Welcome to this special edition of NNOHA News. This is our “Pre-Conference Edition” and we hope it will be valuable if you are planning to attend NNOHA's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Conference in Denver. And if you are still deciding whether to attend, we hope it will convince you to come!

In the next few pages you will find valuable information on getting to the meeting, navigating the airport and local transportation options, and adjusting to our mile-high altitude and arid climate.

You'll also find a detailed Conference schedule, bios on the keynote speakers, and ideas for exploring Denver and the surrounding area (we hope you will be able to plan an extended stay). We even included some important information about Colorado’s new “herbal” industry.

Above all, we encourage you to vote before you leave home, since Conference straddles this year’s political election and you will not be able to exercise your right to vote in person while in Denver. Included in this newsletter is a link to helpful information on early voting rules around the country.

The NNOHA staff is especially excited to welcome members and guests to our hometown of Denver. It was 25 years ago that the idea for NNOHA began in a community health center just north of town. It’s been an amazing quarter-century! So much has been accomplished… so many pioneers to thank… so many new oral health programs to welcome on board. And yet as you know, so much still remains to be done.

We look forward to three and a half days of fantastic networking, inspiring speakers, illuminating presentations, new ideas, old friends, and the annual chance to renew your passion in our continuing mission to advance oral health access. It’s our 25th anniversary! Come help us celebrate!
President’s Message

Conference: It Won’t Be the Same Without You

Janet Bozzone, DMD, MPH, FAGD
President, NNOHA Board of Directors

NNOHA is turning 25 this year, and you’re invited to the celebration!

We are returning to Denver, our birthplace and headquarters, to host our annual Conference. This year’s event promises to be our largest convention yet, so register and book your hotel room early.

We don’t want you to miss it! And of course, it won’t be the same without you.

Bonus: NNOHA-member organizations can receive discount rebates if three or more colleagues sign up—the third registrant, plus each subsequent registrant, can save $50 each. Best of all, you don’t have to do anything extra to activate this deal; registrants who qualify will be contacted by NNOHA staff after October 6, 2016, to submit a rebate form.

More than 45 sessions will be offered on a variety of clinical, non-clinical, hands-on, and promising practice topics. See the complete Conference agenda starting on page 13, and book your registration today!

Not a NNOHA member? As you complete Conference registration, you can purchase or renew your NNOHA membership and take advantage of discounted pricing for individual and organizational members. Before checkout, you will have the option to add membership and select member registration type. Contact Kelcy Workman, Member Services Manager, with any questions.

Early Bird pricing good through October 6:

$599 NNOHA Member
$899 Non-Member

Standard pricing October 7 or later:

$649 NNOHA Member
$949 Non-Member

Registration cost includes all Conference general sessions, meals, social events, awards presentations, networking activities, Conference handouts, Exhibit Hall access, and more!

Note: Some Pre-Conference sessions require an additional fee.
Plenary Session Speakers

Each day of Conference will begin with a plenary session featuring unique and timely perspectives about advancing oral health access. NNOHA is delighted to welcome these experts to the podium.

Monday
Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH
Dr. Jack Dillenberg recently announced his retirement (effective June 2017) as Dean of A.T. Still University’s Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH), where he has worked since 2001.

Prior to joining ASDOH, Dr. Dillenberg was associate director for public health programs in the California Department of Health Services, and prior to that was area health officer serving the west area of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. During most of the 1990s, Dr. Dillenberg served in several capacities in the Arizona Department of Health Services.

He received his master’s degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health and completed his dental education at New York University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Dillenberg is the recipient of a great number of honors and awards, including the U.S Public Health Service Chief Dental Officer’s Service Award and the Harvard School of Public Health Alumni Award of Merit. He is recognized at the local, state, and national levels as an expert in the area of public health leadership, health program development.

Dr. Dillenberg also has been a mentor, supporter, advocate, and friend to NNOHA since before the organization was formally established. Along with the Western Region Dental Consultants, he participated in Multi Regional Continuing Education retreats known informally as the Sedona Conference for Health Center Dentists. This was the beginning of the community of learning that would eventually become NNOHA and the yearly NNOHA/BPHC dental conference. Dr. Dillenberg is therefore uniquely qualified to present our keynote address: “25 Years of Advocating for Oral Health Access... is Only the Beginning.”

