



## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion Attendees

Note these “need to know before you go” items to orchestrate your success for the Reunion at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville.

📖 **Refer to Program Booklet for Meeting Schedule** (attached as separate PDF, printed onsite) Specifically note:

- **Registration:** Go to the Magnolia Ballroom foyer Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. to greet Reunion attendees and pick up your name badge, printed program and attendee gift. Please take time to thank the table top exhibitors located by the College’s complimentary peach sweet tea and raspberry lemonade nearby.
- **Badges:** Please wear your name badge for admission to ALL events (including family at breakfasts/dinners).
- **Tours:** If you have questions on tours/availability or would like a local’s perspective on the area, go to the PRA desk by the College registration Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bus boarding is by name list (no tickets required). For ?s or to purchase now, go to: [https://www.dnexcursions.com/tours/CDABO\\_tours\\_7-19.cfm](https://www.dnexcursions.com/tours/CDABO_tours_7-19.cfm)
- **Dress:** Business casual. Sports active wear acceptable for breakfasts (cover-up requested for swimsuits). You are encouraged to wear 70s/Studio 54 attire for the President’s Dinner.
- **Non-lecture Events:** Please refer to the program for details on family and optional events.
  - For those with **food allergy/preferences**, the hotel has been asked to identify soy, gluten, dairy, vegetarian, nut and pork on all event buffet items (Friday / Sunday night and breakfast buffets).
  - The **Friday Welcome Reception** features a buffet with items for adults and kids to be considered as dinner. **Bring cash** for the cash bar (ATM in the hotel). Be sure to be there for at least one of the hourly choreographed Delta Fountain Shows to be seen from the reception in Water’s Edge in Delta Atrium.
  - Have the entire family at the traditional **Group Photo Friday 8:15 p.m.** at the reception’s conclusion.
  - Get your exercise and meet Reunion friends at two optional times Saturday morning for the private **Gaylord Guided Walking Tour**. No advance registration or charge. This replaces the traditional fun run-walk as the hotel could not approve an organized run with their hotel surrounded by parking lot/roads.
  - Tickets are still available for purchase through the College for the **Saturday Country Line Dance Exercise Class and Sunday Country Dance FIT Exercise Class**. All family/guests may purchase and participate.
  - No advance registration is needed for the **Sunday or Monday guest discussions** held in the breakfast location. There’s still time to read *Country Music Broke My Brain* by Gerry House for the Book Club. Coloring/games will be provided by College staff for registered appropriate aged-children to sit at a nearby table in the breakfast area with accompanying Family/Guests participating in the discussion.
  - The **President’s Dinner** is held off property next door at Studio A at the Grand Ole Opry House with a continuous bus shuttle provided starting at 6:00 p.m., or you may walk or drive on your own. The dinner buffet will open after the majority arrive after 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented around 7:30 p.m. prior to the dancing, band/jam and hula hoop contest. Upon arrival go to the bar area in the back of the room for mixing and to have your photo taken in the photo booth. Registrants will have one drink ticket in your name badge. **Bring cash** if you want additional beverages as there is no ATM accessible at Studio A. If you plan to Jam on stage with the band as directed by Jam Master Dr. Howard Fine, bring your own instrument (an extra keyboard and music stand is provided) and go to the song selection options on this link: <http://www.cdabo.org/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=1148163>

