National Federation of the Blind of Utah

Annual Convention

**Celebrating 60 Years of Changing the Lives of**

**Blind People in Utah**

April 13th, 14th & 15th, 2017

Salt Lake City, Utah

**A World of Promise and Possibility**



Salt Lake City Marriot Downtown at City Creek

75 South West Temple

Just off the City Creek TRAX Station (Green or Blue Lines)

Register at**:** [www.nfbutah.org](http://www.nfbutah.org)

If you are using social media during our convention,

Please use the hashtag: **#NFBU60**

**We must become the change we wish to see in the world.**

**– Mahatma Gandhi**

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**NFB of Utah Welcomes our Honored Guests**

**NFB National Representative:**

***Dr. Fred Schroeder, was*** born with normal vision, Dr. Schroeder became blind at the age of seven. He attended San Francisco State University, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and a Master's in Special Education. Later he became the first blind person to be admitted to a university program in orientation and mobility. Although he graduated with distinction, he was denied certification solely on the basis of blindness. Nevertheless, he earned a PhD and in 1994 President Bill Clinton appointed him to serve as the 9th commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). Schroeder was the Vice President of the NFB and is now President of the World Blind Union.

**NFBU Special Guest: *Mayor Jackie Biskupski*, moved to Utah** more than 25-years ago after a ski trip to Utah. She earned a degree in criminal justice from Arizona State University. After making her home in SLC, Jackie was elected to a seat in the Utah House of Representatives in 1998. Jackie was elected as Salt Lake City’s 35th mayor in 2015.

**NFBU Special Guest: *Rep. Patrice Arent***

Raised in Salt Lake City, Representative Arent is a graduate of the University of Utah and Cornell Law School. She is currently the Vice Chair of the House Ethics Committee, Co-Chair and Founder of the bipartisan Clean Air Caucus. Rep. Arent has passed nearly 70 bills including HB 150, which protects the rights of parents with disabilities.

**NFB Special Guest: *Michael Hingson***

Mr. Hingson has become a widely recognized advocate for blind and disabled people across the country. He is a blind September 11th survivor and a New York Times best-selling author of the book, “Thunder Dog”. Mr. Hingson has also been involved with the development of much technology serving the blind, including the KNFB reader.

**2017 Convention Agenda**

The Annual “Not a Raffle, Raffle!”

Purchase 60th Anniversary T-shirts: 1 for $12 or 2 for $20.

Each purchase will enter you into a drawingfor a

***new Apple iPad!***

**Thursday April 13, 2017**

6:30-8:00 pm: **Diamond Welcome & Sponsor’s Dinner**

Location: Salons E & F

\*FREE to registered convention attendees.

8:00-9:00 pm: **Early bird registration.**

 Location: Hotel Foyer

Avoid longer lines by coming to our early bird registration. Registration fee: $10

8:00-11:00 pm: **NFB Utah Spanish Division Game Night**

Location: Salons E & F

The Spanish Division is hosting a game night. We will have lots of fun games such as Bingo and Audible Tennis. This is something you don’t want to miss!

8:00-9:30 pm: **Resolutions Committee Meeting**

 Location: Deer Valley 1

 Resolutions Chairperson: *Karl Smith*

Come learn about the resolutions that will be presented at this year’s convention. All welcome.

**Friday April 14, 2017**

7:00-9:00 am: **Early Convention Registration**

 Location: Hotel Foyer

Your name will NOT be included in the door prize drawings until you have registered. Please try to arrive early to prevent long lines. Registration: $10.

7:45-8:45 am: **Board of Directors Breakfast**

 Location: Salons E & F

 Come hear from the board of Directors of the NFB of Utah, and various venders who will be present at this year’s convention.

**Friday Morning General Session**

Location: Salon A

9:00 am: **Call to Order and Welcome Ceremony**

*Everette Bacon,* President of the NFB of Utah

**Color Guard Presentation:** *Nathan Ostergaard*,

Blind Veteran and Former Navy Seabee.

**National Anthem:** *Kenadi Dodds*

**Invocation:** *Chase Creer*, member Weber/Davis Chapter, competitive gymnast, 6th grader

**NFB Pledge:** *Dan Burke*, NFB of Colorado, Colorado Center for the Blind

9:20 am: **National Report: A World of Possibility**

*Dr. Fred Schroeder*, President of the World Blind Union, former Vice President of the NFB.

9:50 am: **Leading Salt Lake to Equality for All**

*SLC Mayor Jackie Biskupski,* refer to bio above.

10:05 am: **State of the State: A World of Promise**

*Everette Bacon*, President of the NFB of Utah, NFB National Board of Directors.

