



WSDSC e-News

DSA2017HOUSTON - 14th Biennial DSA Conference

OUR EXHIBIT BOOTH AT THE DSA 2017 HOUSTON CONFERENCE IN TEXAS WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ATTENDEES WHO CAME and CONQUERED BY REGISTERING FOR THEIR NEXT TRIP TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ON SEPTEMBER OF 2019. WE OBTAINED 343 EAGER REGISTRANTS! IT WAS AN ASTOUNDING SUCCESS!

THE DSA 2019 Seattle Conference Management Team, (CMT) did an amazing job in getting people from all over the country to sign up at our registration booths #9 & 10 all week. We couldn't tell but either they TRULY aspired to visit Seattle and the Pacific Northwest or they just wanted to avail themselves of our special offer of \$250 on Combo

Tickets for admission to the DSA 2019 Seattle. Maybe it was for both reasons. Our booths were one of the busiest at the exhibit with attendees lining up to register with us! In the photos are seen of many people crowding up our booths. Questions on the conference plans, the tours and the hotel were answered by our awesome group of volunteers who had also come down for the conference - Rusty Wales, Ronn Fettig, Gerrienne Healy, David Born, Suzanne Manella, Nikki Elke, and Rebecca and Larry Favovitch. The booth display was impressive!



Some of us were having great fun and laughing with the registrants who enjoyed amusing us at the table. On the day the



exhibit opened at noon, the CMT had managed to register 53. By the end of the four day exhibit, a total of 343 registrants signed up. It definitely tells us that DSA members from most parts of USA longed for a chance to visit the Pacific Northwest.

A full page of the “Bucket List” flyer will be placed in the DSA’s magazine “NEW HORIZONS” which is a publication that goes out to members four times a year. New Horizons tells of events and news happening across the country, such as various senior activities among State Deaf Senior Organizations (one like ours - WSDSC). There are articles with good tips and suggestions about things that we seniors should take an interest in.



From a drawing for a free Early Bird Combo ticket near the end of the 4 day exhibit, a registrant, Charlene Scott of Corpus Christi, TX, became the winner. She received her refund of \$230, with the stay of \$20 DSA membership fee.

Seen next is the WSDSC group that worked at the exhibit during the conference in Houston!

The photo was taken at the Gala Banquet. A closing ceremony saw two conference hosts and the respective committees passing over a DSA flag from Texas to Washington State, thus officiating our group as the upcoming host of the 15th Biennial DSA Conference in Seattle, WA, with the headquarter based at Sheraton Downtown Seattle Hotel!



Savor the Pacific Northwest and Experience the difference

Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens
proudly hosts the
15th Biennial
Deaf Seniors of America Conference

DSA 2019 SEATTLE

September 2 – 8, 2019

- Shop at newly renovated Pike Place Market
- See original Starbucks Coffee
- Explore San Juan Islands
- Visit Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.
- Tour Boeing Flight Museum
- Enjoy coastal drive along Highway 101
- Waterfront piers
- Ride on the Ferris Wheel
- Watch ball games at Safeco/Century Links Stadiums
- Go salmon fishing or whale watching
- Visit authentically native Tillicum Village
- Dine at Space Needle
- Tour Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum
- Above all... **have fun at the DSA Seattle Conference 2019**

check off your.....



As you may have noticed by the flyer, Our theme for the conference has been chosen to better reflect all the beauty we inhabit around us, the wonders of our nature, the vivacity of our culture and the rich explosive culinary treats. We want our visitors to be able to experience and sample everything visually and internally on what they might not have back home. Hence, the theme again! *Savor the Pacific Northwest and experience the difference.* It is our hope for them that by visiting all or many of the sites/ tours listed on the Bucket List, trying out new things and just plain enjoying all that's in the offerings, they would go home and remark on these positive aspects of both the conference and the natural beauty.

