



NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF THE BLIND
WISCONSIN

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Forty Second Annual Convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Wisconsin 42 Years of Living the Lives We Want!

April 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2017

**Holiday Inn, Pewaukee Milwaukee West
W24140 Tower Place
Pewaukee, WI 53072
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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.

NFB OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS:

President: John Fritz

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NFB PLEDGE

I pledge to participate actively in the effort 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

Convention Arrangements: If you have any questions about convention arrangements, contact Dave Hyde, 608-774-5557.

Registration: Registration will be open on Friday April 7th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 8:45 am. If you have any questions contact Heather Fritz, 608-387-1865. Registration \$20, Saturday Noon Box Lunch \$20, Saturday Banquet \$40. A discount will be available to those who pre-register at www.nfbwis.org. Meals will be available on a first come basis until sold out.

****Bring Your Hygiene Products, Cleaning Supplies, and Paper Products to State Convention****

The Dane county Chapter is hosting hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and paper product drive. These donations will go to the Hebron House in Waukesha.

Hebron House of Hospitality mission is to provide shelter and services to help individuals and families overcome their homelessness.

They are always in need of cleaning supplies and paper products.

Donation's will be collected in the hospitality suite on Friday night and at the door of the meetings on Saturday morning and afternoon. There will be a representative to pick up these items on Saturday afternoon - let's have them take lots of items with them.

Childcare, Suite 228: Childcare will be open during the general convention sessions. For Saturday lunch, (please leave an order for your child when you drop him or her off at child care, or provide an alternative if he/she does not want the designated Restaurant meal), and the banquet (please feed your children dinner before the banquet). Children may be dropped off no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the

session and must be picked up no later than 15 minutes after. Childcare will be in Suite 228 for all children. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Meng at 608-558-1589 with any questions (before and during the convention).

Door Prizes: You may be the lucky winner of a great door prize. Names will be drawn throughout the convention sessions and banquet. To be eligible to win, you need only to be registered and to be present in the meeting room when your name is drawn, unless you are in childcare. All donations of door prizes should be clearly labeled in Braille and print and turned in to the door prize table in the Ballroom.

Fund Raising Auction: You may be the lucky high bidder of a great auction item! All donations of auction items should be clearly labeled in Braille and print and turned in to the door prize table in the Ballroom.

Dog Relief Area Information: Upon exiting out the front door of the hotel, take a right, keeping the building directly on your right hand side. After 20 to 30 feet or so, there is a grass and dirt area on the right. When you come back towards the hotel, you will have a garbage can on your left side, just before the front doors. Please remember to pick up after your dogs, as this is hotel property they are allowing us to use. Thank you. If you have any questions contact Stacy Fuehrer at 715-781-5918.

Presidential Suite 236: Anyone who wants to meet with John Fritz or wants to visit is welcome to come to the Presidential Suite. Call me at 608- 387-0494.

Friday, April 7th, 2017

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Parents of Blind Children Seminar: Lake Oconomowoc Room.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Getting Started with an I-Phone Workshop: Lake Pewaukee Room.

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Demonstrators Exhibits: Pre-function Ballroom.

- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Student Seminar: Lake Nagawicka Room.
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Google Workshop: Lake Pewaukee Room
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Convention Registration: Pre-function Ballroom
- 6:00 pm –10:00 pm Hospitality; Suite 228
- 7:00 pm Resolutions Committee Meeting: Lake Okauchee Room, Dave Hyde, Chairperson.
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dance Workshop: Lake Oconomowoc Room, Katelyn Macintyre (\$5.00 Admission)
- 8:00 pm Talent Show, hosted by the Wisconsin Association of Blind Students, Lake Nagawicka Room.

Saturday, April 8th, 2017

- 7:00 Breakfast, Lake Michigan Room, (included if you stay at the hotel)
- 7:00 Association of Guide Dog Users Breakfast, Lake Michigan Room
- 8:00 am Convention Registration: Pre-function Ballroom.
- 8:15 am - 5:15 pm Childcare. Suite 228

GENERAL SESSION

(All general sessions will be held in Lake Country Ballroom)

9:00 am Call to Order
Invocation: Reverend Peter Heide
Pledge of Allegiance
NFB Pledge
Arrangements

Welcome: Stacy Fuehrer, President Dane County Chapter.
Laurie Holzmann, President Badger Chapter

9:20 am Living the Life We Want! National Association of Blind Students
Vee Gaspa, Board Member National Association of Blind Students

