

Last Minute Blurbs from Beverly

Your FTBA staff and helpers are in high gear getting ready for what promises to be another great convention. We're all running on "high octane" day and night. We have 1000+ registered this year so you won't be lonely.

Things to pack in your suitcase

- Our opening reception has a new time this year: 4:30—6:00. That means dress will be "across the board". Some will be just arriving and have on their travel clothes, others will have early dinner plans and be ready for the evening. Whatever will be great—we just look forward to seeing you.
- Your "Costume" for our *Driving Through the Decades* party—remember come dressed representing the year (or at least the decade) you were born
- The Saturday night banquet attire is suits or sport coats for men and anywhere from "church" attire to cocktail attire for the ladies
- You'll want your bathing suit for the great pool area at Grand Cypress plus our fabulous pool party on Friday afternoon
- Daytime attire will be casual and comfortable

When you arrive:

- Come to the registration desk to:
 1. Sign in and make sure we have all your registration info correct
 2. Check to see that you're squared away for Saturday banquet seating, golf, tennis, fishing (if applicable) and sign up for other activities if you wish—Friday's fly fishing instruction or wine tasting: Saturday's fitness walk, water aerobics, bridge: Sunday's prayer breakfast and I'm sure I've left something out
 3. You will have a basket filled with lots of information and goodies
 - Name tags, schedules and meeting places
 - "In room" gifts for all full convention registrants (room delivery has caused some "issues" the past few years so we're hoping this will help)
 - Gifts for children and ladies who are registered
 - Tickets of all kinds: drink tickets, children's party tickets for those registered, theme party tickets for all registrants. Saturday night will remain the same—you'll get your table number when you arrive at the cocktail reception
 4. Relax, greet old friends, meet new ones and get ready for a great weekend.

The chef and his team have a fabulous and fun theme party menu planned. I'm attaching a copy of their creative commentary and menu—might give some of you costume ideas if you're still undecided.

The hotel has agreed to open two of their restaurants for lunch Friday that are not normally open for lunch. We'll attach that flyer as well—but it will also be in your convention basket.

Looking forward to seeing each of you. We'll all be in Orlando as of Monday so call Bob or my cell phone (my number is 850-591-1874 and I know you all have Bob's—probably on automatic dial ☺). You can also call the Grand Cypress and ask for the FTBA office or email is always a sure bet too. (mine is bbburleson@comcast.net and once again I'm sure you know Bob's)