



September 16, 2015

The FPDA Board of Directors and Staff look forward to welcoming you to the New Orleans Marriott for the 2015 FPDA/ISD Joint Industry Summit! Please take a moment to review this list of important last minute details. ***If your spouse or companion is joining you, please share this information with them.***

Our meeting will be held at the New Orleans Marriott located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Their phone is (504) 581-1000. Check out the variety of amenities waiting for you at the hotel by [clicking here](#).

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You can [download the app here](#), and also learn how best to [use the app](#) prior to the event. And don't forget to use our hashtag, **#FPDAISD2015** to easily find and connect with other attendees.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

For your information, you will find the FPDA/ISD Registration Desk in Galerie Ballroom Foyer.

Sunday, September 20, 2015

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	ISD CEO Forums
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	FPDA Board Meeting
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	FPDA First Timers Orientation
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	ISD First Timers Orientation

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Joint Welcome Reception – WWII Museum
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm YES/ELI Event – Bourbon Street Bar Crawl

Monday, September 21, 2015

7:30 am – 6:00 pm Registration
7:30 am – 8:00 am FPDA/ISD Joint Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:45 am FPDA/ISD General Session & Keynote
9:45 am – 10:00 am Networking Morning Break
10:00 am – 12:00 pm UID-in-a-Day Workshops
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm FPDA/ISD Joint Luncheon
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm ELI/YES Joint Luncheon
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm ISD Associates Lunch and Meeting
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm Spouse Event – Cooking Class at the Old Coffee Pot Restaurant
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm UID-in-a-Day Workshops
3:45 pm – 6:00 pm FPDA/ISD Supplier Showcase and Networking Reception
6:00 pm Open Evening

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

7:30 am – 12:00 pm Registration
8:00 am – 11:30 am ISD Continental Breakfast & Annual Meeting
8:00 am – 11:30 am FPDA Continental Breakfast & Annual Meeting
12:30 pm French Quarter Walking Tour departs
12:45 pm Cajun Critters Swamp Tour departs
1:30 pm French Quarter Tasting Tour departs
11:45 am Golf Tournament buses depart
1:00 pm – 6:30 pm FPDA/ISD Golf Tournament
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Reception & Bourbon Street Send-off

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

8:30 am – 9:00 am FPDA/ISD Joint Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:30 am FPDA/ISD Closing Session (Spouses highly encouraged to attend!)
10:45 am – 12:00 pm FPDA Closing Board Meeting
10:45 am – 3:00 pm ISD Closing Board Meeting

REGISTRATION DESK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH – 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND – 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

The FPDA /ISD Joint Registration Desk will be located in La Galerie Ballroom Foyer on the 2nd floor of the Marriott. Pick up your badge and registration materials as well as the Convention Guide and Directory; we look forward to seeing you!

SUPPLIER SHOWCASE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – 3:45 PM

The Supplier Showcase Reception will begin at 3:45 pm and will conclude at 6:00 pm, providing you the opportunity to enjoy a fun evening in the city of New Orleans.

Exhibitor Set-Up for the Supplier Showcase will be between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Monday, September 21st. Instructions have been sent separately to participants. If you have any questions regarding set-up, please contact Lin Guba at lguba@fpda.org or 410-940-6360.

[Click here](#) to review the full list of Supplier Showcase exhibitors.

CALLING ALL EMERGING LEADERS AND YOUNG EXECUTIVES!

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Following the opening reception at the WWII Museum on Sunday evening head with us to Bourbon Street and get to know other FPDA Young Executives and ISD Emerging Leaders on an adventure down this historic street. The YES/ELI bus will depart from the WWII Museum at 8:00 pm and drop you in the heart of the city where you will begin an evening bar crawl, sampling some of the famous drinks of New Orleans! Your spouses are welcome!

Monday, September 21, 2015

Join the FPDA Young Executives/ISD Emerging Leaders at the private luncheon scheduled at 12:15 pm where you will be able to participate in an interactive and thought-provoking discussion with your fellow young executives.