9:25 am Living the Life We Want With Universal accessibility of Digital Libraries Design of Help Mechanisms for Blind Users
Rakesh Babu Ph.D., UWM School of Information Studies

9:30 am The National Federation of the Blind: Live the Life you Want!
Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind

10:15 am Living the Life We Want with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Suzanne Walter, DVR Supervisor WDA 2 Milwaukee county

10:35 am Living the Life We Want with the Wisconsin Council of the Blind
Denise Jess, Executive Director Wisconsin Council for the Blind

10:55 am Living the Life We Want with the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Jim Unger, Acting Director

11:15 am Living the Life We Want with the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library
Linda Vincent, Management Librarian

11:35 am Living the Life We Want With Non-24
LeAnne Fakir, RN, Nurse Educator Vanda Pharmaceuticals

11:50 am Living the Life We Want in Communities of Faith
Tom Anderson, President of Communities of Faith a division
of the National Federation of the Blind

Noon– 2:00 pm Adjourn

Lunch:

12:00 pm All Lunches will begin in the Pre-function Ballroom. Please only take a box lunch if you purchased one and have a ticket in hand.

Luncheon and Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Association of Blind Merchants
WABM – Tom Jeray, President, BallRoom

Luncheon and Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Association of Blind Students
WABS – Angie Castro, President, Hospitality Room

Luncheon and Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Communities of Faith –Ericka
Short, Chair, BallRoom

Luncheon and Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Parents of Blind Children
WOPBC –Debi Meng, President, Ballroom

Luncheon and Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Sports & Recreation –Jim Turk,
President, Ballroom

General Session

2:00 pm Call to Order

- 2:05 pm The National Federation of the Blind of Wisconsin: Living the Life We Want!
John Fritz, President, National Federation of the Blind of Wisconsin, National Board Member, National Federation of the Blind
- 2:20 pm Living the Life We Want with Hebron House of Hospitality in Waukesha
Mary Nurse, Director of Development
- 2:20 pm Living the Life We Want with the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Pete Dally, Director
- 2:40 pm Living the Life We Want: Industries for the Blind
Steve Heesen, Inside Sales Associate
- 3:00 pm Living the Life We Want With WISDOM
Sister Barbara, WISDOM
- 3:20 pm Living the Life We Want:– Making Astronomy accessible to blind youth.
Jeremiah Beasley, AT consultant and Advisory Board
- 3:40 pm Living the Life We Want:
Carissa Ubersox, Child LIFE
- 3:50 pm Living the Life We Want: Without Borders
Sean Whalen, Nicarogra
- 4:00 pm Living the Life We Want: Structured Discovery Training Centers
Jennifer Wenzel, Moderator
Chad Nelson, Student at Blind Inc.
Quinn Haverl, Instructor at BLIND Inc.
Ellen Bartelt, Student at CCB
Tom Anderson, Retired instructor from Colorado Center for the Blind

Stephen Toth, Graduate of LCB
Arleen Hill, Instructor at Louisiana Center for the Blind

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:45 pm until the End of Banquet: Childcare. Suite 228

7:00 pm Living the Life We Want Annual Banquet: Lake Country Ballroom
Master of Ceremonies: Bill Meeker
Invocation: Tom Anderson
Banquet Address: Mark Riccobono, President, National
Federation of the Blind
NFB-Wisconsin Cow Race
Pledging Our Way to the Future!
Drawings
PAC Plan
Adjourn

9:00 pm NFBW Auction, Lake Country Ballroom, Auctioneer: Tom Jeray

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Breakfast, (Included if you stay at the hotel).

BUSINESS SESSION

8:00 am Annual Business Meeting Nagawicka Room
Invocation, Ericka Short
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Legislative Report
Chapter & Division Reports
Resolutions Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Elections
National Convention
State Convention
Miscellaneous Business

11:00 am Adjourn

Special Thanks from the State President:

I am honored to take the opportunity to thank our members, our families, guest speakers, and special guests for showing strong dedication to the blind by not only attending the NFB of Wisconsin's 42nd Annual Convention, but by everything they do each and every day of the year. Your presence at state and national events and your willingness to help out and share, has truly made this convention special. Many thanks to the Holiday Inn-Pewaukee and their staff for providing the facilities and services, and in helping to insure that this convention was a huge success. Thank you to the Dane County and Badger Chapters for being such excellent hosts, and A very special thank you to Mark Riccobono for making the trip from Baltimore to share his expertise, wisdom, and experience with us. This convention has truly been a memorable experience. Everyone have a safe journey back to your homes and we hope to see you all soon. Go in peace.