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**Welcome to the 67th Annual Arkansas State Convention 2021**

**October 28th, 29th, & 30th 2021**

**Virtually Here and Every Where**

**<https://www.nfbar.org/>**

Introducing our State Board Members:

State President  
Nena Chadwick

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Vacant

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At Large Chapter - Tanya Van Houton

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River Valley Chapter - Gary Hall

ARKABS Division - Elizabeth Sheeler

## 2021 Convention Agenda

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**Vendor Night**

**6-8 PM**

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Topic: Non-24 Educational Discussion

Shauna Jatho is inviting you to a scheduled RingCentral meeting.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS –or Android: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1459509892>

For the best audio experience, please use computer audio.

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US:

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Arkansas State Affiliate joined by ARKABS

Topic: Don't miss out, for a donation you can choose from a basket of Mystery Items.

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Hosting the 2021 National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas  
State Convention is the North West Arkansas Chapter (NWA)

### Important Zoom Conference Commands and Tips

Important: Raising your hand is necessary when you wish to request to speak, win a door prize, and choose to vote for a candidate in the state elections.

During convention, all persons other than presenters will be muted by default. To speak or ask a question, you must first raise your hand to request permission.

We are asking for everyone to have your video on as a courtesy to our guests.

2021 Arkansas State Convention  
Time: Oct 29 & 30, 2021 9:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Turn your video camera on/off: Alt+V.  
Display Participants, users: Alt+U.  
To collapse the list of users and show other Zoom controls: press  
escape.  
Raise/lower hand: Alt+Y.  
Please allow the host to lower your hand.

### Zoom Telephone Commands

To mute or unmute: Star+6.  
To Raise or lower your hand: Star+9.  
Please allow the host to lower your hand.

### Zoom iPhone Tips

To raise your hand, tap on the more button and tap the option to  
raise your hand.

To unmute when you wish to speak, tap on the mute/unmute button.

### Zoom Mac Tips

- Command(⌘)+Shift+A: Mute/unmute audio
- Option+Y: Raise hand/lower hand
- Command(⌘)+W: Prompt to End or Leave Meeting

To read a transcription of what is being said, press on the more button and tap on text transcription. Note: this is computer generated and therefore not 100 percent accurate

### Elections

Voting will take place using zoom, anyone planning to call in by phone should send an email to [nchadwick@nfbar.org](mailto:nchadwick@nfbar.org) to declare what number they will be calling from. When voting keep your hands raised, when the count is finished the host will lower them.

### Door Prizes

Door prizes will be drawn during the whole convention, so to win you must be present, and either raise your hand, call, text, or email to the following:

Call 501-680-7007

Text 501-680-7007

Email [vanharris62@gmail.com](mailto:vanharris62@gmail.com)

## Meet our National Representative



Ever Lee Hairston  
Picture is of Ever Lee Hairston

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ADVOCATE**

Ever Lee Hairston is a past President of the National Federation of the Blind of California. She is filled with hope, energy and love by participating in the National Federation of the Blind. With every opportunity, her expectations are raised and her impact is felt broadly, as the dreams she has for herself and others are realized.

She was born on the Cooleemee Plantation in North Carolina, the third of seven children, and raised by sharecroppers. She walked three miles to a segregated school until the third grade,

after which she was bused nineteen miles from home for grades four through twelve, passing several white schools along the way and using their hand-me-down books.

Immediately after high school Ever Lee went to New York to work as a live-in maid for a white family and was responsible for the care of an eight-year-old girl with a terminal illness and her five-year old brother. Ever Lee took her earnings back to North Carolina to pursue her dream of a nursing career. The dream was shattered when she failed the eye exam due to the early stages of retinitis pigmentosa. Refusing to give up, she enrolled in North Carolina's Central University in Durham.

While in college she passionately embraced the civil rights movement of the sixties. She joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in several sit-in demonstrations protesting Sears, Roebuck and Company's refusal to hire blacks. During one of these demonstrations she was arrested along with Dr. King and 2,000 other protesters. They spent a frightening night in jail not knowing what the morning would bring, but steadfast in their fight for civil rights.

