

Companion's Program

The PDCA will host another exciting Companion's Program with special activities throughout the conference. This PDCA tradition brings spouses and guests together once again to renew old friendships and create new ones.

Tuesday, May 17

- ♦ All companions and guests are welcome to register for the 3rd Annual PDCA Scholarship Fundraiser – Bowling Tournament at Rock 'N' Bowl
- ♦ Opening Reception at the Astor Crowne Plaza in the Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, May 18

- ♦ Opening Ceremony Breakfast – Astor Crowne Plaza in the St. Charles Ballroom
- ♦ Lunch cruise aboard the Steamboat Natchez Tour will depart from the Toulouse Street Wharf. The (2) hour cruise will include a Creole lunch buffet, live Jazz by Duke Heitger's Steamboat Stompers and the Captain's narration.
- ♦ Following the cruise, you will be picked-up from the Wharf with private transportation to the next destination, Mardi Gras World, where you will get a behind-the-scenes look at New Orleans Mardi Gras Floats. The (1) hour guided tour gives you an all-access tour, winding through the massive studio where these magnificent floats are built from the ground up. You'll learn about the history of this unique and festive tradition and go beyond its reputation to get a deeper understanding of the real Mardi Gras. After the tour you'll get to try a slice of the famous Mardi Gras king cake and make your very own Mardi Gras mask to compete at the Annual Dinner back at the Astor Crowe Plaza.
- ♦ Annual Conference Reception and Dinner in the Astor Ballroom



Thursday, May 19

- ♦ Companion's Program Breakfast – Club Room
- ♦ Companions will depart the Astor Crowne Plaza on provided transportation to the Destrehan Plantation. Established in 1787, Destrehan is the oldest documented plantation home in the lower Mississippi Valley. Built by Free Person Of Color Charles Pacquet, she has survived colonial and civil wars, occupation by the union Army, abandonment, decay and restoration, and has now been preserved in all its glory for you to enjoy. Following your guided tour will be a picnic lunch and return trip to the Astor Crowne Plaza.