- 📄 Refer to the **registration brochure** for speaker photos, full bios and lecture objectives. **CE** forms will be at reg desk. <http://www.cdabo.org/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=1105873>
- 📄 Saturday evening is an open night on the schedule. You may purchase tickets on your own for the **Grand Ole Opry** for any performance at [www.Opry.com/calendar](http://www.Opry.com/calendar) with an online College discount using code CORP89.
- 📄 Refer to attached **Attendee List** - sorted by last name (excluding registrants who requested to opt out from the list). We welcome nearly 50 residents and future diplomats attending the Prep Course held in conjunction with the Reunion. While this option is included in the registration for CE, due to handouts and limited space with hands-on measuring, participation in the Prep Course may be limited to those who requested option with their registration.
- 📄 **Refer to Gaylord Opryland Resort Meeting Diagram** – (attached as separate PDF, included in onsite program book) The resort is located at **2800 Opryland Dr, Nashville, TN, phone 615-889-1000**. It’s ideal to review this map for event locations to navigate the resort’s 9 acres of lush indoor gardens and cascading waterfalls.
  - Website: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnago-gaylord-opryland-resort-and-convention-center/>
  - **Airport shuttle service** is available if flying to Nashville (BNA) by scheduling in advance at a fee (\$35 pp) with the resort. Their transportation desk to coordinate at the airport is located near the baggage claim escalator.
  - **Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.** The hotel is at full occupancy at the front end of our meeting so while they may honor an early arrival if a room is available, families should pack to be prepared for a 3:00 p.m. check-in.
  - Note at check-in that the negotiated **group rate of \$219 single/double (plus applicable taxes) INCLUDES the resort fee**. While the resort could not remove the verbiage from their hotel confirmations, they have assured us that this special negotiated discount will not show up in your fee at check-in. In addition to the free transportation noted, the resort fee also includes free high-speed internet in your room and public lobby space, unlimited phone calls, two bottled waters daily, daily credit of up to \$10 dry cleaning, Gaylord Springs Golf Links practice range and daily bucket of balls (you don’t have to have a tee time or be in the tournament!), Wildhorse Saloon cover charge for up to four guests, Opry Mill and resort savings coupons.
  - **Room locations** are assigned as “run of house” as available at check-in unless you paid for a room upgrade in your reservation, such as a suite or atrium balcony. For those not requesting a specific area of the hotel, we have requested our \$219 group rate rooms be placed in the newly-renovated Magnolia 300 area as easiest accessibility to our Magnolia Ballroom meeting location and SoundWaves. We recommend it’s worth the wait for the newly-renovated Magnolia area or an atrium room as available.
  - **Parking** is currently \$32 per day for self-park on their outdoor lot (no enclosed parking) or \$40 per day for valet. Overnight guests in the College room block should automatically receive a negotiated \$5 discount off prevailing self-parking rates. There is not a discount for valet parking.
  - **Concierge** services for advance arrangements – Call 615-883-1000 or refer to page 7 of the registration brochure for details on things to do in the area and ideas for advance restaurant reservations either in the resort, in walking distance at the Opry Mills Mall or in the area. The hotel offers guests complimentary transportation as available to the General Jackson Showboat, Grand Ole Opry, Opry Mills shopping - entertainment complex, Gaylord Springs Golf Links and their Wildhorse Saloon downtown on Broadway.
  - **Delta Riverboat** is a fun way for attendees to preview the property by boat inside the atrium. Tickets may be obtained in advance on the resort’s website (currently \$14 per adult, \$12 ages 4 – 11) or as available onsite.
  - **Advance Spa reservations** - Mention you are with the College to get a 10% discount at the Relache Spa on published spa menu (excluding products and packages). Call 615-458-1772 for reservations.
  - The resort is handicap accessible. To rent a **scooter** to navigate the large resort, call 615-458-2615.
  - There are three salt-water **pools complimentary** to hotel guests. If you would like to preview their new 4 acre indoor/outdoor **SoundWaves** water park but have not booked tickets already, you may do so as available at: <https://tickets.gaylordopryland.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=66>
  - **Check-out is at 11:00 AM**. Since the lecture concludes at Noon on Monday, the hotel will accommodate attendees checking out Monday by providing **luggage storage** in the front Cascades Lobby.
- 📄 For information on **Nashville**, go to: <https://www.visitmusiccity.com/> or for the **College** to: <http://www.cdabo.org>

**Safe travels! We look forward to making memories together at the Reunion in Nashville.**