After college her teaching career ended due to her impending blindness. She realized she needed new skills to live and work in a sighted world. Ever Lee pursued and received vigorous training at the Louisiana Center for the Blind, in Ruston, LA, which changed her life. Becoming efficient at Braille, cane traveling, independent living skills, and technology gave her the confidence to work for the state of New Jersey for 26 years. She is currently serving her twelfth year as a member of the National Federation of the Blind Board of Directors and is a recognized leader of the NFB movement.

Ever Lee lives in Los Angeles and has a great son, loving daughter-in-law, and four beautiful grandchildren.



# 2021 Arkansas State Convention Agenda

## **Friday October 29, 2021 General Session**

**9:00-9:05 am: Call to order, announcements  
State President Nena Chadwick**

**9:05-9:15 am: Welcome  
Mayor Orman, City of Bentonville**

**9:15-9:45 am: Dan Parker, Blind Driver Challenge Driver**

**9:45-10:00 am: Eric Hughes, IFB Solutions, Recruiting,  
Employment and Events**

**10:00-10:20 am: Break**

**10:20-10:40 am: Natasha Aymami, Helen Keller National Center**

**10:40-11:00 am: Toni Frazier, IFB Solutions, Community Low  
Vision Center**

**11:00-11:20 am: Sharla Glass, Envision America**

**11:20-11:40 am: Steven Long, ICAN**

**11:40-12:00 pm: Sharon Giovinazzo, World Services for the  
Blind**

**12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch**

12:30 pm Central Arkansas Chapter Meeting

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## **Friday October 29,2021**

General Session

2:00-2:30 pm: Raul Gallegos, NAGDO

2:30-3:00 pm: Elizabeth Whitaker, Vispero

3:00-3:20 pm: Calvin Churchwell, Nano Pac

3:20-3:40 pm: Break

3:40-4:00 pm: Daniel Martinez

NFB Coordinator for Spanish Interpretation

4:00-4:30 pm: Jimmy Boehm, You can give

4:30-4:50 pm: Shauna Jatho, Vanda Non 24

4:50-5:00 pm: Announcements, Adjourn

5:00-6:00 pm Nomination Committee Meeting (Closed )

Conference Line 310-372-7549 Code: 744800

6:00-7:00 pm Resolution Committee Meeting (open to all)

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7:00-9:00 pm: **Blind Bid Auction**

**Gifts galore, fun, practical, yummy and mysterious!!**

**Come and participate in our Blind Bid Auction. This is a fundraiser for the National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas. Seek the most wanted valuable treasures and place your winning bids. If you are the highest bidder, then the treasures will be yours.**

Join Us:

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**Saturday, October 30, 2021**  
**General Session**

9:00-9:05 am: Call to order  
NFB Pledge - Terry Sheeler

9:05-9:30 am: Donavon Cavender, Leadership/Priorities

9:30-10:00 am: Sabrina Simmons, Jacob Bolotin Award Winner  
2021

10:00-10:15 am: Chair, Donna Walker, Pac Plan

10:15-10:30 am: Break

10:30-11:00 am: Cassondra Williams-Stokes, Director Division  
of Services for the Blind  
Division of Services for the Blind Agency Update

11:00- 11:20 am: Tom Masseau, Disability Rights Arkansas

11:20-1140 am: Laura Legendary, Elegant Insights Braille  
Creations Jewelry

11:40-12:00 pm: Carlton Anne Cook Walker, National  
Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC)

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch

**At Large Chapter Meeting at 12:30 pm on conference line  
310-372-7549 Code: 744800**

**Saturday October 30, 2021  
General Session**

**2:00-5:00 pm: Business Meeting/Reports**

**2:05-2:35 pm: Ever Lee Hairston, National Report**

**2:35-3:00 pm: Nena Chadwick, State Report**

**3:00-3:30 pm : Business Meeting  
Business Meeting Minutes, Terry Sheeler, State Secretary  
Annual Treasurers Report, David Henry, State Treasurer  
Affiliate Constitution Revision, Donavon Cavender**

