

2025 NAATBatt International Spouses & Companions Program Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, February 17-20

Please join Ellen Greenberger, wife of NAATBatt Executive Director Jim Greenberger, and other NAATBatt spouses/companions for the 2025 NAATBatt Spouses & Companions Program. The Program provides spouses/companions with an opportunity to participate in the social events and all meals & cocktail receptions of the 2025 NAATBatt Conference (Tuesday-Thursday). In addition, registered spouses/companions have the option to participate at no additional charge in one or two full day tours of historic sites, gardens, museums, restaurants, and a scenic boat ride in the Orlando area in the company of Ellen Greenberger and other NAATBatt spouses/companions participating in the program. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and get to know others who are indirectly involved in the North American advanced battery industry.

2025 NAATBatt SPOUSES/COMPANIONS DAY TOURS & LUNCHES ORGANIZED:

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Guided Tours of Bok Tower Gardens & El Retiro Mansion + Lunch in Lake Wales, FL

Thursday, Feb. 20 – Museum Tours, Lunch & Scenic Boat Tour in Winter Park, FL



OMNI ORLANDO RESORT AT CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT & SPA ACTIVITIES:

Take advantage of the Resort's many amenities, including heated adult swimming pool, zero entry family swimming pool, Lazy River, fitness center, tennis, pickleball, golf –Champs Par 3 Course, 36 holes of championship golf or miniature golf, surrey bike, jog, hike or a enjoy treatment or service at the **Mokara Spa at Omni ChampionsGate** You can book a massage, facial & skincare, body treatment, manicure or pedicure (excluding dip and acrylic). Spa treatments are limited in number, so book now by calling 407-390-6603. Spa facilities are accessible on the day of your scheduled spa treatment. Mention "NAATBatt 2025" when booking to obtain a 15% discount on a treatment of an hour or more duration.

INCLUDED ON-SITE MEALS & RECEPTIONS AT OMNI ORLANDO RESORT AT CHAMPIONSGATE on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

Spouses/Companions who have registered on-line to participate in the NAATBatt 2025 Spouses & Companions Program and paid the \$350 registration fee are entitled to attend all the meals and cocktail receptions that are part of the NAATBatt 2025 Conference Program. The scheduled food and beverage offerings on-site at The Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate for the conference attendees and their registered spouses/companions are described below.

Breakfasts

On **Wednesday** and **Thursday** mornings a continental breakfast buffet will be offered from 7:30 - 8:20 am at the Osceola Convention Center Foyer and Grand Hall.



Lunches

On Wednesday from 1:45 – 2:45 pm, and **on Thursda**y from 2:30 – 3:30 pm Lunches for the conference attendees and registered NAATBatt spouses/companions staying on-site that day will be served outdoors (weather permitting) on the Osceola Event Lawn next to the Osceola Convention Center.



Cocktail Receptions & Dinners

On Tuesday the NAATBatt 2025 Conference Opening Cocktail Reception will be held outdoors (weather permitting) from 7 - 9:30 pm on the Osceola Event Lawn, followed by the NAATBatt 2025 Opening Dinner from 7:15 – 9:30 pm, in the same location.

On Wednesday from 5:50-6:15 pm the NAATBatt spouses/companions are invited to attend the Conference Welcome Remarks by NAATBatt President Brian Engle of Amphenol Sensors, followed by the Conference Keynote Speech from 6:15 -6:35 pm, the NAATBatt 2025 Lifetime Achievement Awards Presentation from 6:35-6:40 pm, and Remarks by the Annual Dinner Sponsor from 6:40 –

7:30 pm. From 6:40 – 7:30 pm outdoors (weather permitting) on the Osceola Event Lawn area by the Osceola Convention Center NAATBatt spouses and companions can attend the Conference Networking Cocktail Reception, followed by the NAATBatt 2025 Annual Dinner from 7:30 – 8:45 pm also in the same outdoor area.

On Thursday from 4:40 – 6 pm there will be the NAATBatt 2025 Closing Cocktail Reception in the Osceola Convention Center Foyer and Grand Hall.

