



We Look Forward to Seeing You in NOLA!

We look forward to seeing you at the America's Newspapers Senior Leadership Conference at The Roosevelt Hotel, Oct. 16-18.

The hotel's address is 130 Roosevelt Way, New Orleans, LA 70112. The main telephone number is 504-648-1200. The hotel is adjacent to the French Quarter (one block from Bourbon Street). Check-in at the hotel is at 3 p.m., and checkout is at Noon.

All of our conference sessions will be held in Salons 3, 4 and 5 of the Roosevelt Ballroom on the Mezzanine Level. The opening reception Sunday evening is in the Blue Room, on the ground floor. Our registration desk will be in the Roosevelt Foyer on the Mezzanine Level. For those attending the Family Owners Meeting on Saturday, those sessions are in Chambers 1 and 3 on the Second Floor. Participants in Sunday's Executive Development Program and board meetings will meet in the Salons of the Roosevelt Ballroom on the Mezzanine Level.

Masks are not required at the hotel or in our conference sessions. Feel free to bring a mask, however, if you feel more comfortable doing so.

GETTING THERE

The hotel is 14.5 miles from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. The hotel does <u>not</u> have a shuttle that runs from the airport. Information about arranging a car rental or taxi at the airport can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Self-parking is not available at The Roosevelt Hotel, but valet parking is offered at \$51 a day and is accessible on Roosevelt Way. In/out privileges are available.

WHO'S COMING?

You will see old friends and meet new ones! Here is a list of people who are registered as of today.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program starts with a reception at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, and sessions start at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, and adjourn at Noon on Tuesday, Oct. 18. A bonus session will be held Tuesday afternoon at the offices of The Times-Picayune, located at 840 St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans. The bonus session runs from 1:30 – 4 p.m. with a closing reception from 4-5 p.m. (also at the offices of The Times-Picayune). Be sure to wear your badge to all conference sessions and receptions.

BUSINESS SESSION

America's Newspapers will elect officers and directors during the annual business session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, followed by the General Session program. It is important that members attend this session.

WELCOME RECEPTION ON SUNDAY

The Welcome Reception for registered attendees begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16, in the Blue Room of the hotel and concludes at 7 p.m. <u>Bring your badge</u>. <u>You must be registered for the convention to attend</u>.

BREAKFAST ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Breakfast for registered attendees will be provided on both Monday and Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. in the Foyer. Breakfast on Monday is sponsored by The Daily Wire; breakfast on Tuesday is sponsored by Software Consulting Services.

AWARDS LUNCH ON MONDAY

Our awards lunch on Monday at 12:15 p.m. is sponsored by Seyfarth. During the lunch, America's Newspapers will be recognizing the participants in this year's Executive Development Program. The following awards also will be presented: E&P Publisher of the Year, Inland Leadership Award, Carmage Walls Commentary Prize and the Frank W. Mayborn Leadership Award.

MONDAY EVENING RECEPTION (OFF-SITE)

An off-site reception for registered attendees will be held on Monday from 5:30 -7 p.m. at Mardi Gras World, located at 1380 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans. This is a tour of New Orleans' famous Kern studios – giving you a behind-the-scenes tour of the making of the world's biggest Mardi Gras festival.

Again, don't forget to wear your badge to the reception.

Transportation to Mardi Gras World will be provided from the hotel from 5-5:15 p.m. To ride the bus, meet at the back entrance of the hotel on Baronne Street. <u>Transportation will not be provided back to the hotel or to dinner on your own after the reception.</u> Mardi Gras World is a 20-minute walk to the beginning of Canal Street, but we recommend using Uber to take you to dinner or back to the hotel.

The Monday reception and parade to the reception are sponsored by The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com.



CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Our conference sponsors have a wealth of knowledge about what is working in newspapers all over the U.S. Please make a point to visit with them during the conference and thank them for their support of our industry. The right solution or suggestion can pay for your trip to New Orleans many times over – and their support of our conference pays for expenses that otherwise would have to be included in higher registration fees.

Please join us in thanking our sponsors!



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DINING IN NEW ORLEANS AND THINGS TO DO

The restaurants, live music and other attractions in New Orleans are some of the best in the country. You'll have time for dinner on your own on Sunday and Monday evenings, but keep in mind most restaurants require reservations, and many have a dress code. Make your reservations now! Check out the links below to find some of the best restaurants, bars, entertainment and shopping that the area offers.

Gambit's Best of New Orleans section, which will give you lots of idea about places to go

Plus some quick links to ...

<u>Restaurants</u> <u>Bars</u> <u>Entertainment</u> <u>Shopping</u>

ATTIRE AND WEATHER

The forecast for New Orleans calls for daytime highs in the low 80s and nighttime lows in the mid 60s – with little chance for rain. Check before you pack! Access a 10-day forecast at The Weather Channel.

For the conference sessions, we suggest business casual. As the conference rooms tend to be cool at times, a light jacket or sweater may be helpful.

INTERNET ACCESS

Standard in-room and lobby WiFi is free to Hilton Honors members, and there is no charge to join. (Conference attendees have free internet access in our meeting rooms, compliments of Cribb, Cope & Potts.)

NEED HELP?

The America's Newspapers staff can help you with hotel, program and registration questions before and during your trip. Please contact us:

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Safe travels!
See you in New Orleans.

