

2017 Annual Conference

Rocketing to our Future with Innovation

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Time	Activity	Info. & Notes
3:00 – 5:00PM	Arrivals and Hotel Check-in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springhill Suites, Huntsville, AL • Embassy Suites, Huntsville, AL 	745 Constellation Place Dr., Huntsville, AL 800 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL
3:00 – 5:00PM	Optional Pre-Conference Session: “Grounding Your Spiritual Leadership Before Blast-Off” presented by Meg Hegemann, Mobility Worldwide Board of Trustees & Pastor, United Parish Church, Fort Fairfield, ME	First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Dr. SE, Huntsville, AL. Please use entrance #7 (St. Claire St.).
5:00 – 7:00PM	Ice Cream Social	Springhill Suites, 745 Constellation Place Dr., Huntsville, AL Constellation room
Dinnertime	Dinner & Socialization	On your own

Friday, September 29, 2017

Time	Session Title	Info. & Notes
8:00 – 9:00	Conference Registration & Coffee	First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL. Please use entrance #7 (St. Claire St.). Coffee/donuts will be served in the gathering area outside Student Center.
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome & Introductions: Rocketing to our Future thru Innovation by Scott Walters, Executive Director Mobility Worldwide, Roger Keene, volunteer at N. AL Affiliate and Pastor Travis Collins, First Baptist Church	All sessions held in the Student Center at First Baptist Church
9:30 – 10:00	Devotion: “Get Grounded Before Blast-Off” presented by Meg Hegemann, Pastor, United Parish Church & board of advisors	
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote Presentation: “The Importance of Innovation to any Organization—My Learnings as a Space Shuttle Astronaut” presented by Brigadier General Robert L. Stewart, US Army retired and former NASA astronaut.	Astronaut Robert L. Stewart was a mission specialist on Space Shuttle #STS-41B in 1984 when he performed untethered space flights using a Manned Maneuvering Unit (MMU).
10:30 – 11:00	Leadership Report: “The State of the Organization” presented by Jim Conn, Chair Board of Trustees, Mobility Worldwide national and volunteer MW Twin Cities.	

11:00 – 12:00	Research & Development and Design & Standardization Update: “A Review of Progress in Our Efforts to Improve the Mobility Cart” presented by Dr. Brad Fain, GA Tech Research Institute and Jim Conn, acting chair of the D&S Committee.	
Noon – 1:00	Lunch & Entertainment	Gathering Area Outside Student Center
1:00 – 1:45PM	“Mobility Carts as Peacemakers” presented by Steve James, President/Founder of KenyaRelief.org	An innovative look as to how Mobility Carts truly provide mobility & more!
1:45 – 2:30PM	MW’s new Website presented by Chuck Sauer, member board of trustees and Monica Pitts, MayeCreate.	A personalized look/tour of Mobility Worldwide’s new website.
2:30 – 3:00PM	Break & Awards	Host Volunteers
3:00 – 3:45PM	Safety and First Aid for your Shop presented by Leland Singer, N. AL volunteer and certified 1 st aid trainer and Affiliate volunteers.	Safety practices and the basics in first aid which are a must for all Affiliate shops.
3:45 – 5:00 PM	God Stories from Affiliates	Representatives from Affiliates are invited to share inspirational stories, successes or challenges that have faced over the past year.
6:00 – 8:00PM	Dinner with our friends from Partners for Care	Presentation & Entertainment from Partners for Care, one of MW’s distribution partners which operates in Kenya.

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Time	Session Title	Presenter
7:00 – 9:00AM	Board of Trustees Meeting	Board and Staff
8:45 – 9:00AM	Welcome Back!	Host Volunteers
9:00 – 9:15AM	Devotion	Pastor/Volunteer TBD
9:15 – 10:00AM	Alabama Honduras Medical & Educational Network (AHMEN) presented by Linda and C.D. Tripp, founders	A progress report from an active distribution partner in Honduras
	Distribution Partner Update presented by Von Driggs, Director of Operations.	A report on developments taking place in our effort to attract more distribution partners.
10:00 – 10:30AM	Coffee Break and Awards/Recognition	Host Volunteers
10:30 – 11:45AM	Fundraising Updates—Best practices in building partnerships, thanking your donors and cultivating relationships presented by Margot Newcomb, President Board of Directors, Brazos Valley and Scott Walters, Executive Director and Affiliate volunteers.	The importance of cultivating relationships when asking for donations and ensuring donors are thanked properly.

12noon – 4:00PM	Lunch & structured tour of North Alabama Shop	N. AL Affiliate site – shuttle bus service available.
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Sunday, October 1, 2017

There are many churches in the Huntsville, AL area where you can worship on Sunday morning!

The host church; **First Baptist Huntsville**, 600 Governors Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 has worship services at:

8:15 AM (contemporary) & 10:30 AM