Tuesday
Suma Nair, MS, RD
Ms. Suma Nair is Director of the national Office of Quality Improvement (OQI) in the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a position she has held since 2008. Her office directs the Bureau’s focus for program performance including clinical and operational quality improvement, patient safety and risk management, data reporting, and program evaluation.

OQI specifically provides leadership in the following areas:

- Implements BPHC clinical quality and performance improvement strategies, including health information technology
- Oversees BPHC Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) medical malpractice liability programs and risk management and patient safety activities
- Leads and coordinates BPHC technical assistance/programs and activities
- Identifies and provides assistance to BPHC programs around quality improvement and performance reporting
- Oversees BPHC programs related to health information technology and quality improvement

NNOHA plenary sessions are a great way to start each day!
Need caffeine before these early morning sessions? No problem! Drop by the Continental Breakfast, served daily from 7:00am-8:00am. Plenary sessions begin at 8:00am.

Wednesday
T.R. Reid
Mr. T. R. Reid has become one of the nation's best-known journalists through his books, articles, documentary films, reporting for *The Washington Post*, and commentaries on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*.

At *The Post*, Mr. Reid covered Congress and four presidential campaigns, and also served as the paper's bureau chief in Tokyo and London. Mr. Reid has reported from four dozen countries on five continents.


Mr. Reid has also made documentary films for National Geographic Television, PBS, and the A&E Network. You can view his PBS film, *U.S. Health Care: The Good News*, originally broadcast in 2012, as posted on the PBS website.

A Denver resident, Mr. Reid is a member of the board of the Health Research and Educational Trust, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, and other community and educational institutions. He is Chairman of the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, the statewide citizens' campaign working to provide health care for every Coloradan. He will address the NNOHA Conference on the morning after the 2016 national election, with an appropriate presentation entitled, “The People Have Spoken: What Does it Mean for the U.S. Healthcare System?”
New This Year

You didn’t expect NNOHA to rest on its laurels, did you? Not only is the 25th Anniversary Conference celebrating a fantastic milestone, but it also marks the introduction of three new features that first-time attendees and Conference regulars alike will both appreciate.

1. Social Wall
Are you a fan of Twitter and/or Instagram? This year we will add a social media display with real-time posts from Conference. Photos and tweets from Conference sessions and social events will be displayed on a screen near the NNOHA table, so even non-users can follow the buzz.

The social wall will also be active on the NNOHA website so you can stay connected from anywhere.

2. CE Processing
NNOHA is now an ADA CERP provider and will be processing conference session CE credits internally this year. In order to maintain accurate records and provide faster, easier access to CE records, we will electronically track attendance at each session.

After Conference, you’ll receive information about how to obtain your CE transcript. Watch NNOHA News in the coming weeks for details.

3. Mobile App
One of the biggest changes this year is the addition of a mobile app. Because there’s an app for everything, right?

Prior to the meeting, you’ll receive an email with instructions to download and log into the 2016 NNOHA Annual Conference mobile app. In the app you’ll find things like:

- speaker bios
- maps and transportation options
- your personal schedule
- networking opportunities
- exhibit hall map
- links to relevant content

This time-saving tool can help you organize your Conference participation, connect and follow up with other attendees, and access additional information right away. Without question, the free app will make your life easier and enhance your overall Conference experience.

Innovation is a priority at NNOHA, not just in the work we do to advance oral health access, but in our annual Conference as well. Each year we introduce enhancements to the meeting to improve your experience and/or understanding. We take your feedback seriously, too... so let us know what you like, what doesn’t matter to you, and when you have ideas for future improvements. Watch for your Conference evaluation in November.

Win a $50 Amazon gift card!
Take NNOHA’s short Membership Survey and tell us about your member experiences, interests, and preferences. Two winners will randomly be selected among all who complete the survey.

These new features are available for sponsorship! Your company logo can appear on the head banner of the Social Wall or on the Mobile App, and you will have the opportunity to place rotating ads in these vehicles as well. Contact Luana Harris Scott if you are interested in sponsoring either exciting new area.
Sheraton Denver Downtown invites you to experience the grandeur of having 1,231 distinctly appointed Denver hotel rooms and 82 luxurious suites. Understated rooms feature 37-inch flat-screen TVs, coffeemakers, and 24-hour room service.

