

Kennedy's Disease Association 2012 Annual Conference and Education Symposium October 10-12, 2012 New Orleans, Louisiana

New Possibilities, New Friends, New Orleans

A practical gathering showcasing the combined wisdom and knowledge of leading authorities, doctors, researchers, and folks like you and me, with plenty of time to meet and interact with others with KD from around the world

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1. Dates

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 Thursday, October 11, 2012 Friday, October 12, 2012

2. Registration Cost & Early Bird Cutoff Date

The early bird registration fee for this year's conference is <u>\$225.00</u>. Early bird cut off September 1, 2012. This year we have included two lunches in the registration price along with free continental breakfast on Wednesday and the Thursday night dinner. The hotel also has a very competitive room rate of \$142.00 plus tax per night, which extends to 2 days prior to and 1 day after the conference. However, the day after the conference has been booked as of early August, but Harrah's has been able to extend the rate to their overflow arrangement (called Virtual Hotel) with two nearby hotels: The W New Orleans Hotel and The Marriott. If you would like to extend your stay to Friday night, please be sure to mention this when making the reservation.

3. Late Registration

Registrations received after September 1, 2012 will be \$250.00.

4. Hotel Information

Location: Harrah's New Orleans 228 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 877-466-7847 504-533-6000 www.harrahsneworleans.com Shipping Address: Harrah's New Orleans Casino & Hotel Attn: Nadja Havenhill (KDA Conference) 228 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130

The room rate is \$142.00 plus tax and 12 HC rooms are available. Blocks of rooms are reserved for October 10, 11, 12. Please identify yourself as being with the KDA when making your reservation and reference Group Code S10KENN. The hotel is 15 miles from Louis Armstrong New Orleans Int'l Airport (MSY).

CHECKOUT – Normal checkout is 11:00am. However, for the last day of the conference, Friday, October 12th, the KDA negotiated to have a 1:00pm checkout. So no need to rush out before the conference adjourns at noon.



5. Transportation

To/From the Airport:

Harrah's does not offer any transportation services to and from the airport. Per the hotel's website taxi fare is normally no more than \$35 one way. There is also a shuttle service available at the airport, Airport Shuttle, and the fare is approximately \$20 one-way/\$38 round trip per person. They may be reached from 7am until 7pm at 504-522-3500 or toll free at 866-596-2699. For wheelchair accessible service, please call them no later than 24 hours prior to your flight. Also, if you have a scooter or motorized wheelchair, please make sure to specifically mention this. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.airportshuttleneworleans.com.

In New Orleans:

New Orleans' city buses are handicap accessible and have a "kneel" feature. New Orleans also has 3 different streetcar lines, but only the red streetcars that travel the Canal Street and Riverfront lines are accessible. The green streetcars that travel the St. Charles Avenue line are *not* accessible.

6. Attractions

Harrah's lies at the foot of Canal Street, literally across the street from both the French Quarter and the Mississippi River. It fills an entire city block, bounded by the Central Business District, the historic Warehouse Arts District and Convention Center Boulevard.

Points of Interest

- Audubon Zoo
- Audubon Insectarium
- Aquarium of the Americas
- Beau Rivage Theatre
- Boomtown
- Carnival Club Casino
- Crescent Schools of Gaming & Bartending
- Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Convention
- French Quarter
- New Orleans House of Blues

Arts and Cultural

- American Italian Museum & Research Library
- Confederate Museum
- Louisiana State Museum
- Mardi Gras World
- Musee Conti Wax Museum
- New Orleans Historic Voodoo Musuem
- New Orleans Museum of Art
- Odgen Museum-Southern Art, Inc
- Southern Food & Beverage Museum
- The McKenna Museum

The Steamboat Natchez (<u>www.steamboatnatchez.com</u>) offers Jazz or Dinner Jazz cruises along the Mississippi River. The boat is handicap accessible for entry (if the river is not too high) but the bathrooms are not ADA compliant. The toll free number for reservations is 800-233-2628.



7. Silent Auction

This year, as always, during the dinner on Thursday night the KDA will sponsor a Silent Auction. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees this has been a very successful fundraiser for the KDA. Plus it is a lot of fun! Please bring items for the auction that you feel people would like to bid on. We are never really sure what people will bid on so we rely on your imagination to bring the items you think will sell (remember last year's nut-scratchers?!).

