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Memo To: Executive Officers, Board Members, Chapter & Division Presidents & Others

From: Marty R. McKenzie, President

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Dear Federation Family,

This is the final week to register for the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina's 68th Annual State Convention. Early bird registration will close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Beginning Friday, July 26, 2024, regular registration is \$100, student registration is \$60 and children under the age of 18 is \$30. If you have not registered for this event, please do so at <https://nfbofsc.org/node/178>. If you need assistance completing this process, please contact me and I will identify someone to assist you.

July 25, 2024 is the final day to make your room reservations at the Embassy Suites by Hilton. Rooms can be booked at \$112 plus tax and any applicable fees for singles, doubles, triples and quads. You may call the Embassy Suites at 803-252-8700. Reference the NFB of SC State Convention to obtain the special rate. Members are not being charged the first night's room; instead, a hold is placed on your card until check-in. The cut-off for room reservations is July 25, 2024.

Congratulations to the Scholarship class of 2024. This year's winners are Alena Hamlin, Patrick Ordonez from the Belvadeer Chapter and Elijah Taylor. We are proud of the accomplishments of our Scholarship Class of 2024!

Congratulations to our Palmetto Scholarship Grant winners which assist first-time attendees to the state convention with their expenses. The Palmetto Scholarship Grant winners for 2024 are Irving Middleton from the Charleston Chapter and Contressa Polite from the Greenville Chapter.

Seekr Navigation, a new startup from Georgia Tech, is creating an independent indoor navigation solution tailored for individuals who are blind or have low vision. To ensure our product meets your needs, we are conducting short interviews as part of our customer discovery process. We value your insights and want to make sure our technology provides the best possible user experience. If you're interested in sharing your feedback, please contact us at seekr.navigation@gmail.com or call 717-819-2145 for more details. Thank you for helping us develop a navigation solution that truly works for you!

Lenora Robertson is serving as the Door Prize Chair for the NFB of SC State Convention. Cash and gift cards are always favorite items. You can purchase gift cards from the At Large chapter in the amount of \$25 or greater. Please bring your door prize contributions to the convention or you can mail them to Lenora Robertson, 1258 Roundtree Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Let's have an abundance of door prizes to share at the state convention.

From Lenora Robertson

Rock Hill Chapter member, Roy Ives, lost his home due to a fire on July 5, 2024 in the morning hours. Mr. Ives is a veteran and is currently staying in a local motel. His home cannot be repaired and is a total loss. Any assistance that any chapters or members want to provide is greatly appreciated. Please send any contributions to Lenora Robertson made payable to the Rock Hill Chapter with Roy Ives in the memo blank. Lenora's address is 1258 Roundtree Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Thank you for your assistance.

From Lori Anne Coley, President, Sports and Recreation Division

Our Sports and Rec fundraiser is extended to August, coinciding with the state convention. All purchased tickets remain valid. Purchase \$20 tickets for a chance to win big, including a \$750 and a \$250 giveaway. Contributions support our Sports Camp Week for the Blind at Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind in Upstate South Carolina. Led by the NFBSC Sports and Rec Division, our mission is inclusive sports. Purchase tickets via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.me/sportrecnfbsc> or Zelle at srnfbsc21@yahoo.com. Goal: sell 100+ tickets by August 17, 2024, with the drawing at the state convention. Spread the word! For more information, contact Lori Anne Coley at 803-316-9838.

From the SC Association of Black Leaders

The SC Association of Black Leaders is thrilled to announce that we are extending our coffee basket fundraiser to the State Convention in August! The basket includes 1 tin of hot chocolate, three flavors of Starbucks coffee, two NFB tumblers, and a \$25 gift card. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10, every \$20 spent earns you an entry to win a Keurig! Purchase tickets at the NFB of SC PayPal or by sending a check or money order to the Federation Center at 119 S. Kilbourne Rd., Columbia, SC 29205, noting "coffee basket" in the memo field.

Things to Remember

NFB of SC State Convention Registration and Room Reservations are due by July 25, 2024.