The hotel is perfectly located on Denver’s 16th Street Mall—a mile-long pedestrian promenade of outdoor bistros, microbreweries, shopping and entertainment—and situated in the heart of Denver’s financial and business districts. Hop on the free shuttle, and you’ll be whisked around the area, with stops at every block. You’ll also be within walking distance of some top downtown Denver attractions, like the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Colorado Convention Center, and the City’s major professional sports stadiums.

The Sheraton offers a superb indoor fitness center or you can bike, walk, or jog outdoors along nearby Cherry Creek. If you really must work, you’ll enjoy internet access and spacious workstations in the hotel’s Link@Sheraton. And if you need a snack between Conference meals, the hotel’s five restaurants offer something for everyone.

Note: The guaranteed room rate of $199 per night plus tax (if booked on or before October 13) also applies three days pre- and post-conference, subject to availability. After October 13, the hotel will accept reservations on a space- and rate-available basis.

Denver International Airport
If you’re a first-time traveler to Denver, you may appreciate extra information about Denver International Airport (DIA), which—as a large transportation center and hub for several airlines—requires considerable navigation. Wear good walking shoes when you travel, because you will cover some ground just getting through the airport!

DIA has 133 gates spread over three detached linear concourses. The concourses (A, B, & C) are internally connected via an underground train system.

After deplaning, you will follow the signs for Baggage Claim and Ground Transportation. Take the escalator or elevator down to the train, and head to the Main Terminal (follow signs to Baggage Claim and Ground Transportation). Once you depart the train, you will take the escalator up to the Main Terminal, and there you can retrieve any checked baggage.

Just outside Baggage Claim on Level 5 is where you can also find ground transportation. (If you are being picked up by someone local, you will need to take an elevator down to Level 4 to meet their vehicle curbside at Passenger Pickup.)

Ground Transportation
The airport is about 25 miles from downtown Denver. The Sheraton Denver Downtown does not provide shuttle service from the airport, so options for ground transportation are provided for your convenience.

Depending on the route and time of day, you can expect the journey to take 20-45 minutes from the airport to the hotel. (At least you will
enjoy a spectacular west-facing view of the Rocky Mountains if your commute occurs during daylight hours.)

The cheapest, fastest method to get into Downtown is the new Denver Airport Rail. It costs just $9 each way to ride the A Line train. Once inside the main terminal, follow the signs directing you to the Transit Center on the south end. You will exit the terminal through the sliding glass doors and take the escalator in the center of the plaza down to Level 1. Tickets may be purchased at vending machines located on the train platform, using cash or credit card. Trains run every 15-30 minutes depending on time of day, and travel time from the airport to Union Station is 37 minutes. Denver’s Union Station is at the base of the 16th Street Mall, where you can pick up the free shuttle or walk to the Sheraton (1.3 miles).

Alternately you can use the RTD (Regional Transportation District) bus. You access the bus via the Transit Center on the south end of the main DIA terminal, where you will take the escalator down to Level 1. It will cost you $9 to ride the bus; you must have exact change or you can pick up a ticket at the RTD Customer Care counter or ticket vending machines located in the middle of the Denver Airport Station.

The following options can also provide transportation to and from the hotel (pick-up is on Level 5 outside Baggage Claim):

- Lyft or Uber
- Super Shuttle: 1-800 258-3826
- Fox Limo Service: 303-882-0525
- Denver Yellow Cab: 303-777-7777
- Metro Taxi: 303-333-3333
- Freedom Cab: 303-444-4444

Travel Advisory
November is not known for heavy snow in Colorado, but that doesn’t mean storms won’t occur. The crews at DIA are experienced and prepare months in advance for winter flight conditions. Occasionally heavy storms will delay or cancel flights, so be sure to stay up to date on your travel by checking your flight status often. For more information on your flight or Denver International Airport, check out the DIA Website.

Colorado Marijuana FAQs

Traveling to Colorado offers some additional considerations after voters passed Amendment 64 in November 2012.

State law now permits adults 21 and older to purchase, possess, and use recreational marijuana. Those who do must follow the rules for the City and County of Denver and all other applicable jurisdictions.

Recreational marijuana is limited to private use and may not be consumed publically. Consumption is strictly prohibited in the following public areas, among others:

- transportation facilities
- schools
- amusement/sporting/music venues
- parks
- playgrounds
- sidewalks and roads
- outdoor/rooftop cafes or balconies

It is also illegal to smoke indoors at public locations like bars, restaurants, common areas in buildings, and inside motor vehicles.

