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2016 Convention Announcement

Blindness Is Not What Holds You Back

Who: The National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island and YOU!

What: Our 46th annual state convention

When: October 14th and 15th, 2016

Where: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 739-3000. Room rates are \$99.00 plus 13% hotel tax. Make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure availability.

How to Register: The deadline to register is Saturday, October 8th, 2016. Register by mail (see attached form) or online at www.nfbri.org/register

- All day package with all 3 meals: \$40.00.
- Buffet lunch & light breakfast: \$25.00.
- Banquet dinner only: \$25.00.

Come join us for a weekend of fun, learning, and community. Find out about helpful resources, explore the newest assistive technology, and make connections! NFB conventions change lives because we know 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. Blindness is not what holds you back.

Kick off convention at our free Assistive Technology Fair on Friday, October 14th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Stop by for hands-on demonstrations of products from Logan Technologies, Baum USA, Silver Lining Technologies, and the AutoMark accessible voting machine. Learn about and sign up for services like the Adaptive Telephone Program (ATEL), National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program (I Can

Connect), and RI Talking Books Plus! Light refreshments will be available. Registration for the Technology Fair by October 8th is appreciated but not required. To RSVP, email info@nfbri.org or call (401) 433-2606.

On Saturday October 15th our day starts with registration and light refreshments from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Our Board Meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM with reports from the treasurer and chapter presidents, followed by elections and the latest news from our national office, presented by National President Mark Riccobono.

The day's agenda has a little something for everyone! We will hear presentations on resources from Vanda Pharmaceuticals, I Can Connect (National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program), and RI Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. A special point of interest for anyone who enjoys movies and television will be our afternoon talk on accessing Descriptive Video Services on Netflix and other platforms. We'll also discuss the experiences of people who are blind in medical offices, learn about our rights and how to get what we need out of any medical appointment. A panel on our second annual BELL Academy will take place during the afternoon, featuring a student and blind mentor who will share their experiences. The day's sessions will conclude with the Presidential Report.

The Saturday evening banquet is the exciting culmination of our state convention. Come spend time with old and new friends over a delicious meal while listening to the presentation of scholarships and awards, as well as an address by special guest National President Mark Riccobono. The banquet will conclude at 8:30 PM.

The deadline to register is October 8th 2016. Don't wait, register today! Those with special dietary needs should contact Grace Pires at (401)433-2606 or info@nfbri.org by October 8th 2016.

We wish to thank our convention sponsors for their financial support.
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