



MDA at the convention

Planning for the biennial national convention in Minneapolis has been underway for many months as NALC prepares for thousands of delegates converging to discuss the future of our craft. Our founders understood that it was necessary to meet as a national organization periodically to meet and make decisions for our membership.

We also have exciting plans for every delegate who attends the convention. The Muscular Dystrophy Association and NALC will be hosting a reception on Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 p.m. for all those who buy a raffle ticket for MDA. The tickets are \$50 each, and we will be drawing for a number of prizes—including a 2012 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. We will be selling tickets at the MDA booth starting on Saturday before the convention begins.

For those who cannot attend the convention, I have included an order form below so that you can purchase tickets and be eligible to win any of the prizes, including the motorcycle. I want to thank the Harley-Davidson Company for its support and MDA for its work in making this happen for us. Remember, you do not have to be present to win! Branches are encouraged to buy tickets for their delegates or to raffle off in their locals for even more funds for MDA.

You may recall that we did the same thing at the

Anaheim convention two years ago and it was a great success. In fact, we raised more than \$34,000 at that event.

Additionally, we will be offering a workshop about MDA focusing on breakthroughs in research. Come hear the latest on new trials for treatments for the more than 40 diseases supported by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Branches that have been successful in efforts to raise funds for MDA will be featured, and ideas will be shared that so that we can all increase what we do for these families. Representatives from MDA will be there to answer questions and MDA's national goodwill ambassador will join us.

Changes in the Telethon—Recently we were informed by MDA that further changes are coming to the Labor Day Telethon. Due to the costs involved with a national live program, the telecast on Labor Day will be a taped broadcast. That means winners of NALC's competition between branches in the categories we have traditionally awarded will be rewarded with a different trip. President Rolando has decided that instead, the representatives of the winning branches will be meeting in Tucson, AZ. While there, they will visit MDA's national headquarters and tour a local MDA clinic to spend time with those who are afflicted with MD. More information will be forthcoming as we become aware. ☒

NALC MDA Reception Registration

NALC's 68th Biennial Convention
Wednesday, July 25, 2012 (5-7 p.m.)
Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Please reserve for me _____ MDA reception tickets at \$50 each.

Name _____ Branch number _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail this coupon and a check made payable to "Secretary-Treasurer NALC" to the address at right. Please write "MDA" in the memo section. Tickets will be mailed to your home address.

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