Hotels individually decide if they allow marijuana smoke in smoking rooms; please confirm in advance prior to partaking.

Recreational marijuana can be purchased by anyone of legal age at any retail marijuana store. It may not be transported out of Colorado or across state lines, regardless of transportation method.

All consumers, both residents and non-residents, can purchase up to one ounce of marijuana daily. For more information on marijuana in Colorado, visit The Cannabist, the Denver Post’s home for ideas, people, art, food, and news centered around the culture of cannabis.
Traveling to Denver can be quite breathtaking—literally—since the city sits at 5,280 feet. If you happen to drive by our largest outdoor sporting venues, Sports Authority Field at Mile High or Coors Field, you will see a ring of seats marking exactly one mile up from sea level. Often when you watch professional sports teams playing here, you can see the oxygen canisters on the sidelines. After all, the Mile High City has 17 percent less oxygen than cities at sea level.

These pointers will help maximize your enjoyment during your stay in Denver:

1. **Know the symptoms of altitude sickness:** headaches, fatigue, shortness of breath, and insomnia. The best way to combat these ailments is to rest often and drink LOTS of water. Balance your salt intake by eating more foods high in potassium like broccoli, bananas, and avocados, or take a potassium supplement.

2. **Alcoholic drinks pack more punch than they do at sea level.** Partake slowly since you’ll be feeling stronger effects. (The same holds true for marijuana consumption if you plan to take advantage of Colorado’s newest tourist attraction; see “Colorado Marijuana FAQs” on page 7 for more information.)

3. **There’s less water vapor in the air.** Relative humidity is typically around 40% in November. Precipitation usually runs around just over one inch for the entire month, and only 8-15 inches of rainfall all year. The arid conditions contribute to the “high desert” classification for Denver and the surrounding Front Range.

4. **Physical activity is more intense** because the air is thinner (and less hydrated). It’s easy to overexert yourself, so if you usually run 10 miles a day, try running six while in Denver. You’ll get a great cardio workout all the same.

5. **The sun’s rays are more potent.** Denver boasts over 300 days of sunshine a year—more than either San Diego or Miami—so you will likely enjoy bright, sunny skies during your visit. However, there’s also 25% less sun protection thanks to the altitude, so pack sunscreen, sunglasses, and/or a hat if you plan to spend time outside.

Despite its proximity to the mountains, Denver has a fairly mild climate. In November, the average high is 54°F and the average low is 23°F (it gets chilly right after sundown). Most nights in November, the temperature will drop below freezing. More than anything else, Denver weather is unpredictable; it really can be windy and cloudy one minute, snow for an hour or two, and then warm up into the 50s or 60s once the sun reappears. It’s therefore best to dress in layers to prepare for a variety of atmospheric conditions. While a full parka isn’t a necessity, you’ll likely need more than just a sweatshirt.

By slowing down, staying hydrated, and keeping your body appropriately protected, you can ensure an enjoyable trip to the Mile High City. Feel free to ask NNOHA staff any questions related to weather or altitude... after all, we live here year-round!
Have you heard about “Bleisure Travel?” That’s what it’s now called when you combine business and leisure travel. So if work takes you to an interesting destination, you might as well add a day or more to the beginning or end of your trip, to make the most of the distance you traveled and fully enjoy the change of scenery.

Denver and the nearby Rocky Mountains offer many possibilities for rest and relaxation. NNOHA has even made arrangements with the Downtown Sheraton to honor the conference rate of $199/night for three days prior to and three days following the conference, so you can extend your stay and take full advantage. We’ve assembled this extensive (yet hardly exhaustive) list of activities and attractions to tempt you!

**Attractions within walking distance (or a short ride) from the hotel, perfect for a half-day or evening excursion:**

**Sports**

**Football:** The defending Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos are out of town during Conference week, but the Broncos Team Shop at Mile High Stadium is open Monday-Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-5. Walking tours of the stadium are also available Tuesday-Saturday from 10-2 (starting on the hour) and last 75-90 minutes.

