SEMINAR AGENDA

National Association of Guide Dog Users Inc.

July 10, 2017

This seminar is dedicated to the memory of

R. Michael “Mike” Sergeant

March 18, 1951 - September 12, 2016

A friend, a colleague, and a brother in our movement

1:00 — 10:00 p.m.

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Registration. Registration is free & required to be eligible for door prizes!

2:00 — 3:30 p.m. (Rehab Professionals) Guide Dogs and O&M: Concepts and Misconceptions

Lucas Frank, The Seeing Eye

Mike Goehering, Giding Eyes for the Blind

Michael Hingson, National Association of Guide Dog Users

Derick Williams, Louisianna Center for the blind

 A panel presentation featuring orientation & mobility professionals from guide dog training programs, cane travel instructors, and consumers. This seminar is a part of the Rehabilitation Professionals Workshop and qualifies for continuing education units.

2:15 — 3:30 p.m. Guide Dog Health & Wellness

 A veterinarian shares information about maintaining optimal health throughout your dog’s life, including wellness, preventive care, grooming tips, and first aid.

3:45 — 5:00 p.m. Advocacy and Access: Everyone has a Part to Play

Facilitator: Marion Gwizdala, President, National Association of Guide Dog Users

Combining realistic skits of guide dog access challenges with practical guidance to handle the challenges, guide dog users and businesses alike will learn about the rights, responsibilities, and limitations of those rights. This interactive program is a must for all guide dog users, those wishing to become better advocates for guide dog users and other disabled individuals, and public and private entities wanting to know their rights.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner break

6:00 — 6:45 p.m. Registration – Registration is free & required to be eligible for door prizes!

7:00 — 10:00 p.m. Living the Guide Dog User Life you want!

Part 1: Teaching the Guide Dog Team New Tricks

John Byfield, Freedom Guide Dogs

Lucas Frank, The Seeing Eye

Mike Goehering,Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Kelly Martin, Guide Dogs for the Blind

Current training Methods and innovations in dog training that will keep your guide dog sharp and happy. Featuring veteran trainers from several guide dog training programs, guide dog users will learn new techniques to enhance their dog’s work and teach new skills.

Part 2: Harness Up: The process of getting a guide dog and beyond

Various guide dog training programs & consumers

If you are interested in getting a guide dog, want to find out how they really work, get to know what is involved in the application and training process, and learn about the guide Dog User Lifestyle, this session is for you! Guide dog training programs will share information about their programs and guide dog users will help you understand what is required when you come home.

Part 3: Guide Dog Show and Tail

 Guide dog users share their favorite gear, grooming tools, and toys. If you have a favorite item to share, bring it with you for others to learn about! Some of them will be yours to take home for you and your dog to enjoy!