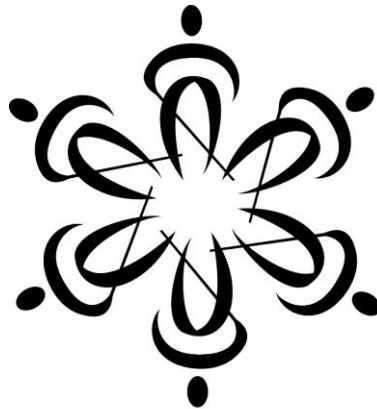


The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention  
**National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey**



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## **Who We Are & What We Do**

The National Federation of the Blind, the oldest and largest organization of and for the blind in the US, is made up of blind/visually impaired people of all ages, and their families and friends. We help newly blind people adjust to vision loss, assist parents and teachers of blind children, and promote the full participation and integration of blind people in our communities. Our activities include:

- Assisting blind persons in acquiring the skills of independence and developing confidence in themselves
- Supporting parents and teachers of blind children with information, mentoring, role modeling, information, and training
- Preparing blind students for careers and self-sufficiency through mentoring, training, and academic scholarships
- Encouraging blind seniors to continue to live active and meaningful lives
- Advocating for policies that eliminate discrimination, promote civil rights, and guarantee equal access to high quality educational and rehabilitation programs
- Sponsoring information campaigns and legislative action at the state and national levels
- Educating the public through community activities and publications

### **Spotlight on NFB of NJ**

Since 1976, the National Federation of the Blind of NJ, an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, has been providing invaluable information and resources to blind/visually impaired people throughout the state. Our members work together for a brighter tomorrow by raising expectations for blind people everywhere so that blind persons can live the life they want. Our seven chapters meet monthly; our five divisions hold events at various times through the year. For more information on the affiliate, chapters, divisions, committees, programs, and projects, visit [www.nfbnj.org](http://www.nfbnj.org). Please join us— we would welcome your participation.

### **Live the Life You Want**

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. Together with love, hope, and determination, we transform dreams into reality.

### **The National Federation of the Blind 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 programs and policies of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We will be **recording** and **streaming** the Convention. Please visit [www.nfbnj.org](http://www.nfbnj.org) for details on how to tune in. Broadcast times: Saturday, Nov. 9, General Session—8:45 am–12 pm & 2:00–5:00 pm; Banquet—8:00 pm–Conclusion.

**Food Pantry, Personal Items, & Cane Donations:** Please drop off your items in the receptacles in the registration area. Food items—Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc.; personal items will be donated to a local nonprofit to assist those in need. Canes—donate unneeded canes and cane parts for Kustom Canes to refurbish and deliver to blind people around the world—Friday in registration area and Saturday at the Door Prize Table in the main ballroom.

**Aira Hotel Navigation:** Aira is proud to participate in the 2019 NFBNJ State Convention. As part of our partnership, we are offering free Aira Access at the hotel for this event. Through live video and a mobile app, Aira connects the blind individual to a trained agent who provides real-time visual information or assistance, for example, for finding a hotel room or conference room, reading a restaurant menu, or describing exhibit hall tables.

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**Banquet Ticket Exchange:** For a smooth seating process, we use a Banquet Ticket Exchange. After you purchase your banquet ticket, bring it to the ticket exchange, where you will trade it in for a ticket with a table number. If you would like to sit with friends, gather ALL tickets and exchange them together (you must have everyone's ticket when you go to the exchange). Ten people can sit at a table. Exchange hours: **Friday 5:10—5:25 pm**, and **Saturday 8:00—8:45 am, 12:00 – 12:45 pm, and 5:10—5:25 pm**. If you do not exchange your ticket, you will be seated where there is space available.

The **Exhibit Hall** will be open in the Ruby Room at the following times: Thursday, **4:00 pm – 9:00 pm** and Friday, **8:00 am – 1:00 pm**.

**Guide Dog Relief Area:** From the elevators turn left and walk toward the lobby. Continue walking until you get past the lobby, bar, and hotel restaurant area and you reach the Modern Asian Cuisine Restaurant. From the front door of the Modern Asian Cuisine Restaurant walk approximately 42 feet. When you feel the mat turn right and with the restaurant to your back, there are two push doors in front of you.