**Hockey:** The Colorado Avalanche will be at home at the Pepsi Center:
- Saturday, Nov. 5: Minnesota Wild, 1pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 8: Arizona Coyotes, 7pm
- Friday, Nov. 11: Winnipeg Jets, 7pm
- Sunday, Nov. 13: Boston Bruins, 1pm

**Basketball:** The Denver Nuggets will be at home at the Pepsi Center:
- Thursday, Nov. 10: Golden State Warriors, 7pm
- Saturday, Nov. 12: Detroit Pistons, 7pm

**Baseball:** The Colorado Rockies season will be over by November, but the Rockies Dugout Store on the 16th Street Mall is open

*closeup of baseball bat and ball*

Monday-Friday 10-5:30, Saturday 10-4. Tours of Coors Field are offered on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 12pm and 2pm.

**Arts & Culture**

**Denver Art Museum:** Open Tuesday-Sunday from 10-5 (and open til 8pm on Friday), November exhibits include:
- **Glitterati: Portraits and Jewelry from Colonial Latin America**
- **Glory of Venice: Masterworks of the Renaissance**
- **Star Wars and the Power of Costume** (opens Nov 13, requires reservation and additional fee)

**Denver Center for the Performing Arts:** Tickets are available for the following performances:
- **An Act of God** (Garner Galleria Theater)
- **Jersey Boys**, Nov. 9-13 (Buell Theater)

**Brown Palace Hotel:** Experience grandeur and elegance by enjoying Afternoon Tea in the picturesque lobby of this historic hotel, built in 1892 and known for its ornate iron grillwork balconies and exquisite stained glass ceiling in the lobby atrium. Reservations recommended; tea served daily, 12-4.

**Tattered Cover Book Store:** One of America’s great independent book stores, located in
a restored historic building in LoDo and steps from Denver’s bustling Union Station. Browse, buy, and/or seek refreshment in the quaint café, Monday-Friday 6:30am-9pm; Saturday 9-9; Sunday 10-6.

Money
Denver Mint: Free 45-minute tour, Monday-Thursday, 8-3:30, to watch U.S. coins being made. Reservations required; closed Friday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Federal Reserve Bank Money Museum: Take a walk through American history by viewing real currency dating back to 1775. Discover the differences between State, Demand, and National bank notes. You can even see a $100,000 bill! Open Monday-Friday, 9:30-4, except Federal holidays.

History
Colorado State Capitol: Free historical tours Monday-Friday (except State and Federal holidays), 10-3.

History Colorado Center: Interactive family-oriented museum, open daily 10-5. Explore a variety of permanent and traveling exhibits.

Further afield: These popular destinations all require transportation and additional time but can be well worth the extra effort and cost. Distances listed are relative to the Conference hotel, and all attractions are in Denver unless otherwise noted.

Area Attractions
Celestial Seasonings: Free tour every top of the hour, Monday-Saturday 10-4, Sunday 11-3. See how tea is made and packaged, and learn where various teas and other herbal ingredients are grown. 28 miles northwest, on Sleepytime Drive in Boulder.

Coors Brewery: Visit the world’s largest single-site brewery. Free tour plus free samples for age 21+. Note: No purses or bags allowed, and no storage lockers provided. Open daily 10-4. 15 miles west in Golden.

Denver Children’s Museum: Hands-on interactive museum designed for ages 0-8. Check out the Village of Healthy Smiles made possible by Delta Dental. Open weekdays 9-4 (open late til 7:30 on Wednesday) and weekends 10-5. 3 miles northwest.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science: World-class science museum with dioramas, interactive exhibits, permanent installations, an IMAX theater, and more. Located in City Park and open daily 9-5. 3 miles east.

Denver Zoo: Since 1918, the award-winning Denver Zoo has been one of the leading institutions where visitors can view animals at eye level in their natural habitat, not behind bars or fences. Open daily 10-4 in City Park. Note: Nov. 7 and 17 are “free days” at the zoo, meaning admission is free for everyone (but crowds can be considerably larger). 3 miles east.

Downtown Aquarium: More than a million gallons of underwater exhibits and a 4-D theater, open daily 10-9 (9:30 on Friday and Saturday). The full-service restaurant is part of the Landry’s family of eateries, open 11-9 (9:30 on Friday and Saturday). 3 miles northwest.
Get eye level with the giraffes at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs.

Pearl Street Mall: Eclectic shopping and lots of casual dining, locals claim this outdoor pedestrian mall is “nestled between the mountains and reality.” Features hundreds of locally owned boutiques, cafés, microbreweries, street performers, play areas, goods by local artisans, and more. Hours of operation vary by establishment. 28 miles northwest in Boulder.

