – Citrus A Room **–** NFBF President Dan

Hicks, Presiding,

**9:00 PM** **NFBF Resolutions Committee Meeting** – Citrus A Room **–** NFBF

Second Vice President Joe Minichiello, 2010 Resolutions Committee

Chairperson

#### Saturday May 29

**8:00 – 8:55 AM** **NFBF / FOPBC Convention Registration**

Convention Area Foyer –

NFBF Treasurer Gloria Mills Hicks, Events Committee Chairperson

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**9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon:** **Saturday Morning General Session – Florida**

 Ballroom

**9:00** Call To Order – NFBF President Dan Hicks

**9:01** Invocation –

**9:03** Pledge of Allegiance *and* NFB Pledge – Greater Orlando Chapter President

Dwight Sayer

**9:05** Welcome to Orlando and Opening Ceremonies – Dwight Sayer, President, Greater Orlando Chapter

**9:10** Official Greeting and Presentation of Proclamation – Commissioner Mildred Fernandez, Orange County Commission

**9:20** President's Report – Dan Hicks, President, NFBF

**9:35** Treasurer’s Report – Gloria Hicks, NFBF Treasurer & Chairperson of the

 NFBF Events Committee

**9:45** Report from Our National Office – NFB President Dr. Marc Maurer, NFB National Representative

**10:05** Special Guest Address – Talking Book Reader Madelyn Buzzard, American

Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY

**10:30** Parents Division Report – Florida Organization of Parents of Blind Children

 Division President Lenora Marten

**10:40** "IEP Conflict Resolution" – Anna Brynild, Central Florida Parent Center &

 Doreen Franklin, Vice-President FOPBC

**10:55** Recognition of “Braille Readers are Leaders” Contestants – Dr. Marc Maurer, NFB National Representative

**11:00 “**Economic Impact for Local Community Rehabilitation Providers ” – Lee Nasehi, CEO / President, Lighthouse Central Florida

**11:15** PAC Plan Committee Report – NFBF Board Member Gina Minichiello, NFBF PAC Plan Chairperson

# Saturday May 29 (Cont’d)

# Saturday Morning General Session (Cont’d)

**11:30** Spotlight on Adaptive Technology – Exhibitor’s Showcase 2010!

**11:55** Announcements

**12:00 Noon** Adjourn

**12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM**  **Lunch Break**

**12:00 Noon – 1:50 PM**  **NFBF Convention Registration** – Convention Area

Foyer – NFBF Treasurer Gloria Mills Hicks, Events Committee Chairperson

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**12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM**  **Exhibit Hall Open**– Sanibel Room

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM** **Parents** **Seminar - IEP: Conflict Resolution Workshop**

Get a good education plan in place and learn steps and strategies for resolving conflicts. This workshop focuses on how to resolve conflicts between parents and professionals so that your child can benefit and make the most progress. Learn the process of filing a complaint if issues cannot be worked out. Presented by: Anna Brynild, Central Florida Parent Center with special remarks Doreen Franklin, Vice-President FOPBC

**1:00PM - 3:00PM Parents Seminar – Functional Assessment Workshop**

This workshop will explore what a Functional Assessment is and how it relates to your child. Learn the concept of Functional Assessment of a blind or visually impaired child using the Oregon Project and Vineland II. Presented by: Dr. Bill Cavitt, professor of Graduate Counseling and Psychology Program at Troy University with a Doctors Degree in Educational Psychology and Post Doctor's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He has a blind grandson, Cavitt Izon Breeze, who lives in Panama City Beach and has written four books on blindness.

***Saturday May 29 (cont’d)***

#### 1:00 – 5:50 PM: Saturday General Interest Seminars:

**1:00 – 2:50 PM**

Emergency Preparedness & Crime Prevention: – Orange County Emergency Preparedness Office and Orlando Police Department – Greater Orlando Chapter President Dwight Sayer, , Facilitator – Citrus A Room

**1:00 PM – 2:55 PM** Tips and Tricks: Using the K-NFB Reader – Michael

Hingson, President, Michael Hingson Group – Citrus C Room

# 3:00PM – 4:50PM

“Technology and Social Networking” – Jim Ellsworth, Senior Technician, Freedom Scientific – Citrus A Room

