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2010 Rotary International Convention Montreal June 20-23, 2010

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR OUR CANADIAN ROTARIANS AND THOSE IN DISTRICTS OF ZONE 24

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Greetings!

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The Buzz is on!!!

This past month, I have had the opportunity to address a number of clubs in my district. In a few cases, during an event where spouses or partners were in attendance as well, the reaction was even better.

To my surprise it was the response from the smaller club that overwhelmed me the most. The buzz is on; Everyone is talking about the Convention.

Will we surprise President John and Chairman Bob with an attendance higher than anticipated? Well, if you ask me, the answer is YES. We as Canadians and/or Rotarians from Zone 24 will have an opportunity to show the rest of the Rotary world what a dynamic bunch of Rotarians we are. **We all want to go.**

So let's all keep talking about the Convention. Set an example by registering yourself and please pass this newsletter on to your fellow members. Don't forget to include showing a copy to your partner, they may want to have some say in this as well. (Or did you plan to make it a surprise??)

Tentative Convention Program

Interested in finding out what will take place at the convention and how to schedule your visit? You can download the tentative program from the [Zone 24-32](#) website.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The benefits of attending an International Convention are numerous: You will be able to **LISTEN** to inspiring speakers **LEARN** from the experienced **UNDERSTAND** Rotary **MEET** new and old friends **DISCOVER** new projects **PARTICIPATE** in discussions

We Need YOU!



If you have questions about housing, transportation, sightseeing or other related topics please [contact](#) me.

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Convention Promotion Committee Z24/Canada

Join us in Montreal!!



All of us in zones 24 have a unique opportunity to show the world our hospitality, our diversity and especially our love of Rotary Service for those in need in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Join President John Kenny and June in welcoming Rotarians from around the world to our very own beloved city of Montreal in the province of Quebec where we will celebrate 100 years of

Rotary in Canada. We anticipate a great attendance of possibly 20,000 Rotarians who are coming to our home. We are the hosts for this great celebration and we all need to be there to greet them when they arrive.

I ask each of you to reach out to one another and plan to be in Montreal for a most outstanding and unique international experience with all of our Family of Rotary from throughout the world. Let us all join our President John Kenny and June as their personal welcoming committee from zones 24 and don't forget to sign up for our "Beyond Borders Breakfast". Ann and I are privileged to be part of this great celebration of 100 years of rotary in Canada we look forward to seeing all of there. **Please join us in Montreal.**

Don't miss it!! [Register now](#) for the
2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal

Celebrate Rotary a la Montreal



Montréal features modern facilities and attractions against a backdrop of European history and charm. Between Mount Royal and the mighty St.

It's a phrase we hear often in Rotary.

Without volunteers no Rotary event could ever be successful. Over the past few years a large number of Rotarians have put in many volunteer hours to ensure the 2010 Convention will be a success. They won't stop working until after the Convention is over.

We like you to have an opportunity to be part of the large team of volunteers during the Convention.

Volunteering has many benefits. It's a great way to meet lots of people and have fun.

[VISIT THE VOLUNTEER SITE](#)

to find out more.

Lawrence River, the downtown core and historic Old Montréal shine year-round with international festivals and events.

Downtown Montréal is not only where people work, it's also where they live, play and display their unique *Joie de Vivre*. No wonder we're rated one of the world's most livable cities!

You'll also experience a plethora of delights in music, theatre, dance, art exhibits, nightlife, cuisine, shopping and more..... all merging in an exciting mix of traditional and avant-garde. With so much to discover, you don't want to miss Montréal.

Find out what Montreal has to offer by visiting the [Montreal Tourism website](#).

Why you should Register NOW!!

2010 Convention Attendance			
Canadian Districts			
Zone 24 Districts			
DIST	GOAL	8-Sep	14-Sep
5010	100	6	6
5020	400	27	29
5040	150	2	2
5050	150	14	14
5060	60	?	
5080	40	9	9
5360	144	31	31
5370	180	18	18
5550	150	2	2
5580	--	7	7
6290	30	3	3
6330	225	9	9
6380	20	8	8
6400	100		0
7010	100	19	19
7040	400	5	5
7070	250	21	29
7080	250	24	26
7090	350	15	15
7790	150	1	1
7810	50	5	5
7820	150	5	5
7850	50	10	10
GOAL	3740	241	253
Canada		181	193
USA		837	873

RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith firmly believes that the health of our Rotary clubs is enhanced by the attendance of club officers at a Rotary International Convention. Canadian District Governors strongly agree and have made a pledge to encourage as many Rotarians from their Districts as possible to register.