Red Rocks Amphitheater: It took 300 million years to build Denver’s most scenic attraction and world-famous concert venue. Great hiking in the area. Excellent visitors’ center with Performers’ Hall of Fame. Restaurant open for lunch only. Free access except for ticketed events; may close early on concert days. 18 miles west in Morrison.

U.S. Air Force Academy: Nestled against the Rocky Mountains with the best possible conditions for flight training, the Academy is responsible for cadet military training and Airmanship education for 4,400 university students and is home to 3,000 military, civilian and contract personnel operating the USAF’s 10th Air Base Wing. Free tours are offered weekdays 9-5; don’t miss Falcon Stadium and the iconic Cadet Chapel. 57 miles south in Colorado Springs (enter via the North Gate off Interstate 25).

U.S. Olympic Training Center: This is the flagship training center for the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Olympic Training Center programs, and serves as national headquarters for USA Swimming and USA Shooting. The Center provides year-round housing, dining, training facilities, recreational facilities, and other services for more than 500 athletes and coaches. Various tour packages are offered Monday-Saturday 9-4. 70 miles south in Colorado Springs.

Garden of the Gods: Scenic vistas, hiking trails, breathtaking rock formations, and idyllic picnic spots explain why this area, where the red sandstone rises against a backdrop of blue skies and snow-capped Pikes Peak, was known as Garden of the Gods among native peoples. The park is open 5am-9pm daily, and the Visitor’s Center is open 9-5; both are free to the public. 70 miles south in Colorado Springs.

Cool Mountain Towns (find your favorite or discover a new one): It’s not really a trip to Colorado unless you spend time in the mountains too. Fortunately many popular mountain communities are only a short drive from Denver. These towns are grouped geographically, with direction and distance relative to Denver.

South
Manitou Springs (71 miles): Sleepy little artist’s colony at the base of Pikes Peak, with 8 naturally carbonated mineral spring fountains running free for all who wish to enjoy their healing benefits. The Ute, Cheyenne, and other Native American tribes considered this area sacred.

Colorado Springs (70 miles): Small city with a unique vibe driven by lots of active and retired military personnel (both the Air Force Academy and U.S. Army base at Fort Carson are within the city limits), Focus on the Family, and an eclectic arts culture. Highlights include the U.S. Olympic Training Center, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the Van Briggle Pottery studio and museum, and the incomparable Broadmoor hotel and conference center at the base of Pikes Peak.

Northwest
Estes Park (64 miles): Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park, plus home to the
If you’d like to ski while in Colorado, you’re in luck: Arapahoe Basin and Loveland ski areas (the closest to metro Denver) are projected to open October 27; most other ski areas will open early- to mid-November. Just check resort websites before you pack your skis, since weather conditions may affect access and hours.

Steamboat Springs (157 miles): Ski town and ranching community, also known for restorative hot springs pools and vapor caves. It’s a great area for hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, and enjoying colorful mountain views.

West
Georgetown (45 miles): The historic steam locomotive runs from this old mining town to neighboring Silver Plume and back several times per day. The annual Bighorn Sheet Festival takes place Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10-3.

Silverthorne (68 miles): Famous for outlet malls, beautiful Lake Dillon, and fantastic fly fishing on the Blue River, Silverthorne stands at the gateway to such popular ski areas as Keystone, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge, and Vail. It’s a great place to get outfitted or grab a bite on your way to or from another mountain destination.

Breckenridge (80 miles): Ski town featuring colorful Victorian homes. One of the more recent attractions is the Breckenridge Distillery, which offers award-winning bourbon plus gin, vodka, spiced rum, bitters, and other spirits. Free daily distillery tours are offered 11-6 on the hour and half-hour; there’s even a 90-minute “Behind Swinging Doors” saloon tour on Friday at 5pm (reservations required).

Vail (97 miles): Ski town with Bavarian-style architecture featuring one of the largest ski resorts in the world. Find world-class dining and shopping in the pedestrian village. Year-round you can visit the picturesque Betty Ford Alpine Gardens and Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater.

Aspen (195 miles): Ski town, foodie haven, artist colony, and home to the rich and famous. Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell, Oprah, Ralph Lauren, Tom Cruise, Kevin Costner and John Elway all have homes in or around the town of Aspen. Your private jet will need a reservation.