OPTIONAL OFF-SITE TOURS & LUNCHES on Wednesday & Thursday

(requires advance sign-up with Ellen Greenberger at: ellen.l.greenberger@gmail.com)

For the NAATBatt Spouses/Companions we have planned an **optional** day trip/tour with an off-site lunch for each of Wednesday and Thursday. You can sign up for one or both days of touring. NAATBatt will cover the cost of your attendance at these off-site tours and lunches. However, each tour, off-site lunch, and the roundtrip transportation to the activity requires an advance booking and payment by NAATBatt. **Please review the tour and lunch descriptions below and send an RSVP e-mail to me – Ellen Greenberger at <u>ellen.l.greenberger@gmail.com</u> or text 847-722-2157 immediately to reserve your spot for each day's tour and lunch.**

If you have your own membership to a botanic garden with reciprocity to Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, or a AAA membership, please bring your membership card. If you are age 60 or over you can qualify for a discounted senior admission to the Morse Museum of Art in Winter Park, so please bring photo ID with your birthdate and let Ellen know.

Those spouses touring each day should meet up at the designated time listed below outside the Osceola Convention Center building at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate under the Porte Cochere (covered driveway) where we will load into a shuttle to depart from and return to the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Boulevard, Championsgate, FL 33896 ph: 407-390-6664; https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/orlando-championsgate

WEDNESDAY, FEB 19 NAATBatt SPOUSES/COMPANION GUIDED TOURS OF BOK TOWER GARDENS + EL RETIRO MANSION + LUNCH IN LAKE WALES, FL

wear hat, sunglasses, sun screen and comfortable walking shoes



At 8:30 am we will depart via shuttle from the Osceola Convention Center building at the Omni Orlando ChampionsGate Resort meeting under the Porte Cochere (covered driveway) to drive to Bok Tower Gardens at 1151 Tower Blvd. in Lake Wales: https://boktowergardens.org/ ph: 863-676-1408. We will begin our day at 10 am with a docent-guided 1-hour walking tour of this National Historic Landmark. Mobility carts are available for rental at a fee, on a first-come, first-served basis. The gardens were created by Edward William Bok, editor of the magazine The Ladies Home Journal and his wife Mary Louise Curtis Bok. The Boks hired renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr. who between 1924-28 designed and executed a 25-acre contemplative garden and bird sanctuary. The Boks created the gardens to provide a retreat of repose and naturel beauty for the hum; a refuge for the bird; and a place for the student of Southern plant and bird life. They gardens were built upon one of the highest points in of peninsular Florida and the Boks purchased the land Pinewood Estate to protect the land from being developed. In 1925 the Boks replaced the bird sanctuary's water tower with a stone water and bell tower. The Gothic Revival 205-foot tower with Art Deco details houses a 60-bell carillon on its top, with other portions of the tower holding water tanks to irrigate the gardens. The Tower is surrounded by a moat that serves now as a koi pond. Following our garden tour, we will walk over to the Pinewood Estate to take a docent-guided tour inside El Retiro Mansion, also on the Historic Register of Historic Places. El Retiro was built between 1930-1932 as a winter residence by C. Austin Buck, Vice President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, in Pennsylvania. The mansion has been restored to its 1930's appearance. Following this tour, we will walk towards the Singing Tower to listen to a 20-minute recital of the carillon bells beginning at 1 pm. After the bell concert we will walk towards the Visitors Center by the entrance to Bok Tower Gardens for a lunch outdoors at the nearby Blue Palmetto Café inside the gardens.



At 3 pm we will meet up outside the Visitors Center by the entrance to Bok Tower Gardens to board our shuttle for travel back to the Omni Orlando ChampionsGate Resort. We should arrive back at The Omni Orlando Resort by 4 pm to give the spouses and companions some time to relax at the Resort and freshen up before the NAATBatt 2025 Opening Reception in the Osceola Convention Center Foyer and Grand Hall from 6:40 -7:30 pm, followed by dinner from 7:30-8:45 pm outside (weather permitting) on the Osceola Event Lawn by the Osceola Convention Center.

THURSDAY, FEB 20, NAATBatt SPOUSES/COMPANION TOUR OF WINTER PARK, FL MUSEUMS, LUNCH & SCENIC BOAT TOUR

wear hat, sun glasses, sun screen, waterproof clothing if raining, and comfortable walking shoes



At 8:30 am we will depart via shuttle from the Osceola Convention Center at Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate meeting under the Porte Cochere (covered driveway). By 9:30 am we should arrive in

Winter Park and start our day by touring the **Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art** located at 445 N. Park Avenue: <u>https://morsemuseum.org</u>; ph: 407-645-5311. The Morse Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), including the artist and designer's jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass, leaded-glass lamps and windows. Included are his chapel interior from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and salvaged art and architectural objects from his Long Island country estate called Laurelton Hall that was lost to a fire. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th and early 20th-century American paintings, graphics, decorative art, and Craftsman furnishings that Mr. Morse purchased from Gustav Stickley. We'll begin our visit watching the museum's two Orientation Films (20 minutes). We'll tour individually following the museum's self-guided audio tour, *so be sure to bring your personal cellphones + headphones*. The audio tour is available at: <u>https://morsemuseum.org/collection-highlights/audio-tour/</u>. The Morse Museum offers discounted admission to seniors age 60 and over, and to AAA members, so if you qualify, *please bring a photo ID with your birthdate and/or your AAA membership card*.