After going through the doors walk approximately 75 feet and turn left. Walk approximately 25 feet. When you feel the crack in the sidewalk you are approaching the grassy area on your left. This grassy area is a very long rectangular shape.

You can also access this same grassy area from the exhibit room exit. Walk straight toward the outside doors; there is a square sitting area between you and the doors. After the square sitting area there is a revolving door with push doors on both sides. Go through the doors. Walk approximately 45 feet and turn right. Walk approximately 15 feet and the grassy area will be on your right side after several bushes.

There will be garbage pails on each end of the grassy area. For additional concerns, contact Dan Facchini at 201 906 8655.

**National Federation of the Blind Code of Conduct:** As an attendee at our convention, you not only represent yourself but also represent our greater organization. We want you to enjoy our time together and to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Although we encourage members to socialize and have fun, the convention also provides a valuable opportunity to come together to continue the work of our organization, to learn about the important initiatives that we are involved with on local and national levels, and to plan our work for the future.

The National Federation of the Blind seeks to provide a convention environment in which diverse participants, including members, speakers, exhibitors, staff, and volunteers, may learn, network, and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues in an environment of mutual respect and professionalism. We recognize a shared responsibility to create and uphold that atmosphere for the benefit of all. Some behaviors are therefore specifically prohibited:

- harassment or intimidation based on race, religion, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, physical appearance, or other group identity
- sexual harassment or intimidation, including unwelcome sexual attention, stalking (physical or virtual), or unsolicited physical contact
- public drunkenness and associated behaviors (e.g., belligerence, yelling, hostility, destruction of property)

Participants are expected to abide by these rules and behaviors in all convention venues, including online arenas, social media, and social events. Participants who are asked to stop a behavior that the recipient considers hostile or harassing are expected to comply immediately. We are committed to diversity, equity, and the free expression of ideas. Please visit <https://nfb.org/code-conduct> for more information.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 2019**

**1:15 - 5:15 pm—Technology Seminar: The Possibilities Are Endless—  
We Got This!—Crystal Ballroom B**

Jane Degenshein, President, Technology Division

**1:15 pm—Welcome & Overview**

Joe Ruffalo, President, NFBNJ

Jane Degenshein, President, Technology Division

**1:30 pm—What’s New with Tech at the Commission for the Blind**

Amanda Gerson, Coordinator, Vocational Rehabilitation and Transition Services, NJ Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

**1:40 pm—Aira News**

Mac Biggers, Member, Technology Division

**1:50 pm—Narrator & Windows 10 Updates**

Rick Fox, Member, Technology Division

**2:15 pm—iOS 13 Overview**

Tony Santiago, Vice President, Technology Division

**2:45 pm—Are You Literate?—BARD Mobile, KNFB Reader App, Seeing AI, Newsline**

Andy Smith, Board Member, Technology Division

**3:15 pm—What’s in a Name?—How iPadOS Revolutionized the iPad All Over Again**

Matt Vollbrecht, Certified Apple Teacher; Owner, The Tech Juggernaut

**3:45 pm— Louie Voice Assistant & Screen Reader App**

Aneesh Karuppur, Student

**4:15 – 5:15 pm—Hands-on Help—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

Walk from table to table to get your tech questions answered.

Please note: Table 1—Crystal Ballroom B. Tables 2 – 6—Crystal Ballroom C

Table 1—Apple—Matt Vollbrecht

Table 2—Windows 10 and Narrator—Rick Fox

Table 3—Health Tech—Tony & Jocelyn Santiago

Table 4—Reading and Scanning Apps—Andy Smith & Mary Jo Partyka

Table 5—Victor Stream 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation—Brian Mackey & Annemarie Cooke

Table 6—Louie Voice Assistant & Screen Reader App—Aneesh Karuppur

**4:00 to 9:00 pm—Exhibit Hall Open—Ruby Room**

**Exhibit Hall Special Drawing**—Visit every Exhibit Hall table, listen to what is available there, and collect a table number card at each one. Hand in your cards at the Registration table at the conclusion of Friday's workshops. Your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth over \$100 donated by SW Unlimited, Sherlock Washington, President. Drawing will be held during Friday evening's activities. You do not need to be present to win.