**3:30-3:45 pm: Break**

**3:45-4:00 pm: Resolution Committee  
Chair:David Henry  
Brent Philpot, Donavon Cavender, Freddie Wilkey**

**4:00-4:10 pm: Nominations Committee  
Chair Nena Chadwick  
Brent Philpot, Bryson Jones, Donavon Cavender, Jimmy  
Sparks, Freddie Wilkey**

**4:10-4:30 pm: Elections  
NFBAR Board Positions 3 and 4 (2021-2023)**

**4:30-5:00 pm: Chapter Reports  
At Large, Tanya VanHouton, President**

**Arkabs, Elizabeth Sheeler, President  
Central, Cindy Scott-Housman, President  
NWA, David Henry, President  
River Valley, Freddie Wilkey, Vice President**

**5:00pm: Announcements, Adjourn**

## **Banquet**

**Here's to another great year and an even better one to come!  
So bring your favorite drink/snacks, and join us for our annual  
banquet. Stay with us through the evening as the NFBAR Host  
Committee will be having drawings and a grand prize.**

**7:00-7:05 pm: Welcome and Introductions  
Nena Chadwick NFBAR State President**

**7:05-7:30 pm: Banquet Address, Ever Lee Hairston, National  
Representative, National Federation of the Blind Board of  
Directors**

**7:30-9:00 pm: ARKABS Game Night:**

## **JEOPARDY**

**Special Recognition**

The National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas would like to give our appreciation to:

Ever Lee Hairston, our National Rep, and National Board Member, for giving her time and experience.

To all of our great speakers who have made our convention a great success.

To the vendors for attending and showing your products.

To all of our members who have given their time, in getting together donations, door prizes, being on committees, but best of all: Doing all of this TOGETHER!! Blind and Sighted everyone counts.

Let's go build the National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas bigger and better

See you all at our Spring Convention  
2022

### Arkansas List Serve

Hello fellow federationists, I am in charge of helping to sign people up for the Arkansas NFB list serve.

So, what is a list serve?

A List serve is a method of communicating with a group of people via email.

One email message is sent to the list serve and everyone on that list serve receives the same e-mail.

This method of communication is free, accurate and reliable. Our affiliate president would like for all of the Arkansas affiliate members to enroll to avoid missing important and timely e-mails.

How do you sign up?

1. Open your internet browser
2. Copy and paste this link into the address bar:  
[http://nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/nfb-arkansas\\_nfbnet.org](http://nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/nfb-arkansas_nfbnet.org)
3. Fill in the information to sign up for the list.
4. You will receive an e-mail that will instruct you to reply and leave the subject intact. That's right, hit reply and send.

Once you submit the e-mail, you are enrolled and in touch with the NFB of Arkansas. We very strongly encourage you to sign up for the list serve so you will be in the know.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (501) 680-7007 or e-mail me at [vanharris62@gmail.com](mailto:vanharris62@gmail.com) .

Thank you for taking the time to do this. We don't want any of our affiliate members to be left out from receiving news and updates about the NFB and NFB of Arkansas.

Tanya VanHouten

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## Dream Makers Circle

You can help build a future of opportunity for the blind by becoming a member of our Dream Makers Circle. It is easier than you think. You can visit your bank and convert an account to a P.O.D. (payable on death) bank account which is payable after your passing to the National Federation of the blind or one of our affiliates. Your legacy gift to the National Federation of the Blind or the National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas can be made in the form of a will or living trust, an income generating gift, or by naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, IRA, pension, or a life insurance policy. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage, or list NFB as one of several beneficiaries. For additional information, please contact Patti Chang at (410) 659-9314, extension 2422 or at [pchang@nfb.org](mailto:pchang@nfb.org).

## Vehicle Donations

The National Federation of the Blind uses car donations to improve the education of blind children, distribute free white canes, help veterans, and so much more. We have partnered with Vehicles for Charity to process donated vehicles. Please call toll-free (855) 659-9314, and a representative can make arrangements, or you can donate online by visiting [www.nfb.org/vehicledonations](http://www.nfb.org/vehicledonations).

# NON-24

a circadian rhythm disorder

To learn more about Non-24, please contact Shauna Jatho RN, clinical nurse educator at 202-538