From the Morse Museum we will walk through Historic Downtown Winter Park on our way to lunch at Prato. We'll pass by the restored **Osceola Lodge** at 231 North Interlachen Avenue. Osceola Lodge, named after a heroic Seminole Indian chief, and the nearby **Knowles Cottage** at 232 North Knowles Avenue. These two homes were among the 3 houses that businessman and Winter Park pioneer Francis B. Knowles built on speculation in 1886. In 1904, Charles Morse bought the largest of the three houses - Osceola Lodge, and shortly began an expansion and extensive remodeling in the Arts and Crafts style of the period. In 1914 Morse purchased the Knowles Cottage, just behind Osceola Lodge, primarily to serve as a guest house while Osceola Lodge became his primary residence.

We will have lunch indoors at **Prato**, at 124 N. Park Avenue, <u>www.prato-wp.com</u> ph: 407-262-0050. On Winter Park's famed shopping street N. Park Avenue Prato offers for lunch a variety of Panini's featuring house-cured meats, and rustic, entrada-sized Insalatas, in addition to their inventive Pizzas and Pastas.



After lunch and weather permitting we will head to the boat dock at 312 E. Morse Blvd in Winter Park to board Winter Park Boat's 18-passenger pontoon boat for a 1-hour **Scenic Boat Tour** through 12-miles of canals and across 3 lakes giving visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the lush tropical foliage, wildlife and magnificent lakefront estates of historic Winter Park. Boats leave every hour on the hour. https://www.scenicboattours.com; ph: 407-644-4056.

Following the boat tour, we will head over to the campus of **Rollins College**, a private, co-educational liberal arts college, named by Princeton Review in 2015 as the most beautiful college campus in the nation. The campus has many handsome historic buildings in the Mediterranean revival style framed by sprawling live oaks and overlooking Lark Virginia. There's a half-mile lakeshore walk through the campus, along which is the Rollins Museum of Art located at 1000 Holt Avenue-2765 in Winter Park, https://www.rollins.edu/rma; ph: 407-646-2526. The Rollins Museum of Art features rotating exhibitions, ongoing programs, and an extensive permanent collection that spans Centuries. Its holding includes a sizeable American art collection, and a global contemporary collection on view both at the Museum and at The Alfond Inn at Rollins College. If time permits, we will take the short walk offcampus to The Alfond Inn at 300 East New England Avenue, Winter Park: <u>https://thealfondinn.com;</u> ph: 407-998-8090. The Alfond Inn is a visionary philanthropic boutique hotel whose proceeds help fund student scholarships at Rollins College. A work in progress, the contemporary art collection housed in the inn is the brainchild of Barbara and Theodore Alfond (R'1968), noted art collectors and several patrons of art institutions. The Alfond Collection of Contemporary Art was conceived as a visual syllabus for the liberal arts values the Alfonds learned at Rollins and which shaped not only their student years, but the rest of their lives. The curatorial narrative revolves around notions of critical thinking; literacy; enlarging one's perspective; understanding other cultures and traditions; and language.

At 3:30 we will depart from the Alfond Inn to head back to The Omni ChampionsGate Resort in time to attend the NAATBatt 2025 Conference Closing Reception at the Osceola Convention Center Foyer and Grand Hall from 4:40 – 6 pm.

If you need to leave our touring group early to go straight to the Orlando Airport to meet up with your spouse/companion and bags, you can order your own Uber or Lyft ride for an estimated 45-minute ride to the airport.

If you haven't already sent your RSVP to Ellen Greenberger to reserve your spot on the Wednesday and/or Thursday tour + group meal, please do so immediately. For reservations or questions about the NAATBatt 2024 Spouses & Companions Program, please contact Ellen at <u>ellen.l.greenberger@gmail.com</u> or 847-722-2157.