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a new dawn of volunteer administration



2005

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATION

Jacksonville, Florida, USA 🌊 November 2-5, 2005

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JOIN US IN BEAUTIFUL FLORIDA FOR FUN, NETWORKING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!

You are invited to the 2005 International Conference on Volunteer Administration to be held in Jacksonville, Florida USA. Make plans now to join your colleagues at the **only** international conference devoted to the professional development of individuals who manage and lead volunteers. No matter what your title—volunteer coordinator, executive director, board chair—if you are responsible for the effective involvement of volunteers in your organization, this conference is for you!

Waves of change in the field have created an ocean of opportunity for learning new strategies and fine-tuning best

practices to engage volunteers effectively. Conference participants will explore the new dawn of volunteer administration through keynote and featured speakers. All conference sessions are based on the competencies and ethics established as standards for our profession.

Don't miss out on being part of the largest gathering of recognized experts in the field and sharing perspectives with peers from around the world. Mark your calendars for November 2-5 and plan to be in Jacksonville at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel on the St. Johns River.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Marianne Williamson is an international author and lecturer. She has published eight books including her newest, *The Gift of Change: Spiritual Guidance for a Radically New Life*. In 1989 she founded Project Angel Food, a meals-on-wheels program that serves homebound people with AIDS in the Los Angeles, California area. Today, Project Angel Food serves over 1,000 people daily. Williamson will send us back to our workplaces motivated and inspired to find grace and strength in our every day work.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Michael J. Vandermark, Ph.D. is the author of *Wall Street & Wildflowers: Choices About Life in Corporate America*. He has served for five years as the Director of

Corporate Programs for Dr. Deepak Chopra's Center for Well Being. Vandermark will elaborate upon the world's fast-growing interest in the holistic well-being of the workplace, with an emphasis on the not-for-profit sector.



Judi Neal, Ph.D., organizational consultant, speaker, and university management instructor is author of the forthcoming book, *Edgewalkers: The New Global Human*. She is the

founding Executive Director of the Association for Spirit at Work. Neal will explore key skills and qualities needed for leadership in a caring world.



Honor Bell, Director of Community Service and Outreach at the Naval Education and Training Command, the third largest naval organization in the United States, has

extensive background in both volunteer management and leadership development training. He will share his inspirational methods of working with people, drawing heavily from servant leadership theory.

LEARNING AT ALL LEVELS

- Choose from over 100 sessions that cover the skills, knowledge, and best practices that today's volunteer resources manager needs to succeed.
- Basic, intermediate, and advanced level sessions are offered throughout the conference.
- Session topics are focused on boards, diversity, legal and financial management, personal development, senior management, trends, research, volunteer marketing, and volunteer resources management.
- If you have less than three years experience in the field, have learned some of the basics but need a stronger foundation, or simply need a refresher on the fundamentals, sign up for the **AVA Academy**. Participants will learn how to assess needs, design meaningful volunteer positions, conduct targeted recruiting, screen and interview applicants, and place volunteers successfully. Other topics include volunteer orientation, training, evaluation, discipline, and recognition.
- The **Advanced Practitioners' Track (APT)** is for individuals who have demonstrated mastery of AVA's professional competencies and want to gain more in-depth knowledge and skills about leadership theories and practices. This year the APT will highlight newly emerging leadership competencies driven by significant changes in our global society, the workforce, and the workplace. Today, millions of leaders within the corporate, government, and not-for-profit sectors are embracing the relevance of values and spirit in the workplace and the positive influence that has resulted in a more resilient, dedicated, and productive workforce. Participants in this track will gain new knowledge and skills to enhance their leadership ability. They will develop a keen grasp on emerging trends that are drivers to the ways we and the world are working together in the 21st century.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Visit the Networking Center at the 2005 conference to catch up with longtime friends and meet new people from around the world. Connect with highly respected experts and leaders in our profession, including authors, trainers, and educators. Exhibitors will be available to provide information and demonstrations about their latest products and services. AVA board members will also be on hand to talk with you about AVA's exciting future and how you can get involved.

