August 1, 2022

Dear ICUB members and friends,

The time for the thirty-fourth Annual Iowa Council of the United Blind Conference and Convention is fast approaching. This year, the convention will be hybrid, and we are so happy to have the opportunity to get together in person again. The theme for this year is “Through the Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward.” It is scheduled for the weekend of August 26th and 27th, 2022, at the Courtyard Marriott in Ankeny. We would love to have you join us!

As always, we have a great convention planned with a variety of topics and speakers that will meet the interests of everyone. You’ll learn valuable information, meet some new friends, and have a good time doing it!

Festivities will begin Friday afternoon, August 26, with registration and tours of the Iowa Department for the Blind Library for the Blind and Print Disabled and the newly accessible “People and Places in Iowa” exhibit at the State Historical Building. The first general session will open at 7:00 PM on Friday night. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 AM, and punctuated by plenty of time to visit our many exhibitors. On Saturday, ICUB will host a morning breakfast, noon luncheon, and evening banquet. A hospitality room will be open Friday and Saturday evenings. The convention will end with Saturday’s banquet.

We wish to thank, in advance, our speakers, exhibitors, ICUB members, and everyone else who has been working so diligently to make this convention another memorable one. We also want to send out a big thank you to the Greater Iowa Credit Union for providing a grant to help defray our convention costs and to Fusebox One for providing all of our printing.

So read all the details below, send in your registration form, and start packing your bags. We’ll see you in August!

Carrie Chapman, President

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2022 Conference and Convention Details

Registration

 The cost of registration for the convention is $20.00. This year’s convention is hybrid, so you can choose to attend either in person or via Zoom. In either case, you must pay the registration fee in order to participate in convention business, as well as hear the luncheon and banquet speakers. You will be asked on the registration form below which way you have chosen to attend. If you choose to attend by Zoom, we will send you an email, or call if you don’t have email, with the Zoom information you need to connect. Convention sessions will also be streamed on ACB Radio, but listeners will not be able to participate in convention business or hear the luncheon and banquet speakers.

COVID Disclaimer

 Mask wearing, social distancing, and other COVID prevention precautions are not required for convention attendees. Please note that the Iowa Council of the United Blind is not responsible for anyone who is exposed to or thinks they have contracted COVID while attending this convention.

Hotel Reservations

We are pleased to host our convention this year at the Courtyard Marriott, 2405 SE Creekview Drive, in Ankeny. The hotel features comfortable rooms with free Internet service, mini-refrigerators, microwaves, and flat-panel televisions. The hotel has a fitness room, swimming pool, and hot tub. The Bistro Restaurant, Starbuck’s, and a convenience/sundry store are located on-site.

Room rates are just $99.00 a night for a room with either one king or two queen-size beds.  The total with tax is $110.88 per night.  To reserve your room, call the hotel at 515-422-5555.  To get the reduced rate, you must reserve your room no later than August 19th. Also, be sure to let them know you will be attending the ICUB convention to get the reduced rate.

Transportation

Transportation to and from the convention can be expensive, especially if you live outside of Des Moines or plan to travel to downtown Des Moines for the two tours we are offering this year. If you need assistance covering these costs, please contact President Carrie Chapman at president@icublind.org or 866-436-0141.

Convention meals

Again this year, ICUB will host a breakfast on Saturday morning in addition to the usual noon luncheon and evening banquet. The costs are $15.00 for breakfast, $20.00 for lunch, and $35.00 for the banquet. You will need to indicate which meals you will be attending and your meal choices on the registration form provided at the end of this packet.

Hospitality

 Meeting with friends is one of the highlights of attending the ICUB convention. After the first general session on Friday and after the banquet on Saturday, a hospitality room will be available. Food brought in from outside the hotel is not permitted, but you can bring in beverages and snacks you have purchased from the Bistro Restaurant located in the hotel lobby. After the banquet, ICUB will provide some treats purchased from the hotel.

Door Prizes and Raffles

Drawings for door prizes will be made during convention sessions and the banquet. To be eligible to win, you must have paid the registration fee and be present in person at the convention. Zoom attendees are not eligible for these prizes. The Des Moines Chapter, however, is giving away a $100.00 gift card Saturday afternoon to a current ICUB member who is present either in person or via Zoom at the time of the drawing.

Two raffles will be held during the convention, the proceeds of which will go to ICUB. One is a 50/50 raffle, in which the lucky winning ticket holder wins half of the money collected. Tickets are $1.00 apiece or six for $5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the banquet, and the winner does not need to be present to win.

The other raffle is for a 32-inch fully accessible Amazon Fire TV. Tickets are $5.00 each, and you must be present in-person at the convention to win.

Pre-Convention activities

Along with registration on Friday afternoon, we have two tours planned that will keep you busy and informed. One is of the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled at the Iowa department for the Blind, and the other is of the “People and Places in Iowa” exhibit at the State Historical Building. We have been working hard this year to put together a touch tour of this exhibit, and you can be present for its premiere! There is no charge for either of these tours, which will take about sixty to ninety minutes each.