8. Tuesday Evening "Meet and Greet" Dinner

From 6:00 – 8:00 on Tuesday evening, October 9th, there will be an informal dinner (Dutch Style – pay your own) at Charters House (601 Chartres St). The restaurant is approximately seven-tenths of a mile from the hotel and is about a 15 minute walk. The Riverfront streetcar line can be used as well for most of the route (still a 15 minute trip but only half of it is walking). Arrangements are being made to have either handicap taxis available or rides from attendees with vehicles to transport those who cannot walk to the restaurant.



9. Conference Agenda

Tuesday 10/9/12

5:00 -	6:00	KDA BOD Meeting – open to all associates (room to be announced)
6:00 -	8:00	Walk & Roll to dinner at Chartres House
8:00 -		French Quarter – Jazz, etc.

Wednesday 10/10/12

7:30 - 8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00	Welcome, KDA BOD Introduction, Introduction of all Conferees
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:15	Dale & Jennifer from the Veterans Administration: Help with making the home more accessible, how to get funding for equipment, etc.
11:15 - 11:45	Cliff Johnston: Revisiting Max Simpson, the first KD-free child through Embyro Screening
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch (Included with Conference registration)
1:00 - 1:30	David Yelton: Accessible trails in Rocky Mountain National Park
1:30 - 2:00	Dr. Lenore Beitel, PhD: Models of Kennedy's Disease
2:00 - 2:30	Kuoku U. Cheng, MD: Clinical Protein Misfolding Liver –
	Cholesterol – Sex Hormone
2:30- 3:00	Murray Williams: Helpful modifications that he made in his home
3:00 - 3:30	Break
3:30 - 3:45	Group and individual photos
3:45 - 5:00	Open Discussion

Thursday 10/11/12

	Breakfast – On Your Own
8:30 - 10:00	Ed Meyertholen, PhD: KD 101 – with words that you will understand
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	KD Jeopardy
11:00 - 11:30	Tobias Jochum, PhD: AR oligomerization in SBMA
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch (Included with Conference registration)



Thursday 10/11/12 (continued)

1:00 -	2:15	Dr. Romero from Tulane University: Sex and All That Jazz – the
		Psychological Aspects of Coping with KD
2:15 -	3:30	Breakout session "A" for Men & Women (Dr. Romero with men, only.
		Carriers, wives & significant others will meet in a separate room)
3:30 -	3:45	Break
3:45 -	5:00	Breakout session "B" for Men & Women (Dr. Romero with women only)
5:00 -	6:00	Setup for Silent Auction & Dinner
6:00 -	6:30	Cash Bar & Silent Auction (continues thru dinner)
6:30 -	8:00	Dinner (included with Conference registration)
8:00 -		Live Auction & completion of Silent Auction

Thursday evening's dinner at the hotel will provide an excellent opportunity to interact with many KDA Associates as well as researchers who work toward unraveling the puzzle that is KD. There will be a silent and live auction again this year after the dinner. Please consider contributing a non-breakable item (or two), and bring your checkbook. These auctions have become an anticipated event - we never know what will be up for sale or what the MC will do to get it sold.

Friday 10/12/12

	Breakfast – On Your Own
8:30 - 8:45	Angela Kokkinis, BSN, RN - research nurse at NIH: Clinical Trial Updates
8:45 - 9:00	Christopher Grunseich, MD: KD Exercise Study
9:00 - 9:30	Dr. Kurt Fischbeck, MD, PhD: Therapeutics Development
9:30 - 10:00	Gene Hung/Andrew Lieberman, MD, PhD: Systemic administration of antisense oligonucleotides targeting AR in knock-in and human BAC
	transgenic mice
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 10:45	Angelo Poletti, PhD: Small Heat Shock Proteins in SBMA
10:45 - 12:00	Doctors & Researchers updates on IGF-1, ASC-J9, & ASC-JM17



10. Corporate Sponsors

The Kennedy's Disease Association would like to thank the following companies for their Corporate Sponsorship of \$500. Their generous donation will help cover the doctors' and researchers' rooms for the conference. Without the doctors and researchers there would be little advantage to holding a conference, and so the new sponsorship by these companies has been a tremendous help to the KDA and will allow us to provide even better grants to researchers.

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