

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, Inc.



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COME TO A.F.P.H. CONVENTION!

To Presidents and Secretaries,
National and International Unions, and
State and City Organizations of Labor

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

The Seventh Triennial Convention of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped will be held in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, August 28-31, 1955, Fort Stanwix Hotel.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND, and for your convenience, a hotel reservation slip is enclosed, which you can fill out and return, to cover your own, or your representative's reservation.

Labor has had a tremendous part in development of the Handicapped Program, and has been the backbone of A.F.P.H. support.

The latchstring, therefore, is out to all Labor Leaders, whom we regard as friends and allies, and whom we hope will attend and participate in the activities of the Convention.

Labor Leaders need to know, for the sake of the welfare of their members, the latest developments in rehabilitation,—including both physical restoration, and education, guidance, counseling, along with the most important of all,—Selective Placement.

The various Discussion Panels in Convention will present these matters, with the foremost experts in the U.S.A. as discussants.

I hope you will advise me of your intention to attend, and I shall look forward to seeing you in Johnstown.

Fraternally,

PAUL A. STRACHAN

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION for the 7th NATIONAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
August 28-29-30-31, 1955 - Johnstown, Pa.
Convention Headquarters - Ft. Stanwix Hotel

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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1370 National Press Building

Washington 4, D. C.

Date _____

Check payable to AFPH, Inc. (Convention Fund) enclosed in amount of \$ _____

- ADVANCE REGISTRATION including ticket to GALA BANQUET - \$8.50
SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION - \$1.50 - (Check date)
 Monday - August 29 Tuesday - August 30 Wednesday, August 31
 BANQUET only - \$5.00 7:00 p.m. August 31st

Convention officially opens Monday, August 29th - 9:30 A.M.

Pre-Convention SOCIAL MIXER - Sunday evening, August 28th - 7:00 o'clock

Please check here if you will attend

Immediately upon receipt of your Advance Registration you will be sent a Convention sticker suitable for your luggage or car. Also a Receipt showing you have paid.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION CLOSES August 17th. After that date it will be \$9.00.

Delegate Alternate Member Visitor

Signed _____

If representing an organization or firm, list name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zone _____ State _____

If you are registering for more than one person, list their names and addresses on reverse side of this Advance Registration Sheet, or write for more registration forms.

APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

FORT STANWIX HOTEL
7th NATIONAL CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Date _____

Individual requesting reservations:

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Mail application to: AFPH, Inc., National Headquarters, 1370 National Press Building, Washington 4, D.C. on or BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1955. You will receive confirmation. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

ROOM WILL BE OCCUPIED BY: (Check if person uses Wheelchair)

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FT. STANWIX QUOTED RATES:

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| Single Room with Bath - - - - - | \$5.50 | _____ | \$6.00 | _____ | \$6.50 | _____ |
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| Double Room without Bath - - - - - | \$5.00 | (running water only) | | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Note: Cots are available for Double Rooms at \$2.50.

REMEMBER THE CONVENTION DATES IN AUGUST

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------|
| | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Date of Arrival _____ | | | | | Time _____ AM PM |
| Date of Departure _____ | | | | | Time _____ AM PM |

CHECK ONE: DELEGATE _____ ALTERNATE _____ MEMBER _____ VISITOR _____

NOTE: The hotel is cooperating with our efforts to accommodate those with walking disabilities. There are railings. There will be a ramp with men to assist those in wheelchairs. Individuals requiring attendants must make their own arrangements for same.
 If a room at the rate requested is unavailable, one at the nearest available rate will be reserved.

HELP YOUR HOST LODGE AND THE RESERVATION COMMITTEE BY GETTING IN YOUR APPLICATIONS EARLY. Should you find that it is necessary to cancel for some unavoidable reason, notify the hotel and your Reservations Committee. There is a live-wire Convention Arrangements Committee but they must know early the approximate number for which to plan. IT'S A GOOD TIME TO TAKE THAT VACATION.

Walter J. Mason, Nat. Leg. Rep., American Federation of Labor, Washington, D.C.

Miss Lois Jane Gregg, Treas., Pennsylvania State Department, AFPH

Miss Jeane Lechnar, Vice Pres., Pennsylvania State Department, AFPH

Miss Lena Ruof, Secy., Lancaster (Pa.) Lodge, AFPH

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Vester Smith, President, Cornhusker Lodge, AFPH (Nebr.)

Clarence Averill, Pres., Saginaw (Mich.) Lodge, AFPH

J. Rosemond Cook, Jr., Pres., Atlanta (Ga.) Lodge, AFPH

12:30 P.M. Recess

2 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION:
"MEDICAL REHABILITATION"

Chairman: Dr. F. H. Arestad, Area Medical Administrator, United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund

Dr. Bert C. Wiley, Psychiatrist

Dr. Donald I. George, Neuro-Psychiatrist

Dr. Joel T. Goldman, Internist and Rheumatologist

Dr. George W. Katter, Internist

Dr. Derek H. Cross, Psychiatrist

Laurice Billstone, Director, Johnstown City-County Clinic

Dr. Saul Machover, U.S. Veterans Hospital, Pittsburgh

J. H. Van Schoick, Ex. Officer, Dept. Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, U.S. Veterans Adm., Washington, D.C.

Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

DEMONSTRATION: United Mine Workers Welfare & Retirement Fund Staff and Patients

5:30 P.M. Recess

7:30 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION—Open ONLY to AFPH Members—Election of Officers, Adoption of Council Reports, etc.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 A.M. Invocation: Rev. Father Richard Rogan, Pastor, St. Barnabus Catholic Church

PANEL DISCUSSION: "AFPH ORGANIZATION PROBLEMS"—

Organizing; Development of Members' Interest; Lodge Finances; Fund-Raising; Publicity, etc.

Chairman: Albert Hopper, President, Coraopolis Lodge, AFPH

Discussants: Samuel H. Castanier; G. Wendell Swain; Ruth Loyster; Mary Ellen McDonald; Georgia L. McCullough; Marlow Munns; Iride Valmassy; Marilyn Woods; Marianne Yambor; William M. Frederick; Roy Davis; Arthur Prato; Kenneth E. Miller; Alfred H. Graver; Katherine M. Koehler; Mollie K. Tinnell; Edward Waskoski

12 Noon Address: Hon. Robert Ramspeck, Vice President, Eastern Air Lines, Washington, D.C.

12:30 P.M. Recess

2 P.M. Address: George Meany, President, American Federation of Labor
Address: Harry Boyer, President, Pennsylvania CIO Council

Discussion of Report of Leo J. Buettner, Chairman, AFPH National Finance & Ways and Means Committee
"GOOD OF THE ORDER"—Round table discussion

5 P.M. Adjournment—Sine Die

7 P.M. BANQUET

Invocation: Rev. D. A. Miller, D.D., Fennedale Evangelical United Brethren Church

Addresses:

Elwood Moffett, United Mine Workers of America

Hon. Hiram G. Andrews, Majority Leader, Pennsylvania House of Delegates

Hon. George M. Leader, Governor of Pennsylvania

Benediction:

Rev. Father Gerald E. Stephens, St. Michaels Catholic Church

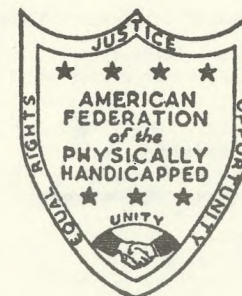
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Associate Chairman: William M. Frederick**

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**Hospitality: Miss Marianne Yambor
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NOTE: With exception of banquet, all meetings will be held in Fort Stanwix Hotel. Rooms have been reserved for special committee meetings.

Registration Desk will be open from 2:00 until 5:00 P.M. Sunday, August 28; and each morning at 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

10 A.M. Meeting, Special Committee of AFPH Council, Fort Stanwix Hotel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

10 A.M. Meeting, AFPH National Council
Discussion: AFPH Program; legislation; finances; proposed amendments to Constitution and By-Laws and other Business matters

2 to 5 P.M. Registration—Main Lobby, Fort Stanwix
7 P.M. "Social Mixer" — Officers, Delegates, Members—Guests of Johnstown Lodge—AFPH, Fort Stanwix Ballroom

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

10 A.M. Opening of Convention — Fort Stanwix Ballroom
Convention Called to Order: Leo J. Buettner, Vice President and Chairman, Convention Committee
Invocation: Dr. Walden M. Holl, D.D., Pastor, First Lutheran Church
"Welcome to Johnstown": Hon. Walter E. Rose, Mayor
Introduction of AFPH National President by Barney Hopkins, Vice President
"WHAT AFPH MEANS TO THE HANDICAPPED"—Paul A. Strachan, President, AFPH
Greetings
Hon. John P. Saylor, U.S. Representative, District 22, Pennsylvania

12:30 P.M. Recess

2 P.M. Introduction of and Greetings from AFPH Officers
Address

Del Roy Wurster, Executive Vice President, Johnstown Chamber of Commerce

Greetings from Representatives of the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; AMVETS; Catholic War Veterans
Address: Walter P. Reuther, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations
Address: Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Address: Earl C. Bohr, Sec'y-Treas., Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor

5:30 P.M. Recess

7:30 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION—Open ONLY to AFPH Members—Discuss and act on proposed amendments to National Constitution and By-Laws.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30 A.M. Invocation: Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner, Beth Zion Temple
Panel Discussion: "JOBS FOR HANDICAPPED"
Co-Chairmen:

Hon. John R. Torquato, Secretary, Labor and Industry, State of Pennsylvania
Charles Odell, Specialist in Handicapped Affairs, U.S. Bureau Employment Security, Washington, D.C.
Glenn Thiel, Treasurer, W. J. Thiele & Sons, Inc.

Glenn A. Ledebur, Director, Industrial Relations, National U.S. Radiator Corp.

William Appleton, President, National Handicapped Industries, Pittsburgh
David Glavin, Deputy Secretary, Labor & Industry, State of Pennsylvania
Allen Sulcove, Pennsylvania Employment Service

Kenneth E. Karl, Director, Williamsport (Pa.) Technical Institute

Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Saul Machover, M.D., U.S. Veterans Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kenneth E. Pohlmann, United Mine Workers of America, Welfare & Retirement Fund., Washington, D.C.

Edward Hines, Gen. Rep., Int. Ass'n Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers, Washington, D.C.

Jack Curran, Int. Vice Pres., Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers Int. Union, Washington, D.C.