Support the Local Economy

If you prefer shopping over sightseeing, check out these popular malls and shopping destinations throughout the Denver metro area:

Aspen Grove
BelMar
Cherry Creek North
Cherry Creek Shopping Center
Denver Pavilions
Flatiron Crossing
Park Meadows Mall
South Broadway Antique District
Southwest Plaza
The Streets at SouthGlenn
Whether this is your first NNOHA Conference or you’re a seasoned veteran, you will find fantastic learning and networking opportunities on each day of the meeting. The three-and-a-half-day Conference begins Sunday night at 6:00pm, so please book your travel accordingly (registration is open from 7:00am-5:00pm). For your convenience, sessions are color-coded by type so you can identify offerings of interest. All sessions are open to all registrants, unless otherwise noted.

Pre-Conference activities are listed under the gray headers and are available to select attendees. Most of these sessions require additional pre-registration and a separate fee as noted.

**EVENT KEY:**

- Clinical
- Non-Clinical
- Clinical Hands-On
- General
- Promising Practices
- Social

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**Election Watch Party**

Whatever your party or politics, there’s one thing we can all agree on: This is an important election, regardless of the outcome. Let’s watch our future unfold together!

For important information on early voting before you leave home, see “Don’t Forget to Vote” on page 17.
Mixing and mingling makes great memories! These Conference social events will help you catch up with old friends and make some new friends too. We can’t wait to see YOU!

**Social Events**

Love to work your way around a room? Or enjoy fine food and drink? In addition to daily Continental Breakfasts and numerous Networking Breaks, each day of Conference offers a different centerpiece social event to give you the chance to network and enjoy the company of peers.

**Sunday**
**Welcome Reception**
There’s no better way to kick off Conference than with a party! Join us for drinks, hors d’oeuvres, networking, and fun. This is a great chance to greet old friends and meet new ones, plus discuss issues of the day.

**Monday**
**NNOHA’s 25th Anniversary Gala and Awards Dinner**
Dress up (cocktail/semi-formal attire) for this auspicious occasion and enjoy fine dining and dancing. We’ll also celebrate award winners and 25 years of advancing oral health access through NNOHA.

**Tuesday**
**Election Watch Party**
Who will lead our great nation for the next four years? We’ll all find out together... by watching the election returns in a casual environment while enjoying drinks and snacks. No matter how you feel about the results, you’ll likely find someone else who feels the same way!

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**EVENT KEY:**
- **Clinical**
- **Non-Clinical**
- **Clinical Hands-On**
- **General**
- **Promising Practices**
- **Social**

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Don’t Forget to Vote!

Phillip Thompson, NNOHA Executive Director

As NNOHA will frequently remind you over the next several weeks, the 2016 election occurs on Tuesday, Nov. 8, right in the middle of Conference. Prepare yourself in advance with this helpful information.

While it has been a remarkably colorful campaign so far, let us not forget that the most important moment is yet to come, when citizens across our country follow the processes established in their localities to cast their votes.

As with many facets of government, when it comes to absentee voting, each state is a little different. It is important that you explore the rules for absentee voting in your state before you leave home. You cannot cast your ballot from the Conference hotel in Denver, and it sure would be inconvenient for you to fly home from the meeting just to vote in your assigned precinct!

The National Association of Secretaries of State offers an amazing election resource. Click on the tab marked “Make Your Vote Count” to learn about the early voting requirements in your state (note that some states require you to register absentee several weeks ahead of an election). There is even a tab to find out if you are already registered to vote. For further information, contact the election officials in your county or parish, as listed on the website.

On election night, NNOHA will broadcast election returns in the meeting hall so you can come and go, visit with others from your state or region, and enjoy a snack or beverage and discuss the updates as reported. This is a great networking opportunity while you watch coverage from the networks! Of course, you may prefer to watch TV in your room, or go out for a great dinner at one of Denver’s terrific downtown restaurants. Or maybe you’ll do all three—it’s up to you.

On the morning after the election, I urge you to be on time for the 8:00am plenary session, when Mr. T.R. Reid, long-time reporter, journalist, filmmaker, and political commentator, will explain what the election results mean for healthcare in general and health centers in particular (see his impressive credentials on page 4). I think you will find it fascinating.

Happy Voting! See you in November!