**90th Anniversary Celebration & Graduate Reunion**

Program Agenda, August 22 -25, 2019

**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

**Seeing Eye Information Table**

*Time: 3:00 – 9:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Stop by and pick up your I.D. badges and event-related information. Graduates will also receive a complimentary Seeing Eye cinch sack filled with goodies.

**Hotel Orientation**

*Time: 3:00 – 8:30 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Meet up with an instructor in the Plaza Ballroom to receive orientation inside the hotel and out to the park areas.

*Aira & WhatsApp Help Table*

*Time: 3:00 – 8:30 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Stop by and get one-on-one assistance downloading and learning how to use Aira or WhatsApp.

**Movie Night - Walt Disney’s Atta Girl Kelly!**

*Time: 8:30 – 11:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Come join us for a special audio-described version of Disney's ATTA GIRL, KELLY! This inspirational movie follows the adventures of a rambunctious German shepherd being trained to become a Seeing Eye dog and how she changes the lives of three masters -- Danny, the boy who raises her; Matt, Kelly's trainer; and Evan Clayton, the blind owner who thinks she may never be good enough for him. Will Kelly be able to fulfill her destiny?

**Friday, August 23, 2019**

**Seeing Eye Information Table**

*Time: 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Stop by and pick up your I.D. badges and event-related information, including recommendations for nearby restaurants. Graduates will also receive a complimentary Seeing Eye cinch sack filled with goodies.

**Morning Events**

**Morristown Walk-About**

*Time: 7:30 AM – Noon*

*Location: Front Lobby, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Eat, shop and stroll about the streets of Morristown on your own, with friends, or sign up in advance to go with a group. Instructors will be stationed at a few of the busiest intersections and the Downtown Training Center will be open for tours and a rest stop. Free Aira access around town will also be available. Discounts will be available for reunion guests at select shops and restaurants so be sure to check your reunion materials or stop at the Seeing Eye info booth before heading out.

**Afternoon Events**

**90th Anniversary Graduate Reunion Welcome Ceremony**

*Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenter: Jim Kutsch, Seeing Eye President and CEO

Description: Welcome, announcements, and staff introductions

**Discover What It Takes to Go From Puppy to Seeing Eye Dog**

*Time: 1:30 – 2:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenters: Peggy Gibbon, Director of Canine Development & Jill Jaycox, Puppy Development Manager

Description: Overview of a Seeing Eye puppy’s journey starting from birth to the point where it is assigned to an instructor to begin formal guide dog training.

**Stories from The Seeing Eye’s Past**

*Time: 2:00 – 2:45 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenters: Doug Roberts, Judy Deuschle and Dave Loux, Retired Seeing Eye Staff

Description: Take a step back in time and listen to Seeing Eye “old timers” as they reminisce about days gone by.

**15-Minute Break**

*Time: 2:45 – 3:00 PM*

**Guide Dog Equipment: Past, Present, and Future**

*Time: 3:00 – 3:20 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenter: Lukas Franck, Special Projects Consultant

Description: Brief overview of the equipment first used by Morris Frank and how it has changed over the years to meet the evolving needs of guide dog handlers.

**Tips for Exploring Unfamiliar Destinations**

*Time: 3:20 – 3:40 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenters: Chelsea White, Outreach Specialist & Kristen Oplinger, Associate Instructor

Description: Tips and strategies for effectively navigating unfamiliar environments when inside businesses and other public places.

**Managing Dog Distractions: Handling and Advocacy Tips**

*Time: 3:40 – 4:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenters: Walt Sutton, Training Manager & Melissa Allman, Advocacy Specialist

Description: Tips for effectively managing your Seeing Eye dog's behavior when distracted by other dogs, and strategies for dealing with people whose pets interfere with your dog.

**Top 10 Dog Training Tips from the Experts**

*Time: 4:00 – 4:30 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Presenters: Dave Johnson, Director, Instruction & Training & Lea Johnson, Apprentice Training Manager

Description: Top ten training tips for handlers when working or interacting with their Seeing Eye dogs.

**Evening Events**

* **Dinner on Your Own**

*Time: 4:30 – 7:00 pm*

* **Wine and Beer Reception with Entertainment**

*Time: 7:00 – 10:00 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Mingle with fellow Reunion guests and Seeing Eye staff while enjoying music by Seeing Eye instructors Brian O’Neal and Travis Powell. Two complimentary beverages and light table-top snacks included. Cash bar also available.