 If you plan to attend one or both of the tours, please let us know so we can ensure the group size is appropriate for everyone to get the most out of each tour and to help facilitate transportation. To register for the tours, please email Bettina Dolinsek at dolinsekbettina@gmail.com or by calling 515-418-1201.

Exhibits

Be sure to take some time during the convention to visit the exhibit hall. The hall will be open during meeting breaks on Saturday. This year, we have a wide variety of exhibitors who are excited to share their information and products with you. Just a few of the Exhibitors are:

Aging Resources of Central Iowa

Disability Rights Iowa

Helen Keller National Center

Iowa Department for the Blind Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

Iowa Reapers

NanoPac, Inc.

The Seeing Eye

Team Run Free

Agenda

Iowa Council of the United Blind

Thirty-Fourth Annual Conference and Convention

Friday, August 26, 2022

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Guided Tours of the Iowa Department for thBlind Library for the Blind and Print Disabled and the State Historical Museum. The IDB Library tours start at 2:00 PM, the Museum tours will start at 2:30 PM.

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration – Jeana Mowery

5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Meeting of the Across Iowa At-Large Chapter

First General Assembly

7:00 PM Call to Order – Carrie Chapman, President

Invocation – Cody Dolinsek

Star Spangled Banner – Lou Oswald

Greetings from the Des Moines Chapter – Lori Trujillo Roush, President

Introduction of Participants

President's Report – Carrie Chapman

Election of Nominating Committee – Lori Trujillo Roush, Committee Chair

Appointment of Auditing Committee

Iowa Department for the Blind Orientation Center Update – Karly Prinds, Program Administrator

Iowa Department for the Blind Independent Living Update –

Kimberly Walford, Program Administrator

Mike Hoenig – “Celebrating the Years – Past, Present, and Future”

Announcements and Door Prizes

Adjournment

Hospitality Room

Saturday, August 27, 2022

8:00 AM Remembering Those We Have Lost—Joann Slayton and LaDonna Seliger

Second General Assembly

8:30 AM Call to Order – Carrie Chapman, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Thank You to Sponsors: Greater Iowa Credit Union and FuseBox One

Introduction of Participants

Announcements

8:45 AM ACB Report and Legislative Update – Kenneth Semien, Sr.

9:10 AM Iowa Department for the Blind Youth Library Update – Denise Bean, Librarian

9:30 AM Iowa Department for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation Program Update – Keri Osterhaus, Program Administrator

9:45 AM Break

10:00 AM Door Prizes

10:05 AM Team Run Free – Kevin Hircock

10:20 AM Changes in Iowa Voting Laws – Bill Kallestad, Public Policy Manager, Iowa Developmental Disability Council

10:45 AM Iowa Radio Reading Information Service Update – Mary Frances Evans, Executive Director

11:00 AM The Seeing Eye – Chelsea White, Outreach Specialist

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open in Foyer

12:30 PM ICUB Luncheon

2022 Marie Hoenig Memorial Perkins Brailler Award – Presenter Mike Hoenig and Recipients Lane Taylor and Aria Murray

Luncheon Speaker – Robert Martin, retired UNI History professor

Third General Assembly

2:00 PM Call to Order – Carrie Chapman, President

Announcements and Door Prizes

2:15 PM The Blind Life – Sam Seavey

Sam is very popular with the blind community. On his YouTube site, the Blind Life, he shares videos about assistive technology, apps for low vision, and other topics. Legally blind since the age of eleven, he was thirty before he came to terms with his vision loss.

2:45 PM Looking Back and Moving Forward: Careers Made in Friendship – Dr. Cody Dolinsek and Dr. Chrystal Stanley, Drake University

3:10 PM Break

3:25 PM Door Prizes

3:30 PM Iowa Department for the Blind Youth Training Update – Helen Stevens, Education and Training Director

3:45 PM Budgeting on a Dime – Chris Peterson, Founder, President, and CEO, Penny Forward

Chris has a Bachelor’s in computer science from Southwest Minnesota State University, a Master’s in software engineering from the University of Minnesota, and has worked as a software developer for IBM, Lenovo, and Thrivent Financial. He has learned a great deal about managing his finances, mostly from accidental successes and mistakes, and decided to share what he has learned by building Penny Forward, a community of blind people who share his interest in becoming financially independent.

4:30 PM ICUB Business Meeting

Announcements and Door Prizes

Adjournment

Saturday Evening, August 27, 2022

6:15 PM Meet and Greet--Cash Bar with Music by Lou Oswald

7:00 PM Iowa Council of the United Blind Thirty-Fourth Annual Banquet – Cody and Bettina Dolinsek, Emcees

Invocation – Cody Dolinsek

Banquet Address – Chris Peterson, Founder, President, and CEO, Penny Forward

Linda Dietrich Volunteer Award

Raffle Drawing

Announcements

Adjournment

Hospitality will follow immediately after the banquet.

Convention Registration, Meals, and Donations

Although you can register at the convention, advance registration for the ICUB convention is due by August 21, 2022. This year for the first time, you can choose one of three ways to register, make your selections, and make payment: online, by email, or by snail mail.