10:30 am: **Advocating for the Rights of Parent’s with a Disability in Utah**

*Representative Patrice Arent* (D), Utah House of Representatives District 36.

10:45 am: **Why I’m a Federationist: Daring to Ignore Barriers**

*Susan Reimers*, Blind parent, clinical social worker at the Utah Pride Center, Studied law at the S.J. Quinney School of Law at the U of U.

10:55 am: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents**

*Kristen Cox*, Executive director of the Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

11:10 am: **Changes, Challenges, and Conquests in Blindness Rehabilitation in Utah**

*Darin Brush,* Executive Director of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation.

11:25 am: **Change Yourself, Change the World: Utah Division of Services for the Blind TAS Program**

 Moderator: *Jennifer Kennedy*, Cane Travel Instructor,

2nd Vice President Salt Lake Chapter

*Jared Mendenhall*, former student, blind college student

 *Naheed Davis*, former student, blind mother

 *Mark Turley*, former student, math tutor, blind father

11:45 am: **Soaring to New Heights with the “I Can Connect” Program: Deaf-Blind Services in Utah**

*Ramona Rice,* advocate for the Deaf/Blind community in Utah, trustee of the Utah Disability Law Center.

12:00 pm: **Adjourn**

**Global Gala Luncheon**

12:00-1:30 pm

Location: Salons E & F

**Invocation:** *Cindy Dulude*, member NFB of Minnesota, mommy to Ali.

The 6th Annual NFB of Utah Descriptive Fashion Show:

**A World of Fashion**

***“Give a Girl the Right Shoes and she can conquer the world!”***

You don’t want to miss the annual NFB of Utah descriptive fashion show. Awards will be given, so be ready to vote.

**Friday Afternoon Session**

Location: Salon A

1:45 pm: **Be the Change You Wish to See in the World: Presentation of 2017 NFBU Scholarship Finalists**

*Deja Powell*, chair of the NFBU scholarship committee, NFBU board member, NFBU Salt Lake Chapter Board.

2:00 pm: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents: Where the Legacy Began**

*Sharon Smith, Janice Spencer and Laura Hathaway*, in honor of their mother and past president of the NFB of Utah Ms. Joan Bills.

2:15 pm: **Why I’m a Federationist: Change Your Thoughts, Change the World,** *Jerry Nealey,* Vice President Weber/Davis chapter, Field Trainer DSBVI.

2:25 pm: **Following the News of the World with NFB Newsline**

*Michael Harris*, Utah NFB Newsline Coordinator, employee at Utah Library for the Blind.

2:35 pm: **Changing the World in Colorado: Colorado Center for the Blind**, Julie Deden, former director Colorado Center for the Blind, 1st Vice President NFB of Colorado.

2:50 pm: **How Technology is Re-Shaping the World**

**for the Blind,** *Michael Hingson*

New York Times Best Selling Author, 9/11 survivor, blindness advocate, AIRA board of directors.

3:10 pm: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents:**

*Wendy Bybee,* Bell Academy Director, blind parent, member Salt Lake Chapter.

3:20 pm: **The Globe is Round, But You Shouldn’t Be:**

**Fitness Panel,** *Ken Duke* (Ragnar), *Stephanie Cordova* (Running), *Deja Powell* (weight lifting, dancing), Elijah Blake (Goalball), Ned Lindholm (Jujitsu).

3:40 pm: **Why I’m a Federationist: Vision with Action can Change the World**

*Sachin Pavithran*, Program Director Utah Assistive Technology Program at Utah State University, Chair of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) committee appointed by President Obama.

3:50 pm: **Adjourn**

**Friday Evening**

4:00-5:00 pm: **Rehabilitation 101,**

*Aaron Thompson,*Director of Vocational Rehabilitation, USOR and *Dr. Fred Schroeder,* former commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) appointed by President Clinton.

4:00-7:00 pm: **NFBU 2017 World Vendor Fair**

 Location: Foyer outside salons.

The following vendors will be present:

AIRA Inc.

 Auction Pre-Look

 Axis Technology

 BLIND Inc.