Now that the CMT group is back home, we are promoting our same special deal of \$250 pp on the Combo Tickets for the month of April to all our WSDSC members and Friends of Washington (also members). The \$250 was our promotional deal at Houston which gave us 343 signed up registrants. Take advantage of the low price which is only happening once. In May to the end of the year 2017, the price is \$270. If you need to use your credit card, remember there is a service charge of \$10.

Not a member? Go to wsdsc.org and sign up for \$20 for the two year term (2017 to end of 2018), mail the membership dues (a form can be found in wsdsc.org) to : WSDSC, % Van Scheppach, Treasurer,
PO Box 1472, Vancouver, WA 98668

Some of the members may need to renew their membership fees.

Then register for your combo ticket. Go to dsa2019seattle.org for a copy of the registration form or use the form on Page 6. Use that to register and mail both your check and registration to the Bothell WA address as stated on the form. Once your check is cleared, you will be getting your ID # and a receipt from Kellie Shapard, Registration Chair.

REMEMBER TO ATTEND OUR WSDSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 10:00AM - 3:00PM AT THE FOOD COMMUNITY COOP, CONNECTIONS BUILDING CLASSROOM, 405 E. HOLLY STREET, BELLINGHAM, WA.

THE EAGLE NEST COMMITTEE HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO SELL AND PROVIDE US WITH A SUMPTUOUS TACO LUNCH IN HONOR OF CINCO DE MAYO. THE LUNCH IS \$5.00 PER PERSON.

WE HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU THERE AT THIS IMPORTANT MEETING!



Participant Information Please print—Limit one per registrant

Name _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (Circle one) VP or Text _____

I give DSA 2019 Seattle conference committee permission to list my name on the website. YES [] NO []
 For more information, email: dsaseattleregform@gmail.com

Registration Information: Conference Combo Fees & Cancellation Refund Formula
 (All combo rates include \$20 DSA Membership dues for 2019—2021)

DATE:	Check or Money Order Combo Ticket Priced at:	Credit Card \$10.00 Service Charge	Cancellation deducted by June 30, 2019	After July 1, 2019	Paid:
April 2-December 31, 2017	\$270.00	\$280.00	\$75.00	No Refund	
January 1 - December 31, 2018	\$320.00	\$330.00	\$75.00	No Refund	
January 1 - June 30, 2019*	\$370.00	\$380.00	\$75.00	No Refund	
July 1, 2019 - at the door	\$420.00	\$430.00	\$75.00	No Refund	

Two Methods of Payments: Payment must accompany registration form or it will be returned to you.

[] Cashier's/personal check or money order payable to: WSDSC/DSA 2019 Seattle. Mail to PO Box 1483, Bothell, WA 98041

[] Online payment is available at dsa2019seattle.org **DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL. *No checks accepted after June 30, 2019**

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please read the following information carefully before signing.

CONFIRMATION: A confirmation letter with ID number assigned to you will be emailed/mailed after a payment is received. Please indicate your ID number in all correspondence with Registration Coordinator. Driver's license or personal identification card must be presented at the conference registration booth.

RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS: **Service fee is \$50.00.** Your registration will be processed after payment has been satisfied.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Registration form is non-refundable after June 30, 2019.

- Hospitalization & medical document will be required for a refund of \$75.
- Death—100% refund will be mailed after we receive a copy of the obituary notice or death certificate.

NON-TRANSFERABLE: Registration form is not transferable. If it is sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, it will not be honored.

LOST BADGES: Processing fee for lost badges is \$50. This fee is not refundable if the lost badge is found.

Participant with SPECIAL NEEDS & REQUESTS: No ___ Yes ___ Use a separate form.

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS: These are limited to authorized conference activities inside the hotel premises, however, you may be responsible to arrange special needs outside authorized conference activities at your own expense. Certain requests may be made by referring to the Special Needs & Request Form.

By my signature, I have agreed to abide by Conference rules/regulations. I understand that WSDSC & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under my control. I have read and understand the terms and conditions on this form.

Your Signature

Date

Office Use ONLY: Registration ID _____ Date Rec'd _____ Payment Method _____ Amount Rec'd _____ Deposit Date _____

