Dear NHA Members and Guests,

 In just a few months, the 126th Annual National Hay Association Convention will take place at The Catamaran in San Diego, California. President and First Lady, Dan and Kathy Wray, have been planning for these 4 days for several years and they have some fun, entertaining and educational adventures planned. In addition, San Diego has much to offer and The Catamaran is a tropical hideaway with Mission Bay on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other.

There is also a Sponsorship Form included. We would very much appreciate your sponsorships and will recognize your company during the convention, in the registration packet and all donors will be listed in the 2022 NHA Membership Directory.

 The Exhibitor area is always one of the highlights of the convention and this year will be no exception! The Trade Show will be in an area next to the meeting room. There will be plenty of opportunities for members to visit and mingle with the exhibitors and a continental breakfast will be served in the venue each morning! There is no charge for exhibits but there is a cost, if will need power.

Jeff Plourd is offering a trip to the Imperial Valley on Wednesday, September 15th. It will be a 2-hour trip on a top-of-the-line charter bus along the Salton Sea. The Imperial Valley relies on agriculture for their economy and you’ll learn more about the hay export market and visit feed lots. Lunch will be served and you’ll return to the hotel in time for dinner.

Thursday, September 16th will offer a golf tournament or time to see the multiple sites in the City of San Diego. Associate members will meet in the afternoon and we will gather together for an incredible evening cruise on the William D. Evans Sternwheeler. You won’t want to miss the live auction!

Dr. David Kohl will be the Keynote Speaker and will address **Agriculture Today: New Era of Opportunity or Temporary of Opportunity?** The decade of the 2020s will be one of economic and financial divide. Dr. Kohl will use his five decades of business, academic experience, and wisdom to provide unique perspectives to lifelong learners.

The NHA Silent Auction will be held on Friday and Saturday so don’t forget your silent auction donations to add to the “market”. This year we are featuring company ***promotional products*** so bring a water bottle, t-shirt, hat, etc. with you!

Anything too big for your suitcase can be shipped to Dan Wray. 1918 Chambers Ln. Holtville, CA. 92250. A sign-up sheet can be found on the back of the Golf Registration form.

There is a whole lot more so flip this page over and check out the agenda. Registration forms are included for the convention events, including the Imperial Valley tour, golf and Auction items.

Mark your preferences on the forms and return them with your payment in the enclosed envelope. Or you can go online to [www.nationalhay.org](http://www.nationalhay.org) and click *Register Now* on the Home Page. You can complete your registration and pay online!

**Registrations should be received by Friday, August 20, 2021!** Registration is again available at [www.nationalhay.org](http://www.nationalhay.org)

Finally, don’t forget to book your room reservation at The Catamaran. Call **800- 422-8386** and be sure to mention the National Hay Association for special rates.

As always, call or email me with any questions! See you on the beach!!

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