

What an honor and a privilege to serve as your Co-Presidents in Little Rock, Arkansas! We are so excited about this convention, and we hope you feel a lot of Southern hospitality.

On Thursday, for those early arrivers, we've got a 3 hour city tour planned with local guides (with 20 years of experience) whose enthusiasm will let you love this city just as much as they do. We'll start with the Quapaw Indian Quarter before we get a personal tour of the Governor's Mansion, then move on to the Central High School Museum and get a chance to ride on an antique carousel, which we hear is only one of a handful still in existence in the world. This carousel is not like the carousels of today for sure.

On Friday morning, we'll get personalized guided tours of the Clinton Library and Heifer International. Heifer International is unique in that it gifts animals to needy countries and teaches people how to use those animals to help themselves, not just for a meal, but for a lifetime. At Heifer, we will also enjoy a private group boxed lunch together and gift the organization with a twin surprise of our own. The box lunch type must be indicated on your Activity/Membership form. The choices are Smoked Turkey Croissant, Grilled Chicken & Swiss Sandwich, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, and a Caprese Sandwich (vegetarian). All box lunches also include Bagged Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookie, and a Bottled Water.



On Friday night, we officially welcome everyone to the Little Rock convention as we share a meal together at the hotel. Our Southern Hospitality Welcome Buffet will include Tossed Garden Greens, Tomato, Cucumber Buttermilk Ranch and Vinaigrette Dressings, Citrus Cole Slaw, Red Potato Salad, Pan Fried Catfish with Remoulade Sauce, BBQ Pork Shoulder / Buns, Smoke House Pork Belly Beans, Red Pepper Macaroni n' Cheese, Biscuits, Whipped Honey Butter, Seasonal Fruit Cobbler, Banana Pudding & Coffee/Tea. We have a fun night planned with games, 50/50 drawing and lots of laughter. Entertainment will be provided by one of our own members. Casual Attire.

On Saturday, we'll take an hour's scenic 1 hour bus ride to Hot Springs, a town with a national park inside full of shops, entertainment, food, and those world famous bath houses. We'll spend a couple of on-your-own hours there before we board the bus for a group dinner and a comedy/magic show at the nearby Five-Star Dinner Theatre. Then, we'll board the bus at 9:00 P.M. to return to our hotel. ITA T-shirt optional.

Sunday will bring our own Gospel Hour, Judging Contest, and Business Meeting, along with our group photo, then we'll end our all too brief convention with dinner and dancing at an Antebellum Cotillion. The plated dinner menu consists of Romaine Caesar Salad, Grilled Airline Chicken with Lemon-Herb Butter Sauce, Herb Fingerling Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. The children's meals are smaller portions of the same menu. Period attire is optional. Our Silent Auction will take place during the evening. Please bring airport friendly items for the auction. We just want everyone to have a good time and enjoy being together.

Looking forward to a fun together time in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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