**5:30 – 6:30 pm—Registration Open—Ruby Room**

Pick Up Preregistration Packets & Onsite Registrations

**6:30 Preregistration Special Drawing—Ruby Room**

Preregistration drawing. Prize worth over \$100 donated by SW Unlimited, Sherlock Washington, President. You do not need to be present to win.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 2019

### **6:30 am—Breakfast Buffet—Hotel Restaurant**

*Breakfast buffet is provided free of charge in the hotel restaurant for those registered with the hotel. Bring your breakfast coupon. The hotel is full so get to breakfast early so you can be on time for sessions.*

### **8:00 am—1:00 pm—Registration Open—Outside Jade Room Pick up Pre-Registration Packets or Register**

Convention registration: \$30

Friday Dinner: \$45

Banquet tickets: \$45

(Note: Prices are increased for walk-up registration. Next year, preregister!)

Drop off food pantry, personal items, and cane donations

### **8:00 am—1:00 pm—Exhibit Hall Open—Ruby Room**

### **8:45 am—11:25 pm—Division & Committee Meetings—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

#### **8:45 – 9:25 am—Senior Division Meeting**

Jane Degenshein, President

#### **9:30 – 10:10 am—Technology Division Meeting**

Jane Degenshein, President

#### **10:15 – 10:40 am—At Large Chapter**

Joe Ruffalo, President

#### **10:45 – 11:25 am—Sports & Recreation Division**

Linda Melendez, President

### **11:30—12:15 pm—CBVI Vocational Rehabilitation—VR—Focus Group—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

Amanda Gerson, Coordinator, Vocational Rehabilitation and Transition Services, NJ Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

NJCBVI is seeking feedback from adult recipients of vocational rehabilitation services, and their families/representatives. The group will be asked specific questions on the current provision of VR services, unmet needs, unserved and underserved populations, and how the agency might improve VR services going forward.

**12:00—1:30 pm—Lunch on your own.** Grab & Go lunch items are available in the Crystal Foyer, past the Emerald Room. Afternoon session begins at 1:45.

## **1:40—Welcome and Announcements—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

Joe Ruffalo, President, NFB of NJ

Shawn Calloway, Board Member, National Federation of the Blind; President, NFB of DC

## **1:45—What's New at the Library?**

Adam Szczepaniak, Director, NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center

## **2:10 – 5:00 pm—Workshops Sessions**

### **2:10 – 3:00 pm—Workshop Session I**

#### **IEPs for Success—Crystal Ballroom A**

Carol Castellano, Founder, Parents of Blind Children-NJ

What's different about the education of a blind/visually impaired student? What should be in a BVI student's IEP? How you can make IEP meetings more successful.

#### **What You Need to Know about VR—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

Rick Fox, Chair, Statewide Rehabilitation Council; Amanda Gerson, Coordinator, Vocational Rehabilitation and Transition Services, Commission for the Blind and VI; Susan Head, Staff Advocate, Disability Rights NJ

Learn more about how the VR process works—eligibility criteria, opening a case, developing an individualized plan for employment (IPE), how to be an active participant and get the most out of the program, rights and responsibilities of both consumer and agency, informed choice, and what to do in the case of a disagreement.

#### **Revolutionize Your Life with Apple—Ruby Room**

Matt Vollbrecht, Certified Apple Teacher; Owner, The Tech Juggernaut

Learn about the many features for everyday life, work, education, employment, entertainment, and creativity—creating a grocery list, reading labels, getting walking directions, keeping track of appointments and expenses, adding labels to photos, using spellcheck, making simple videos, reading books, and more.

### **3:10 – 4:00 pm—Workshop Session II—see listings next page**



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#### **All About NFB-Newsline ROOM—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

Scott White, Director, NFB-Newsline

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### **4:10 – 5:00 pm—Session III**

#### **Prediabetes and Diabetes—Crystal Ballroom A**

Jocelyn Santiago, Member, Diabetes Committee

Causes, signs and symptoms, and what you need to know to live a healthier life!

#### **What You Need to Know to PASS—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

David DeNotaris, former Executive Director, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; former Manager, Statewide Operations, NJCBVI

What today's student needs to know about Promoting, Academic Success, & Self-Sufficiency with strategies for success at school, home, and work!

