

## Spouse/Guest Schedule

### Sunday, October 24

Embassy Suites

4:30 PM Registration      Ballroom Pre-function Foyer  
5:30 PM Reception      Big Spring Ballroom

### Monday, October 25

Embassy Suites

7:45AM Breakfast      Ruth's Chris  
9:00AM Tour

### Monday Evening (Casual)

Von Braun Center

6:00 PM Exhibition · Dinner      South Hall

### Tuesday, October 26

Embassy Suites

7:45 AM Breakfast      Ruth's Chris  
9:00AM Tour

### Tuesday Evening (Dressy)

6:00 PM Dinner      To be Announced

### Wednesday, October 27

Embassy Suites

11:30 AM Farewell Lunch      Big Spring Ballroom

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## SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAM

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October 24 - 27, 2010

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&  
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**Sunday Evening** Registration & Reception in the Embassy Suites Big Spring Ballroom

**Monday** Tour guide Jacque Reeves will meet you after breakfast in Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at the Embassy Suites, to conduct a bus tour through downtown Huntsville's Twickenham Historic District.



These antebellum homes were spared during the Union occupation of the Civil War because Huntsville was literally captured by surprise. Homes date from the early 1800s when wealthy planters came to the Tennessee Valley to get rich on cotton. You'll hear the stories of

the Spite House, the Backwards House, the legacy of a Jersey cow named Lily Flag, and many more.

The Weeden House is an antebellum mansion with a unique story. After the Civil War the youngest member of the family had to help her widowed mother and sisters survive, and it is her legacy that draws people to the house. Of course, you

may even see a ghost or two while tour guide, Barbara Scott, weaves the fascinating story behind this house and the people who lived there.



Lunch will be served at The Ledges, a beautiful country club on a mountain that overlooks the sprawling city of Huntsville. You may recognize some of the new homes at The Ledges – they are repli-



cas of the antebellum homes in the Twickenham District! Our lunch will be served (weather permitting) on the veranda with a scenic view of the golf course, as well as the city below.

Do we have a treat in store for you!



We will have a professional artist guide us through the process of painting (can't tell you what yet – it's a surprise) something that you will take home with you as a remembrance of your stay in Huntsville. This is called Bottle and Brush, so you know about the brush; we'll drink some wine to enhance our creativity and get us into the mood! All of this at one of the most inspirational locations in Huntsville – The Ledges.

Afterward we will drive back into the downtown area of Huntsville and visit a quaint store that is a combination hardware store and gift shop. While the Harrisons of Harrison Brothers Hardware Store are long gone, the hardware items of their day are still on some of the

shelves, preserved along with their ciphering on the walls and old receipts. But don't be deceived! Many of the items for sale are locally made, unique and unlike anything you can find in the mall. Buy something for your friends back home, and be sure to get something for yourself as well.



Your coach will return to the hotel around 5:00PM so you'll have time to change and join the Galvanizers at the Von Braun Center for a reception and dinner sponsored by the exhibitors in the exhibit hall. This year's theme is "Reaching New Horizons."

**Tuesday** Following breakfast – Start the day with a short bus trip to Huntsville Botanical Gardens where we will enjoy the peak of fall colors and visit the butterfly house. Get into the fall spirit with dozens of scarecrows decorated by local groups, classes, and individuals. Some are quite scary, many are



whimsical, but all of them will bring a smile to your face. These gardens are tended by volunteers, many former engineers, who let their creative talents run loose with the beautiful plants and flowers of the South. The gift shop carries unusual items for yourself and gifts for other's.

Next on to historic Mooresville in adjacent Limestone County for a trip back in time. Mooresville was the home of Andrew Johnson, who lived there as an apprentice tailor long before he became our nation's President. It was here that he learned to make the Prince Albert Frock Coat, popular among the genteel class of that era. We will see where a U.S. Army officer, stationed here during the Civil War, was asked by locals to preach at what is now the Church of Christ. His name? James Garfield – another future President. But there is so much more to this unusual little village!

Our Southern-style lunch will begin at 11:45 am. Limestone Bay Trading Company is famous for their signature dreamsicle cheesecake. But you won't be disappointed with your entrée, or the quaint atmosphere that is unusual and one-of-a-kind.

Let's get back on the bus and take a tour through and by some of Limestone County's most famous plantations. The home of Judge Ed Horton has several intriguing stories to tell, including a message written inside a closet door and a link to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. *Belle Mina* is the plantation of Alabama's second governor Thomas Bibb, who died mysteriously in New Orleans. His body was shipped home in a barrel of whiskey. Legend has it that on foggy nights his funeral carriage drawn by 6 white horses can be seen traveling through the lanes of Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville looking for the way out so that Bibb can return home. The *Cedars* and other plantations with equally interesting stories beckon visitors from another era.

You are in the South, and you must learn about the one thing the South is most famous for – **cotton!** You will visit a working cotton gin and see how cotton is harvested from the field, how the seeds are removed, how it is processed and sold.



You'll also hear about how the Confederados – those who left the South after the Civil War – went to Brazil to build their plantations there, and what became of them. It is a story that will surprise you!

Afterward we will be heading back to Huntsville and later join everyone for a gala Reception and Dinner

**Wednesday**

Farewell lunch  
Embassy Suites Big Spring Ballroom.