**3:00 PM – 4:55 PM**

Florida Association of Guide Dog Users (FLAGDU) Meeting – Florida Association of Guide Dog Users President Sherrill O’Brien, Facilitator –

– Citrus C Room

**3:00PM – 4:15PM – FOPBC Business Meeting** – Presidents Report – Lenora

Marten, President FOPBC, Greater Jacksonville Chapter Secretary, Vice-Chairperson PAC/FSDB. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Marten, Treasurer FOPBC, Greater Jacksonville Chapter board member, NFBF events committee member. Fundraising Report – Tracie Inman, Secretary FOPBC, Greater Jacksonville Chapter board member. Legislative Report – Anastasia Campbell – Legislative Board Member FOPBC. Elections and door prizes!!!

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– Citrus C Room

**5:15 – 7:00 PM White Cane Walk for Parents and Kids** – FOPBC President

Lenora Marten, Coordinator – Everybody meet in the Citrus C Room.

**5:00 – 7:00 PM**  **Dinner – *On Your Own***

**7:30 – 11:00 PM** **NFBF Rockin’ with the Oldies! 50s Sock Hop, and Auction,**

**with cash Bar** – Florida Ballroom – Greater Orlando Chapter President Dwight Sayer, DJ Host and Auctioneer!

**Sunday, May 31**

**7:00 – 8:30AM** **Chapter Presidents’ Breakfast (By Invitation, only Please)**  –

Amelia Room – NFBF President Dan Hicks, President

**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM** **Registration** (***Final Opportunity!***)– Convention Area Foyer

– NFBF Treasurer Gloria Mills Hicks, Events Committee Chairperson

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**9:00 – 11:30 AM:** **Sunday Morning General Session – Florida**

Ballroom

**9:00** Call to Order – President Dan Hicks

**9:01** Invocation

**9:05** Legislation Update – Betty McNally, NFBF Legislative Chairperson

**9:20** Special Address – Rep. Kurt Kelly, Florida Legislature

**9:40** NFB-Newsline® Report – Sherri Brun, NFBF Newsline®

Chairperson

**9:50** Division of Blind Services Report – Joyce Hildreth, Director, Florida

Division of Blind Services

**10:10** Florida Orientation and Adjustment Center for the Blind Update – Ed

Hudson, Director

### **10:15** Braille and Talking Book Library Report – Mike Gunde, Director , Florida Braille and Talking Book Library

**10:35** "Win a Cruise of a Lifetime!" – NFBF Board Member Gina Minichiello,

NFBF Fundraising Chairperson

**10:45** Voting Accessibility Update – Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of

Elections

**10:55** Voting Concerns Report – Tom Ryan, NFBF Voting Concerns Chairperson

**11:00** “Blind Man and his Dog Survive 9/11 – the World Trade Center Experience” – Michael Hingson

**11:15** Florida Association of Guide Dog Users Report – Sherrill O’Brien,

### President, FLAGDU

**11:25** Announcements

**11:30** Adjournment

# Sunday May 30 (Cont’d)

**11:45 AM – 12:55: PM** **Student Luncheon** – NFBF State Board Member Kathy

Davis, Facilitator – Room TBA

**11:45 AM – 12:55: Chapter Treasurers’ Working Lunch (Dutch Treat)** –

NFBF Treasurer Gloria Mills Hicks, Events Committee Chairperson – Hotel Restaurant

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **Lunch Break**

**12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM** **Exhibit Hall Open** – Sanibel Room (***Final***

***Opportunity!***)

#### 1:00 – 5:50 PM: Sunday General Interest Seminars:

**1:00 PM – 2:55 PM** Humanware Workshop on Accessible Reading Devices –

 Humanware Corporation – Citrus A Room

**1:00 PM – 2:55 PM** Senior Concerns: NFBF Second Vice President Joe

 Minichiello, Senior Concerns Committee, Chairperson – Citrus C Room

**1:00PM – 2:00PM Parents Seminar – Make Braille Books at Home Hands-**

**On Workshop** Learn how to make your own Braille and/or tactile books using your Brailler and craft supplies. Lenora Marten, President FOPBC and Anastasia Campbell, FOPBC board member, Coordinators.