 Colorado Center for the Blind

 DSBVI: Low Vision and BEP

 DSBVI: Training and Adjustment Center

 Hockey for the Blind

 Jewish Family Services

 Jujitsu/Martial Arts for the Blind

JW.org

 Moran Eye Center

 Rocky Mountain Low Vision

 Spanish Division of the NFB of Utah

Sprint

 Uber Utah

 Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

 Vanda Pharmaceuticals

 Willie B’s Cafe

8:00-11:00 pm: **Project STRIVE Night: Laughter...the most Civilized Music in the World.**Location: Salon E & F

Join us for Project STRIVE's annual karaoke, improv & ice cream social. Laugh at people trying to make music, or make music that makes people laugh. Either way, the evening is sure to entertain, *Free to all.*

9:00 pm: **Music Makes the World go Round: Jam Session**

Location: Salon A

Bring your instrument, your voice, or just yourself and your friends, to an informal musical jam session.  Here is a wonderful opportunity to let your hair down and get to know other members of your Federation family better through music, laughs, and fun.

**Saturday April 15, 2017**

7:30 am: **Convention Registration**

 Location: Conference Hall Foyer

Registration is $10 day-of.

7:45 am: **Chapter Breakfast**

 Location: Salons E & F

Come enjoy breakfast and hear from all the chapters, divisions, clubs, and groups of the NFB of Utah.

**Invocation:** *Marnie West,* Weber/Davis chapter board member, blind mother, Project Strive instructor.

**Reports from Chapter and Division Presidents:**

**Moderator:** *William Black*, Weber/Davis

Aaron Timm, Cache Valley

Mark Turley, Salt Lake City

Laura Vincent, Utah Valley

Myrna Bell, Red Rocks

Jerry Phelps, UPBC Division

Ulvia Guadarrama, Spanish Division

Chelsea Peahl, UABS

Katherine Webster, NABS

Other Chapters of the NFB Present…

**Saturday Morning Breakout Sessions**

Location: Review list of breakout sessions for individual locations.

9:00 am-Noon: NFBU breakout sessions are as follows:

9:00-10:00 am: **Breakout 1: Beeping Easter Egg Hunt**

Location: Meet in the Hotel Lobby we will be traveling over to City Creek.

Moderator: Cheralyn Creer and Chelsea Peahl

The Easter Bunny himself will be stopping by and dropping off eggs. This Easter egg hunt will be completely non-visual, and blindfolds will be provided for kids who are blind at heart. Candy, prizes and lots of fun will be provided. Bring your Easter basket (or plastic bags will be provided). Don’t miss out on the fun, bring your friends!

**Breakout 2: NFB Philosophy 101**

Location: Salon H

Moderators: Dr. Fred Schroeder and Dan Burke

Come learn about the basics of the NFB Philosophy from long-time members of the NFB. Also, ask questions about blindness and the NFB Philosophy in an open-dialogue setting.

**Breakout 3: Technology 101**

Location: Salon G

Moderator: *Michael Hingson*

Come learn about the new Google glasses and the latest technology from AIRA.

**Breakout 4: Vanda Pharmaceuticals**

Location: Salon I

Moderator:Richard Robito

Do you have trouble sleeping? Come and get information on the Non 24 medication that could change your sleeping habits and your life.

10-11:00 am: **Breakout 1:** **Training Centers for the Blind, What are my Options?**

Moderators: *Adam Rushforth*, *Brian Dulude*, and *Julie Deden*

Location: Salon H

Come learn about the options for training centers for blind adults, summer programs for blind youth, and ask questions about a variety of training options. This is a great session for those who might be interested in attending a training center, or for parents interested in a program for their blind child/teen/adult.

 **Breakout 2: Jujitsu and Martial Arts**

 Location: Deer Valley 1 & 2

 Moderators: Dr. Ned Lindholm and Nathan Ostergaard

Join this hands-on sessions to learn the basics of Jujitsu from two advanced instructors. Come ready to learn new moves.

**Breakout 3: Technology 101**

Location: Salon G

Moderator: *Michael Hingson,*

Come learn about the new Google glasses and the latest technology from AIRA.

**Breakout 4: Spanish Division Meeting**

Location: Salon I

Moderators: Ulvia Guadarrama and Laura Vincent

The Spanish Division will be holding its elections. Come hear from our National Federation of the Blind Translation Committee and talk about our upcoming events and how to grow our division.

11-Noon: **Breakout 1: Family, Friends, and Spouses Panel**

 Location: Salon J

Moderators: *Dr. Angela Peters (Spouse), Daniel Ashman (Spouse), Nate Creer (Parent/Spouse)*

This is a panel for spouses, siblings, parents, partners, teachers, or anyone who has a loved one who is blind. Come have an open discussion about issues related to blindness from the sighted person’s perspective. This interactive session is a favorite of many convention attendees. SIGHTED PEOPLE ONLY, please!

 **Breakout 2: Jujitsu and Martial Arts**

 Location: Deer Valley 1 & 2

 Moderators: *Dr. Ned Lindholm and Nathan Ostergaard*

Join this hands-on sessions to learn the basics of Jujitsu from two advanced instructors. Come ready to learn new moves.