#### **Discovery Cane Travel—Ruby Room**

Mary Fernandez, Carol Castellano, Rick Fox, Joe Ruffalo

Wondering if you or your child would benefit from using a cane? Curious about how a cane works? Learn and experience the Structured Discovery Method of cane travel. Blind/visually impaired adults and children, teachers, parents, and family members welcome.

**5:10—5:25 pm—Banquet Ticket Exchange Open—back of Crystal Ballroom C**  
See Debbie Bloomer, Exchange Chair

**5:30 pm— NFB of NJ Dinner or Dinner on Your Own—Hotel restaurant is open.** Those who preregistered and prepaid for the NFB of NJ dinner, please proceed to **Crystal Ballroom A.**

**7:00 pm—Resolutions Committee Meeting—Crystal Ballroom C**  
Ryan Stevens, Chair  
All are welcome.

**7:00 – 8:15 pm—Demystifying Science of Materials—Crystal Ballroom A**  
Hosted by Cary Supalo, Research Developer, ETS; Dan Steinberg, Director, Materials Research and Science Engineering Center, Princeton University.

This workshop is for blind students of all ages who want to learn about science of materials in a hands-on way. Be prepared to get hands-on with science!

**8:00–11:00 pm—RAISING CANES!—Crystal Ballroom B & C**  
Hosted by the Northern Chapter & the Senior & Technology Divisions

Music and Dancing  
Sing-Along  
Special Drawing

Karaoke  
Auction Prizes  
Cash Bar

## **SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2019**

### **6:30 am—Breakfast Buffet—Hotel Restaurant**

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### **7:00–8:30 am—NJ Guide Dog Users Committee Breakfast Meeting—Crystal Ballroom A**

Dan Facchini, Chair

### **7:00–8:30 am—Student Social Breakfast— Crystal Ballroom A**

Jonathan Zobek, President, NJ Association of Blind Students

### **8:00–8:40 am—Registration Open—Outside Jade Room**

### **8:00–8:40 am—Banquet Exchange—back of Crystal Ballroom C**

See Debbie Bloomer, Exchange Chair

## **8:45 am – 5:00 pm—General Session—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

### **8:45 am— Welcome, Call to Order**

Joseph Ruffalo, President, National Federation of the Blind of NJ

### **8:50 am—Invocation & Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Honoring Veterans, God Bless America, NFB Can Do!**

Joe Ruffalo, President, NFB of NJ

Rick Fox, President, Northern Chapter

Jane Degenshein, President, Technology & Senior Divisions

### **9:10 am—Introduction of the Scholarship Class of 2019**

Lia Stone, Chair, Scholarship Committee

### **9:20 am—Presidential Report**

Joseph Ruffalo, President, NFB of NJ

### **9:45 am—The NFB: We Got This!—The National Report**

Shawn Calloway, National Board Member; President, NFB of DC

### **10:15 am—The Future Is Ours**

Shannon Cantan, National Association of Blind Students

**10:30 am—The Rights of Blind Parents: Are They Safe?**

Ryan Stevens, Legislative Coordinator, NFB NJ

MaryJo Partyka, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, NFB NJ

**10:35 am—Working Together for the Rights of the Blind**

Yvonne Lopez, NJ Assemblywoman, 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

**10:50 am—Together We Got This!**

Elisa Neira, Deputy Commissioner, NJ Department of Human Services

Dr. Bernice Davis, Executive Director, NJ Comm. for the Blind & VI

**11:10 am—Innovate or Disintegrate**

David DeNotaris, Motivational Speaker, Author, Trainer, and Consultant

**11:30 am—The BELL Ringers—Braille Enrichment Learning & Literacy**

Joe Ruffalo, President, NFB NJ; Mary Jo Partyka, NFB BELL Academy Coordinator; Parents, Students, and Staff, NFB BELL Academy

**11:50 pm—Announcements****12:00 pm—Adjourn****12:00 – 1:30 pm—Registration open—Outside Jade Room****12:00 – 1:45 pm—Lunch on your own**

Hotel will provide a quick Grab & Go lunch. Listen for location announcements.

For those eating in the hotel restaurant, please ask your server to bring your check when your meal is served. Paying at the time of service will save you time and enable you to arrive in time for the afternoon session.

**12:00 – 12:45 pm—Banquet Ticket Exchange—back of Crystal Ballroom C**

See Debbie Bloomer, Exchange Chair

**12:00– 1:45—First Timers Lunch**

Please listen for location announcement.