At the International Assembly in San Diego this last winter they have set a total goal of **3624** (including partners).

Let's have a look at these goals and see where we are today. As District Governor,



Convention Chairs and RI promotion Chair make presentations to clubs, send out bulletins and newscast these number will rise steadily. But we will not be satisfied until we have reached our goal .

Tips from Kevin the Promo Guy

Have you ever asked yourself: "How can I light a fire under my membership to get them more enthused and engaged? Every Rotarian who attends an International Convention comes back even more pumped about Rotary. Imagine if even 10% of your club attended? **Imagine 10% of your club twice as enthused about making Rotary even better!**

That's the power of this convention

Our city (Grande Prairie, Alberta) blocked some hotel rooms quickly and easily using the [Tourisme Montréal's](#) Housing Bureau. The room block is available for any Rotarian in Grande Prairie. I found it quite easy to do. You may consider doing the same for your club or community.

Tip: After blocking rooms, I told the staff in Montreal I prefer not to have to fill out forms to book my personal room. "Can I just PHONE in my reservation?" They said "yes". So feel free to call them to book your room, and recommend to others to either fill out and fax or email their room request in - or simply phone. They answered quickly and were great.



If you like to make one of your weekly meetings an **"On to Montreal"** meeting and get every one involved, you can access the Power Point via this [Download Site](#). Once the link has expired, please contact [Kevin Hilgers](#) for download information.

Kevin is past President of the RC of Grande Prairie, D5370 Convention Chair and Public Relations Chair. Kevin is an experienced promoter.

VIA Rail Discount Offer !!



VIA rail has received numerous requests for rail travel to the Convention and has agreed to offer a **10% Discount** for the period of June 10 to 30 for all Rotarians across the country! Clearly the Rotarians want and need this option.



You can go to the Montreal Convention and enjoy a family holiday at the same time in a very relaxing way; By train!

Clubs may choose to take over whole rail cars as one of the clubs in District 6330 did..

Just think of the fun and fellowship that will take place on the train.

For further details, you may contact [Tanya Wolff](#) from District 6330 or [Barbara Fisk](#) from D7080. A click in the VIA Rail logo will take you to their website.

Take part in the fun and the fellowsip

Just like other Rotarians from all over the world, Canadians are excellent hosts. Clubs from the Montreal area look forward to welcoming thousands of guests and have planned an array of Host Hospitality events. From an "East Meets West" buffet dinner with classical music in Chinatown, to a dinner cruise over the St. Lawrence River.

There is something for everyone's interest and budget. Some events are fun for the entire family.

Below are just a few of the examples. For a list of all event please visit the [HOC website](#)



The Rotary Club of Montréal-Lakeshore invites you to an evening outside the city. We will take the visiting Rotarians from the city center to the West Island of Montréal to take part in a private guided tour of the [Ecomuseum](#). Located on the island of Montréal itself, the Ecomuseum is a private, non-profit, 11.3 hectare educational wildlife park - operated by the St. Lawrence Valley Natural History Society - where you can observe and study by an outdoor walking tour of the indigenous fauna and flora. The animal exhibits include Coyotes, Bears, White Tail Deer, Caribou, Owls, Eagles and many many more. After the tour we will take the group to the beautiful banks of Lake St-Louis to Baie d'Urfé's Fritz Farm where we will enjoy a BBQ prepared by our own members including a buffet of several choices of salads and desserts.
Price\$ 35.00 Date, Monday, June 21 Time17:00

The Rotary Club of Montreal Westward invites you to a traditional Maritime Canada Lobster Festival. For any of you who have never tasted the succulent meat of a lobster, at a popular all you can eat event, you will be in for a treat of your life. This event demonstrates a traditional Maritime Canada gathering for a celebration of the fruits of the sea harvest. All you can eat and transport provided.

Price\$ 120.00 Date, Monday, June 21 Time18:00



If you have questions about the convention or need help directing you to form or websites, contact [Elly Contreras-Vermeulen](#)

2010 Montreal Convention Promotion Committee Canada/Zone 24

If you like to know who your District Convention chair is, contact [Kevin Hilgers](#)

