# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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# Pre-registration Pick-Up and On-Site Registration Studio Room

Thursday, November 9: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Thursday, November 9: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Friday, November 10: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 11: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Special Note:* Linda & Lucas Melendez will be handing out pre-registration packets from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM on Thursday, November 9 at the back of the Technology Seminar in the Windsor Ballroom.

# Bagged Continental Breakfast Garden Ballroom

You will receive your breakfast coupons when you register at the hotel

(2 coupons per room per day registered). Bagged breakfasts will be the chef’s choice to include bread, fruit, juice and hot beverages, and will be available from 7:15 AM – 8:30 AM. Bring your coupon to exchange for a bagged breakfast. Contact Linda DeBerardinis at 667-256-5131 if you have extra coupons or need more coupons.

# Pre-Paid Box Lunch—Friday and Saturday Garden Ballroom

You will receive your pre-purchased lunch tickets when you pick up your registration packet. Lunch tickets will be marked for Friday or Saturday. Pre-paid boxed lunches will be available beginning at noon. Bring the correct day’s ticket with you to exchange for a pre-paid meal!

# Banquet Ticket Exchange Windsor Ballroom

For a smooth seating process, we use a Banquet Ticket Exchange. Bring your pre-purchased ticket to the ticket exchange table, 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).

# Banquet Ticket Exchange Hours

Friday 4:30 - 5:00 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM, 12:00 - 12:15 PM, and

5:10 - 5:25 PM. If you do not exchange your ticket, you will be seated where space is available.

# Exhibit Hall—On-Site & Virtual Talmadge Ballroom

Visit our array of vendors to view the many fine products and services available for those with vision loss. Speak to representatives directly to have all your questions answered.

You can also view their products online and hear from vendors unable to attend in person by clicking on the link below from Nov. 1 through Dec. 30. <https://www.nfbnj.org/state-convention/exhibitors-and-sponsors>

# Pay Affiliate Membership Dues & Participate! Windsor Ballroom

Would you like to become a member of a committee, group, program or project but are not yet a member of a chapter? Then come pay your dues and become a member of the NFBNJ affiliate. 8:00 AM – 8:25 AM on Friday. Annual dues are $10.

# Guide Dog Relief Instructions

The guide dog relief area can be found in the courtyard at the back of the hotel. Beginning from the front desk, facing away from the desk take a left to find the double doors to get outside. You will be walking on tile, but when you reach a carpeted texture again, you are at the outside doors.

Please note that if you tell your dog to target the door outside, there is another set of double doors directly across the lobby leading to the front exit that your dog may try to find. The front exit has a large covering over it, so if you see this covering or cars, you are on the wrong side of the hotel.

When exiting the hotel on the courtyard side, you will encounter two sets of doors to get outside. Both sets are double doors, so you do not have to switch sides with your dog unless you want to. When you are heading out of these doors to go outside, the elevators to get to your room are on your left side, while the entrance to the Exhibit Hall is on your right side. Once exiting the doors, one of the 3 trash cans can be found immediately to your right. If you keep walking straight, you will feel a brick pathway under your feet. When you feel the brick change to a flat surface, you know it is time to take a left to find the grass. This is located approximately 40 steps away from the doors. If the flat concrete turns back into a brick texture, you missed your left and have gone too far. After taking a left on the sidewalk, you will reach a large grassy area approximately 32 steps to the light post.

There will be a light post with trash cans on either end of this grassy courtyard. The courtyard is shaped like a diamond, and there are bushes around the perimeter. Once you are finished relieving your dog, if you tell your dog to target the door inside, the double doors are the only option available. When heading back inside, if you did not locate either trash can by a light post, there will be a final trash can directly on your left before entering the hotel again.

# Host Chapter & Affiliate 50/50 Raffle

Support the Host Chapter and the Affiliate by purchasing 50/50 tickets, 1 for $10; 3 for $20.

# Door Prizes

Door prizes will be drawn for pre-registered conventioneers and announced throughout the convention; you must be present to win. Donated door prizes are welcomed and can be given to Ellen Sullivan in the Studio Room during registration hours.

# Kustom Canes “Your Cane Give” Program

# Studio Room

Wondering what to do with your old cane or tips: “You Cane Give” program allows you to help us give your used cane to a person far away who needs it! We need canes in all sizes. Bring them with you to the convention and drop them off in the Studio Room during registration hours.