Registration online is the easiest way. To do so, go to our website at: www.Icublind.org

On the home page, you will find a link that will take you to the convention registration page. Fill out the form, make your selections, and submit your payment electronically.

If you have received this packet by email, you will find a copy of the registration form below as well as in a separate attached file that you can fill out and print. You can mail the form along with your check to the ICUB treasurer.

If you have received this information by snail mail, you can fill out the print copy of the registration form that has been included and mail it with your check to the ICUB treasurer.

If you need assistance in filling out this form, please contact Treasurer Jeana Mowery at 712-310-7140 or eyeforonly1@gmail.com. You can also contact President Carrie Chapman at president@icublind.org or 866-436-0141.

 Make your check payable to the Iowa Council of the United Blind and mail it to:

Jeana Mowery, Treasurer

29965 185th St.

Honey Creek, IA 51542

Registration is $20.00, and the cost of attending all three meals is $70.00, for a total cost of $90.00.

 You can also purchase raffle tickets with your registration form. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are $1.00 each and $5.00 for six. Tickets for the Amazon Fire TV are $5.00 apiece. Remember you don’t have to be present to win the 50/50 raffle, but you must be present in person at the convention to win the television. Be sure to include the cost of raffle tickets you want to purchase in your payment.

 A donation to help defray additional convention costs would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, whether or not you are able to attend the convention, please indicate the amount on the attached form, or online, and include that amount in your check or online payment. Thank you.

Keep in mind that, if you wait to register at the convention itself, you may not be able to purchase tickets for the Saturday breakfast, luncheon, or banquet. We must give the hotel a final count for these meals before the convention begins, and only a few extra tickets will be available for sale.

Registrations made prior to the preregistration deadline of August 21 may be cancelled and a refund of 80% of the registration fees may be requested. The balance of the fees will be retained for administrative expenses. Because most costs are fixed by the preregistration deadline, no refund will be issued if a registrant requests a refund after the preregistration deadline has passed. A full copy of this cancellation policy is available in the ICUB Spring 2019 Bulletin or by contacting President Carrie Chapman.

Registration Form

Iowa Council of the United Blind

Thirty-Fourth Annual Conference and Convention

Name(s) of Registrant(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The registration cost for each participant is $20.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Registrations included in this form

Please check the attendance option you have chosen:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the convention in person.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the convention via Zoom.

Meal Choices and Costs

The meal costs are $15.00 for breakfast, $20.00 for lunch, and $35.00 for the banquet. Please indicate below your meal choices and the number of each meal you wish to purchase with this registration form.

Breakfast ($15.00):

\_\_\_\_\_ The Heartland – scrambled eggs and breakfast potatoes with sausage. Served with a fruit cup and choice of orange juice, coffee, tea, milk, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bistro Breakfast Sandwich – scrambled eggs, Applewood-smoked bacon, and white cheddar cheese on a brioche roll. Served with a fruit cup and choice of juice, milk, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunrise Croissant – scrambled egg, Applewood-smoked bacon, sharp cheddar cheese on a butter croissant. Served with a fruit cup and choice of juice, milk or coffee.

Lunch ($20.00):

\_\_\_\_\_ Gourmet Cheeseburger – Applewood-smoked bacon, white cheddar cheese, lettuce, and tomato on a brioche bun. Served with a fruit cup, Seashore-Style fries and choice of water, tea, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap – vegetable wrap served with a fruit cup, pasta salad and choice of water, tea, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Stroganoff – braised beef tips and egg noodles topped with a cream sauce. Served with mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, and choice of water, tea, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Smoked Turkey Wrap – smoked turkey and vegetable wrap served with a fruit cup, pasta salad, and choice of water, tea, or coffee.

Banquet ($35.00):

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Pork Loin – roasted pork loin topped with a rosemary white sauce. Served with Yukon potatoes, salad, fresh vegetables, specialty bread, and choice of water, tea, lemonade, milk, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bacon wrapped Sirloin – 8 oz. sirloin wrapped with Applewood-smoked bacon topped with a demi-glaze sauce. Served with baked potato, salad, fresh vegetables, specialty bread and choice of water, tea, lemonade, milk, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Bruschetta Chicken – herb seared chicken breast topped with roasted cherry tomatoes, onion, basil and fresh garlic in wine sauce and a side of au gratin potatoes. Served with salad, fresh vegetables, specialty bread, and choice of water, tea, lemonade, milk, or coffee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Portabella Mushroom – a Portabella mushroom stuffed with roasted vegetables and topped with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. Served with a baked potato, salad, fresh vegetables, specialty bread, and choice of water, tea, lemonade, milk, or coffee.

I would like to purchase the following number of raffle tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ 50/50 raffle tickets – $1.00 each or $5.00 for six (do not need to be present to win)

\_\_\_\_\_ Amazon Fire Television raffle tickets – $5.00 each (must be present to win)

I would like to donate the following amount to help defray the cost of the 2022 Iowa Council of the United Blind Annual Conference and Convention: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Iowa Council of the United Blind. Please return all pages of the registration form with your check and mail it to:

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