**2:00PM – 3:00PM** – **Parents Seminar – “Real” Chat with Michael Hingson**

**and His Guide Dog “Roselle” –** Michael provides a humorous look at common misconceptions about blindness and guide dog use. Prior to becoming the National Public Affairs Representative for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Michael was district sales manager for Quantum Data Protection Division of Irvine, CA overseeing a sales force and field operations. He has a master’s degree in physics from the University of California at Irvine. He is a former member of the CA state Guide Dog Board, and is a member of the National Federation of the Blind.

**3:00PM – 4:55 PM**

What’s New and Cool? Interesting Products for the Blind – Rita Princivalli, Admissions and Student Services Coordinator, Southeastern Guide Dog School, Facilitator – Citrus A & B Rooms

**3:00 PM – 5:00PM – Parents Seminar – 15+ Make Time to Listen… Take**

**Time to Talk about Bullying Interactive Workshop for Families –** Did you know research has found that remarkable things can happen if parents and caregivers spent at least 15 minutes of undivided time a day listening and talking with their children? One out of every three children are bullied and our blind community is not immune. Bullying happens in public schools, private schools blind schools and even blind groups. It can happen at any age – early childhood through adult. This interactive workshop focuses on bullying related to blindness while building on both the value children place on the advice they get from important adults in their lives and the benefits of those special 15 minutes each day.

Lenora Marten, President FOPBC, Coordinator.

# Sunday May 30 (Cont’d)

**7:00 PM – 9:30 PM** **Convention Banquet** – Florida

 Ballroom

**7:00** Call to Order and Remarks – NFBF President Dan Hicks

**7:05** Welcome and Introductions – NFBF First Vice President Dwight Sayer, Master of Ceremonies

**7:10** Invocation – Rev. Pat Hayes, Palm Beach Chapter President

**7:15** Introduction of Head Tables – NFBF First Vice President Dwight Sayer, Master of Ceremonies

**7:45** Remarks from Talking Book Reader Madelyn Buzzard

**8:00** Keynote Address – Dr. Marc Maurer, President, National Federation of the Blind

**8:40** Presentation of 2010 NFBF Scholarship Winners – NFBF Board Member Kathy Davis, NFBF 2010 Scholarship Committee Chairperson

**9:25** Special Presentations

**9:30** Adjournment

###### Monday May 31

**7:00 AM** **Nominating Committee Meeting** – Tampa Bay Chapter President Gloria Hicks, Chairperson – Room TBA

**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM** **General Business Session – Florida** Ballroom

**9:00** Call to Order – NFBF President Dan Hicks

**9:05** Invocation

**9:10** Memorial Day Ceremony – NFBF First Vice President Dwight Sayer, Coordinator

**9:25** Nominating Committee Report – Tampa Bay Chapter President Gloria Hicks, Nominating Committee Chairperson

**9:30** Elections – NFBF President Dan Hicks, Presiding

**10:20** NFBF Resolutions Committee Report – NFBF Second Vice President Joe Minichiello, 2010 Resolutions Committee Chairperson

**10:35** Florida Association of Blind Students Report –Newly Elected FABS

President

**10:40** “Race for Opportunity” – Sherrill O’Brien, NFBF ***Imagination*** Chairperson

**10:50** SUN Committee Report – NFBF Board Member Betty McNally, SUN

Chairperson

**10:55** NFBF Senior Concerns Committee Report – Jacksonville Chapter President

Joe Minichiello, Senior Concerns Coordinator

**11:05** Youth Slam Report – Carlos Montas, NFBF Youth Coordinator

**11:10** Law Symposium Report – Tara Tripathi

**11:15** Final Remarks – Dr. Marc Maurer, President National Federation of the Blind

**11:25** Announcements

**11:30** Adjournment

I wish to thank all of the members of the Events Committee, the Greater Orlando Chapter – and everyone else who has contributed to the success of this year’s NFBF convention – for all of your time and hard work. We could not have done this without you.

– Gloria Mills Hicks

 NFBF Events Committee Chairperson

My sincere appreciation is extended to all who participated in the various aspects of the 2010 NFBF Convention.  Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning, promotion, and production of this special event.  I am grateful for your personal support of the National Federation of the Blind of Florida and I look forward to working closely with you in the years ahead.

– Dan Hicks

 NFBF President

**NFB PLEDGE**

**"I pledge to participate actively in the efforts 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."**