**12:00– 1:45—Student Division Meeting—Ruby Room**

Jonathan Zobek, President, Student Division

**12:00 – 12:30—DeafBlind Committee Meeting—Emerald Room**

Andrew Rees, Chair

**12:30 – 1:15—CBVI DeafBlind Focus Group—Emerald Room**

Amanda Gerson, Coordinator, Vocational Rehabilitation and Transition Services,  
NJ Commission for the Blind & VI

NJCBVI is seeking feedback from DeafBlind recipients of vocational rehabilitation services, and their families/representatives. The group will be asked specific questions on the current provision of VR services, unmet needs unique to the DeafBlind community, and how the agency might improve VR services going forward for DeafBlind individuals.

**1:00 – 1:45—Your Child’s Education & Development—We Got This!—Crystal Ballroom C**

Carol Castellano, Founder, Parents of Blind Children-NJ  
Shawn Calloway, NFB National Representative

**AFTERNOON SESSION—Crystal Ballroom B & C****2:00 pm—Announcements & Auction Prize**

Joe Ruffalo, President, NFB NJ

**2:05 pm—Let’s Get to Work! Career Panel**

Rosa Santiago, Author, Entrepreneur; Cary Supalo, Research Developer, ETS;  
Mary Fernandez, MBA Student, Duke University Fuqua School of Business;  
Ida Behreini, Software Engineer, JP Morgan Chase & Company

**2:35 pm—Blind Children—from Cradle to Career**

Carol Castellano, Founder, POBC-NJ

**2:50 pm— Auction Prize and Fit Break****3:00 pm—SOS: Spotlight on Seniors**

Jane Degenshein, Moderator  
Cathy Butzler, Ward Biondi, Ellen Sullivan, Members, Senior Division

**3:20 pm—Identity Theft: What It Is and How to Protect Yourself from It**

Brian Keene, Former IT Specialist

**3:40 pm—The Convention Experience: We Got This!**

Ada Crandle, Tony Santiago, Anne Marie Harris, Joanna Mallard Benthall  
Recipients, Kenneth Jernigan Convention Scholarship

**4:05 pm—Why I Am a Federationist**

Rick Fox, Jonathan Zobek, Members, NFB of NJ

**4:25 pm—On the Hot Seat!**

Carol Castellano, Moderator

Shawn and Latonya Calloway; Scott and Genevieve White;

David and Marianne DeNotaris

**4:50—Auction & Announcements****5:00—Adjourn****5:00—5:15 pm—Final Banquet Ticket Exchange Open—back of Crystal Ballroom C**

See Debbie Bloomer, Exchange Chair

**6:45 pm—Banquet—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

*Please Note: Food and drink will not be served during the keynote address by our national representative.*

**Master of Ceremonies**—Nicky Gacos, Pres., Nat'l Assoc. of Blind Merchants

**Invocation**—Fr. Maximilian Buonocore, Newark Abbey

**Banquet Address**—Shawn Calloway, NFB National Representative

**Awards**—Carol Castellano, Awards Committee

Raising Expectations Award

**NFB of NJ Scholarship Awards**—Lia Stone, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Klaus & Michelle Zechner Scholarship

Louise and Peter Facchini Memorial Scholarship

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**Auction**

We thank our members, chapters, divisions, and friends for their generous donations of auction items. Please bid high and bid often, as all proceeds will assist in growing the affiliate and making a difference!

**Cash Bar** available

## **SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2019**

### **6:30 am—Breakfast Buffet—Hotel Restaurant**

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### **7–7:30 am—Morning Devotions—Ruby Room**

Misty Hagen

**Please Note:** Checkout time is 11:00 am. Bring your luggage with you to the meeting or bring it to the hotel desk before the meeting for storage.

### **8:45 –11:30 am—Program and Business Meeting—Crystal Ballroom B & C**

**Invocation—Rick Fox**

**Roll Call of Chapters and Divisions**

**We Got This!—Let’s Make It Happen—Shawn Calloway**

**Legislative Report—Ryan Stevens, Chair, Legislative Committee**

**Resolutions—Ryan Stevens, Chair, Resolutions Committee**

**Chapter, Division, Committee Reports**

**Elections**

## **THANK YOU!**

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