FPDA/ISD TUESDAY RECEPTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND – 7:00 PM

Following golf and tours, join us for the FPDA/ISD reception on Tuesday evening and enjoy food, fun and live Jazz music! FPDA and ISD are giving you another night to explore this historic and party-loving city!

SPOUSE/COMPANION HOSPITALITY SUITE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – 8:00 AM - NOON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND – 8:00 AM – NOON

We are pleased to introduce the Spouse Hospitality Suite located on the 5th floor in the Galvez Room. You can use this suite to meet with your friends or just relax. Grab a coffee on the go!

SPOUSE/COMPANION PROGRAM AT THE OLDE COFFEE POT RESTAURANT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

New Orleans Style Cooking Class at The Olde Coffee Pot Restaurant

A bus will be waiting at 12:30 pm at the Canal Street Entrance of the hotel to take you to [The Olde Coffee Pot Restaurant](#) where will learn how to prepare some of the items featured on *Diners Drive-ins and Dives*. The Triple D features Fleur de lis chicken, Gulf Shrimp with green bean casserole and their famous jambalaya. You can learn how to cook everything that Guy Fieri ate during the episode filmed here. [Click here to see the video clip of this episode.](#)

GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND – 1:30 PM – (BUSES DEPART AT 11:45 AM)

The FPDA/ISD Golf Tournament will take place at [English Turn Country Club](#) on Tuesday, September 22nd. A box lunch will be provided at the course. A cash beverage cart will be available on the greens. The foursomes will be posted at the FPDA/ISD Registration Desk beginning Sunday; stop by to see who to cheer and who to jeer!

TUESDAY TOURS

We are happy to offer three tours this year which include the following (if you are not registered, stop by the Registration Desk to see if there are any spots left):

- French Quarter Walking Tour – Visit Jackson Square, the Pontalba Apartments and enjoy a visit to a Creole Mansion. *(12:30 departure)*
- Cajun Critters Swamp Tour – New Orleans is a creation of the mighty Mississippi River. Mysterious and complex, sensual yet spiritual, it overwhelms and beckons simultaneously. To understand its rhythm requires more than a saunter down Bourbon Street. *(12:45 pm departure)*
- Taste of New Orleans Walking Tour – This guided taste bud food tour walks to visit five food tasting locations in the historic French Quarter. All food tastings (more than enough for lunch) are included. *(1:30 departure)*

WEATHER AND DRESS

The weather in late September, is still hot and humid in New Orleans. The Weather Channel is predicting mostly sunny skies with highs in the high 80s and a lows in the low 70s. Should be a good week!

Dress for the meeting is business casual. No need to pack your blazers or dresses, however, we recommend you bring a sweater or jacket as the meeting room temperatures can be unpredictable.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle Service

Airport Shuttle New Orleans departs from each baggage claim area every 30-minutes and services multiple stops through the Central Business District of New Orleans (which includes the New Orleans Marriott). Prices average \$20.00 per person, one-way, or \$38 per person, round-trip. You can pre-purchase shuttle tickets and find more information by [clicking here](#); prices may vary and are subject to change.

Taxi Cabs

Estimated taxi fares are \$33 from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) to the New Orleans Marriott; prices may vary and are subject to change.

Find more information on ground transportation from MSY can be found by [clicking here](#).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS – BY CAR

The New Orleans Marriott is located about 13 miles South East of Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, and is approximately 30 minutes by car.

Once you are traveling on Interstate I-95 South, follow these directions:

- Take I-10 East in Metairie from Airport Road
- Follow I-10 East to Basin Street in New Orleans.
- Take Exit 235A from I-10 East
- Follow Basin Street to Canal Street
- The hotel will be 1 mile on Canal Street on your right

HOTEL PARKING

The hotel offers valet parking only at a rate of \$35.00 per day.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email Lin Guba at lguba@fpda.org

Laissez les bon temps roulez!

Best Regards,
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