Pre-conference Affinity Groups are also a great way to share common experiences with your colleagues. More details about Affinity Groups will be available online and in the conference registration booklet.

EXPERIENCING FLORIDA

From surfing, sailing, camping, and golfing to bronzing and basking, Florida offers activities for everyone. Sandy white beaches, a Florida signature, account for 1,100 miles of the state's 1,800 miles of coastline. With tourism as the state's number one industry, it's no wonder there are nearly 4,753 hotels and motels, 100,000 campsites, 1,370 golf courses, and 156 state parks. Florida is also home to 14 sports teams including the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars of ALLTEL stadium, home of the 2005 Super Bowl. For endless opportunity and fun, visit Florida, the sunshine state! For more information, go to www.visitflorida.org.

EXPERIENCING JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville has something to offer everyone: miles of sandy beaches; ecological and nature-based excursions, world-class golf courses; top-of-the-line tennis facilities, sporting, gaming and other recreation; cultural activities; historical sites and architecture; unique shopping and dining; nightlife and entertainment; festivals and events, and a riverfront festival marketplace and river cruises.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel overlooks the north bank of the gorgeous St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville and is the setting of this year's conference. The hotel's location is in the heart of the area's attractions and electrifying entertainment on the riverfront. So come join us for an ocean of opportunity at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Jacksonville! Find out what Jacksonville has to offer by visiting www.jaxcvb.com or



Dinner Cruise on the St. Johns

While visiting Jacksonville, you must experience a riverboat cruise up the St. Johns River. Be sure to sign up for the evening dinner cruise offering stunning

views of downtown and its many bridges. Participants can mingle in the climate controlled salons or take a stroll under the stars while cruising the north flowing St. Johns.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird	Regular	On-site	Early bird:	Payment or purchase order postmarked by September 1
AVA members	\$395 (US)	\$495 (US)	\$545 (US)	Regular:	Payment or purchase order postmarked September 2-October 11
Non-members	\$495 (US)	\$595 (US)	\$645 (US)	On-site:	Payment or purchase order postmarked after October 12 or at the conference
Young Leaders (under age 25)	\$395 (US)	\$395 (US)	\$395 (US)		

HOTEL INFORMATION

Plenary sessions and workshops will be held at the:

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

(formerly Adam's Mark Jacksonville)
225 Coast Line Dr. East
Jacksonville, FL 32202 USA

AVA will have a reserved block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency through October 7. The special AVA group rate is \$129 (single and double) subject to availability. A 14 percent tax will be charged per room, per night.

Phone: 1-800-223-1234 or (904) 588-1234

Web site: <http://jacksonville.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml>



Lively on-site entertainment, restaurants, sports bar, and lounge await you, along with a full-service rooftop health club and pool overlooking stunning views of the St. Johns River and surrounding cityscape. Set along the newly developed north riverbank boardwalk, the hotel is located in the heart of the downtown business district and within walking distance of the Jacksonville Landing, Center for Performing Arts,

Florida Theatre, and is a mile from ALLTEL Stadium, home of Jaguars NFL football and host of the 2005 Super Bowl. More tourist attractions are just a water taxi away. Pro golf courses, shopping, and beaches are all within reach.

AVA WELCOMES THE WORLD!

AVA's conference attracts participants from many countries outside North America. Attendees, who need assistance obtaining a visa to attend the conference, may request a letter of invitation from AVA. **The deadline to request a letter is August 15, 2005.**

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

The conference registration booklet will be mailed to all AVA members in May. It will also be available online at the AVA website, www.AVAintl.org, and can be mailed to others upon request. To receive a booklet, call toll free (877) 675-3353 or (804) 672-3353 or send e-mail to info@AVAintl.org.

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