

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION SPOTLIGHT

82ND National Convention
May 1 -2, 2026

“You Are a Shining Star”

Pre-Convention Tour
April 30, 2026

Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke, VA



Known as the “Star City of the South” because of the large, illuminated star overlooking the city, Roanoke, Virginia is a mountain town offering abundant outdoor activities, from hiking and mountain biking trails to paddling waterways and scenic drives. As the largest city along Virginia’s Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail, Roanoke has become a haven for outdoor lovers looking for a place to rest, recharge, and continue to new adventures.

You are a Shining Star, our 2026 convention theme, is a song by Earth, Wind, and Fire from the 70’s, stepping back in time for remembering the Disco era with leisure suits, bell bottoms jeans, shiny metallic outfits, white boots and your best dance moves.

HOTEL:

- Nestled in the heart of Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains, is the newly renovated Holiday Inn-Tanglewood hotel. Pets allowed. Only service animals in restaurants.
- You are just 2 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, walking distance to Tanglewood Mall with many restaurants and shops to enjoy.
- All the newly renovated guest rooms greet you with mini-fridge, microwave, along with free Wi-Fi.
- You can stop by the onsite modern lounge for a cocktail or a meal at Elephant Walk.
- Free shuttle is available. Contact Hotel at 540-774-4400 upon arrival.
- You can get there by plane (ROA), train or automobile.

Room rate is \$109 per night (plus applicable taxes/fees). Book by Sunday, March 18, 2026, by calling 540-774-4400, referencing the NARBW convention; or use the convenient link to book your reservations. The rate is good from April 29 through May 3, 2026. Link: nationalassociationofrailwaybusinesswomen.com.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 29	Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Thursday, April 30	Registration, Pre-Convention Tour, Hospitality Night
Friday, May 1	Business Meeting, President's Brunch, Market Place, Business Meeting, Candidate's Reception, Fun Night
Saturday, May 2	Memorial, Business Meeting, Elections, Market Place, Membership Lunch, Business Meeting, Post-Convention Board Meeting, Group Photo, Reception, Banquet
Sunday, May 3	Check out and Good-Bye's

Our **Pre-Convention** tour on Thursday, April 30, will include a group photo at the Star on top of Mill Mountain, a visit to the D-Day Memorial, lunch at Liberty Station (renovated railroad passenger station) and a couple of surprises.

For **Fun Night**, plan on going back in time! "You are a shining star, no matter who you are" is from the era of Disco with leisure suits, bell bottoms, and big hair, which will be such a fun time at our Fun Night. Or, go back to what you dreamed you would be when you grew up. Music provided by "Hootie Mack"!

For our 2026 convention project, we ask for donation of old eyeglasses which will be donated to the Lions Club. All types of glass can be used, i.e., prescription, readers, sunglasses, etc.

Join our **Roanoke Convention Facebook Group!**

For questions, contact 2026 National Convention Co-Chairs Carol Gentilini at 540-563-9259 or Sylvia Long at 540-521-1972