* **Sneak Preview of Reunion Seeing Eye Merchandise**

*Time: 7:00 – 10:00 PM*

*Location: Near Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Get a sneak preview of the reunion merchandise that will be available to purchase on Saturday during the campus visit.

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**

**Morning and Afternoon Events**

**Seeing Eye Information Table**

*Time: 6:30 – 10:00 AM and 2:00 – 5:30 PM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

**Hot Buffet Breakfast**

*Time: 7:00 – 9:00 AM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Come enjoy a hot breakfast any time between 7:00 – 9:00 AM before getting started with your day. Volunteers will be available to assist with seating, food selection and hot beverages.

**Shuttle Bus to Seeing Eye Campus**

Time: Shuttles depart hotel at regular intervals starting at 9:45

Location: Main entrance of hotel

Description: Catch a ride on one of the four mini-buses that will be shuttling guests over to The Seeing Eye campus. Shuttles will depart hotel at regular intervals starting at 9:45 AM. Last shuttle estimated to depart hotel by 11:15 AM.

**Seeing Eye Campus Visit**

*Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

*Location: 10 Washington Valley Road, Morristown, NJ 07960*

* **Lunch**: Outside under the tent. Drop by any time between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to enjoy a barbecue lunch. Grilled burgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs with potato chips, fresh sliced watermelon, and cookies.
* **Seeing Eye Information Table.** Front lobby. Volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide directions as needed.

**Campus Exhibits:**

* **Guide Dog Equipment:** *Common Lounge*. Check out the various equipment used throughout the history of The Seeing Eye, including a replica of the original harness used by Morris Frank and Buddy.
* **Favorite Gear & Supplies for the Team:** *Multipurpose Room*. Put your hands on all kinds of sample gear and supplies favored by graduates and instructors. Check your reunion materials for a listing of items.
* **Guide Dog at Work Campaign**: *Student Lounge near park area*. Get info on ways to educate pet owners in your community about guide dogs at work, or ask about other advocacy-related matters.
* **Puppy Raisers & Pups**: *Student Lounge closest to nurse’s station*. Meet Seeing Eye puppy raisers and their pups. Ask the raisers about all they do to prepare puppies for the next step in their journey.
* **Merchandise Sales**: *Eustis Lounge*. Check out the Seeing Eye merchandise made especially for the graduate reunion.

**Campus Activities:**

* **Kennel Tours**. Visit the kennels, including the new Harris Canine Pavilion, and hear how the dogs in training live. Tours depart from the front lobby of the main building at regular intervals between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM.
* **Seeing Eye Mural**. Make a stop at the new Seeing Eye mural and hear all about this amazing work of art. Located on the walls of the foyer outside of the Dorothy Eustis Lounge.
* **Toileting Belt Station**: *Common Lounge*. Learn a new way to manage dog waste through the use of a relieving belt. Practice putting the belt on and off a giant plush dog named Stuffy.
* **Canine Body Scoring & Nail Trimmin**g: Lower Level. Check your dog’s weight and body condition, and get your dog’s nails trimmed in the process.
* **Buddy’s Bistro**: *Dining Room*. Take a break from the festivities and relax with friends, both old and new. Enjoy an ice-cold bottle of water and a few snacks, including Lea Johnson’s famous peanut butter things!

**Return Shuttle Service.** Return trips back to Hyatt Regency depart at various intervals throughout event starting at 12:30 PM. Please return to the drop-off point near the student patio to catch a ride.

**Evening Events**

**90th Anniversary Banquet Celebration (Assigned Seating)**

*Time: Cocktails begin at 5:30 PM (cash bar). Dinner 6:30 - 9:00 PM.*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency.*

Description: Dress up and enjoy an elegant meal with Seeing Eye friends. Start with your favorite cocktail before sitting down to a tasty tomato and pearl mozzarella salad with vine ripened red and gold tomato coulis, fresh basil, and a splash of aged balsamic. After your main entrée, enjoy warm mixed berry tart with a refreshing side of vanilla ice cream.

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**Continental Breakfast**

*Time: 7:00 – 9:00 AM*

*Location: Plaza Ballroom, 2nd floor, Hyatt Regency*

Description: Drop in any time between 7:00 – 9:00 AM to grab a quick breakfast before heading home or off to explore Morristown and beyond with family and friends. Volunteers will be available to assist with seating, food selection and hot beverages.