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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,

The National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina Convention week is here and members are working hard to ensure that the convention goes well! Even though the early bird rate closed on July 25, 2024, we still have members who are registering for the convention. Please use the link below to continue to register if you plan to attend. If you need assistance with the electronic registration process, please reach out to me and someone will assist you. 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 at all possible, please register by close of business on August 12, 2024 as final food numbers are due to the hotel by 12:00 PM on August 13, 2024.

There are several convention reminders to share with you. Please see the list below.

- Rookie Round-Up – There is some confusion around this item. We held a Rookie Round-Up in 2023 on Thursday evening for our students to get connected with our various divisions. This event is not taking place this year and there are no formal meetings on Thursday evening. Please take this time to get acquainted with the hotel and enjoy fellowship with each other.
- Housekeeping – Housekeeping will occur daily in guest rooms unless the Do Not Disturb placard is hanging on the door. This is a change from last year.
- Shower Curtains – According to the hotel, the shower curtains are long enough. Please be aware that the shower curtain may be in two pieces at the bottom and one piece at the top. At the bottom, there may be one piece that goes inside the bathtub and one piece that goes on the outside of the bathtub. Please ensure that your shower curtain is in the correct place to prevent any unwanted flooding.

Volunteers Needed – We are asking our sighted members to volunteer to assist with the breakfast buffet line each morning to ensure that everyone moves through it smoothly. There are two other groups in the hotel, so it will be very busy in that area. Breakfast runs from 6:30 – 9:30 AM on Friday morning and currently runs from 7:30 – 10:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The hotel is working to see if any adjustments can be made on Saturday and Sunday mornings to assist us. If you are willing to assist our blind members, please reach out to David Bundy via e-mail at davidbundy13@outlook.com or via telephone at 803-447-7629 or Thom Spittle via e-mail at nfbsc.lab.4@gmail.com or via telephone at 803-331-3344. We appreciate all that our members do to support the NFB of SC!

In preparation for the memorial service at the state convention, please send the names of any members in your chapter or division who passed since the last state convention. Please send names to Melinda Jones at melindajones0571@gmail.com or call her at 864-978-3230.

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.

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From Michelle Scott, Charleston Chapter President

Join the Charleston "Chucktown" Basket Fundraiser hosted by the Charleston Chapter!

Dates: Sunday July 21, 2024 to Saturday August 17, 2024. The drawing will be held at the State Convention Banquet. You must be present to win. Grand Prize: Charleston "Chucktown" Basket full of delectable foods, treats and specialized items related to

Charleston. Purpose: Offset cost of transportation to and from the state convention for first time and veteran attendees to receive education and to network. Ticket Options: - One ticket: \$2

- Six tickets: \$10

-Twelve tickets: \$20

How to participate

PayPal: <https://paypal.me/CharlestonChapter> Zelle: Use email

nfbofsccharlestonchapter@gmail.com Or mail a check to NFB Of SC Charleston Chapter
3109 Terry Drive North Charleston SC, 29405

From Belinda Banks, President of the South Carolina Blind Merchants Division

The Blind Merchants division is selling snack bags once again this year. The bags are \$10, and are full of goodies for you to enjoy. Every bag has at least \$25 worth of value to them, so get them while we have them!

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

- National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina State Convention is August 15-18. 2024 in Columbia, SC.