

RSVA Annual Convention

The American Council of the Blind Conference and convention dates are July 9-17. The Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America convention will begin on Saturday, July 10 with our pre-convention board meeting at 3 p.m. and conclude on Tuesday night, July 13 with our annual casino night. Come early and stay late so you can take in all the great tours, workshops and other events that make convention week special.

Check recent Braille Forums for tours for this summer. Imagine the thrill of visiting the home of architect Frank Lloyd Wright! When asked what could be touch, the guide said, "You can touch everything; that's why we aren't a museum." Other great tours would have you practicing your blackjack skills at a casino, visiting a candy factory, the popular city tour will be back, and day-long trips to the Grand Canyon.

The hotel for ACB and RSVA from July 9-17 is the Phoenix Downtown Sheraton. Room rates are \$89 plus tax. Make reservations by calling 1-800-325-3535. Be sure to say you are with the American Council of the Blind. There are many restaurants in the area around the hotel.

The RSVA schedule follows:

Saturday July 10, 2010

1:00PM-3:00PM Subcommittee meetings (RSVA Suite)
3:00PM-6:00PM RSVA Board meeting

Sunday July 11, 2010

9:00 am: Welcome: Charles Glaser, RSVA President, GA
Introduction of participants
Roll call of affiliates: Ardis Bazyn, Secretary
9:20 am: Roadside Rest Area Issues: Panel Moderator: Roy Harmon, CA.
10:00 am: "What's Happening in the Arizona BEP Program" Panel of Arizona Vendors.
10:45 am Report on RSA conference in Washington, D.C. from attending participants.
Suzanne Mitchell- invited.
11:30 am: 1 pm: RSVA sponsored NABS luncheon (not included in package) or lunch on your own.
1 pm: Constitution & Bylaws Report
1:20 pm Resolutions Report
1:30 pm: "Signage to help your bottomline" MB Media Brokers, David Levine, AZ
2 pm "The Arizona BEP Program" BEP Staff
2:30 pm: "Joint Marine base project" Robert Humphreys
3 pm Break
3:15 pm: US Treasury Initiative on Accessible Currency
4:00 pm: Nominating Committee meeting: All state affiliate delegates should Attend.
10:00 pm: RSVA hospitality (RSVA Suite)

Monday July 12, 2010

12:30 pm -2:15 pm.: RSVA Awards Luncheon
Speaker: Kirk Wilkinson
2:30pm -4:30pm: Business meeting

6:30pm -9:00pm: RSVA Auction
9:00pm -12:00pm: RSVA Karaoke night

Tuesday July 13, 2010

12:30pm: RSVA Presidents Lunch in Suite
Catriona Mcdonald, BEA; Suzanne Mitchell, RSA- invited.
Topic: "Open Forum"
8:00pm -12:00pm: RSVA Casino Night

See you all in Phoenix!