**Breakout 3: NFBU Student Division Meeting**

Location: Salon H

Moderator: *Chelsea Peahl*, President NFBU Student Division

Are you a student or looking at becoming a student? If so, come join us! Meet fellow students from our state and see what UABS has been up to this year, hear more about AIRA technology, and hear from our special guest, Kathryn Webster, president of the National Association of Blind Students. Also, elections for positions on the UABS board will be held during this meeting. We hope to see you there!

Noon-1:30 pm: Lunch

**Food and Fundraising Luncheon**

Noon-1:30 pm

Location: Salons E & F

Invocation: *Ulvia Guadarrama*

**2017 NFBU Annual Auction: Funding the Movement**

**It must happen!**

Auctioneer: Daniel Ashman

*\*100 percent of proceeds go to the NFB of Utah and its many programs.*

**Saturday Afternoon General Session**

Location: Salon A

1:45 pm: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents:**

*Karl Smith,* Owner Axis Technology, 2nd Vice President NFB of Utah, Utah Sales Rep. for

KNFB Reader.

2:00 pm: **Why I’m a Federationist: Discovering the Endless Possibilities by Never Giving Up**

*Dr. Ned Lindholm*, Professor of chemistry/natural sciences at Salt Lake Community College, member of the Salt Lake Chapter.

2:15 pm: **Changing the World Starts Now: Project STRIVE**

 *Cheralyn Creer,* Director Project STRIVE

1st Vice President NFB of Utah.

 Panel: Staff and participants of Project STRIVE.

2:55: pm: **Education is the Most Powerful Weapon you can use to Change the World: Utah Bell Academy**

 *Wendy Bybee,* director Utah Bell Academy

 Panel: Staff and participants of the Utah Bell Academy.

3:15 pm: **Changing the World in Minnesota: Blindness Learning in New Dimensions (BLIND Inc.)**

 *Brian Dulude*, Assistant Director BLIND Inc., Treasurer NFB of Utah

3:25 pm: **Why I’m a Federationist: The World Awaits!**

 *Nathan Ostergaard,* President Blind Veteran’s Association of Utah, member Salt Lake chapter.

3:40 pm: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents:**

*Milton Taylor*, Immediate past District Governor of District 28 of Lion’s Club International.

3:50 pm: **Blind People Working to Change the World**

 *Laura Rough*, registered nurse case manager at University of Utah Health Care.

4:05 pm: **Celebrating Past NFBU Presidents:**

*A Tribute to Ron Gardner*

4:15 pm: **2017 NFBU Resolutions**

*Karl Smith****,* Resolutions Chair**

4:30 pm: **Money Makes the World go Round:**

**Treasurer’s Report**

 Brian Dulude, Treasurer of the NFB of Utah

4:40 pm: **NFB of Utah Board Elections**

*Robert Olsen***,** Nominating Committee Chair, treasurer Red Rocks Chapter.

5:00 pm: **Adjourn**

**You are cordially invited to the National Federation of the Blind of Utah’s**

 **2017 *Diamond* Banquet**

**A World of Promise and Possibility**



The Fifteenth Day of April Two Thousand and Seventeen

at Six-Thirty in the Evening

Master of Ceremonies:

Mr. Everette Bacon

Invocation:

*Mr. William Black*

Banquet Address:

Dr. Fred Schroeder

PAC Plan Presentation

*Mr. Kirt Manwaring*

Presentation of NFB of Utah Scholarship Winners

Ms. Deja Powell

Diamond Auction Items!

Special Awards!

*\*Informal jam session following the banquet.*

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**Thank You!**

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Willie B’s Café

**The NFB of Utah Also Wishes to Thank…**

The staff at the City Creek Marriot for making our convention run so smoothly, providing unprecedented hotel rates, and being so easy to work with.

All the members who have gone out to collect items for door prizes and auction items, and who support our organization through fundraising throughout the year.

All guests, sponsors, and vendors who traveled from all over the country to attend our convention, you helped make it unique and we hope you’ll come back to Utah again…and again.

All those who helped behind the scenes with registration, organizing auctions and door prized, coordinating vendors, recruiting sponsors, planning meals, working with the hotel, preparing speeches, and recruiting new members to attend.

To Janice Spencer who always makes the most perfect centerpieces to fit our theme for banquet night. Your talent does not go unnoticed.

Lastly, thank you for our current and all the past presidents of the NFB of Utah who have served in the last 60 years to make the NFB of Utah what it is today.