



Dear Sisters, Brothers, Friends,

Enclosed please find information regarding the 29th Annual IAM Guide Dogs of America Golf Tournament, sponsored by the International Association of Machinists District Lodge W24. The event will be held Monday, September 11, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, as a benefit to Guide Dogs of America, headquartered in Sylmar, California.

Guide Dogs of America was founded in 1948, and continues its mission today to provide guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired men and women from the United States and Canada so that they may continue to pursue their goals with increased mobility and independence. GDA is funded wholly by contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, chapters and clubs; it receives no government funding.

While the guide dog partner and training are free of charge to the recipient, it costs over \$42,000 to raise and train each dog, along with the tremendous efforts of many volunteers. Fundraisers such as this one enable GDA to continue operating and improving the lives of many. More about GDA may be found online at www.guidedogsofamerica.org.

If you're playing in the B.U.L.L. Session, here's a little practice ahead of time! Make this your Pre-B.U.L.L. event!

Participation in the tournament includes green fees, cart rental, practice range usage and a luncheon following the event. Prizes will be awarded for K-P's, Long Drives and a putting contest. Tournament format is a best ball scramble, four-person teams. Space is available for 144 players (36 foursomes.) Entry fees are outlined on the enclosed sponsorship/registration form. Donations may also be made on this form, and in-kind donations of raffle items are also greatly appreciated. GDA (EIN #95-1586088) would benefit tremendously from your generosity. All sponsors will be recognized at the event, and in the *Labor Press* publication.

For more information, contact John Hall (503-449-0969), John Kleiboeker (503-863-7304) or Stacy James (503-702-9879).

Thank you for your consideration in this regard and for your support of an amazing organization.

Sincerely,

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