BELLEVUE PAPILLION ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021



Meetings: Mondays at Noon DJ'S Dugout (Virtually until further notice) 10308 South 23rd St. Bellevue, NE 68123

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AUGUST SPEAKERS

Aug 2: Major Adam Moore, District Secretary for the Salvation Army Aug 9: Open Aug 23: Rick Sanders, speaking on some cross country biking treks he has taken Aug 30: Steven Jerina, Donor

Services Team with the Omaha Community Foundation

<u>GREETER</u>

Jerry Beckenhauer

FROM THE PRESIDENT

July was a good month for our Club as we had great presentations including an opportunity to renew our familiarity with our members, especially our newer members. Future programs will be led by the following members who have graciously stepped up to seek speakers in the following months:

- August, Bob Hovey
- September, Colm Breathnach
- October, Rich James
- November, Rick Holdcroft
- December, Herb Barelman
- January, Sharon Lier
- February, Jerry Beckenhauer

In addition, Herb has volunteered to participate in RYLA training later this year and to serve as our Club representative for the project. Sharon has agreed to continue service as membership chair and will meet with Bob and me to discuss ideas to increase our membership for review and discussion with the members at a future meeting.

I had the opportunity to be part of a ZOOM meeting with area club presidents and discussed our district grant project – the District Governor was impressed to the point of wanting to be apprised as we move forward so she can schedule time to facilitate her presence and participation. Really liked the project as a true Rotarian service above self-effort.

Golf outing prize solicitation and team signups underway but we all need to identify potential donors and players to secure our success. I assume Rich will bring a signup sheet in the near future for members to consider providing assistance during the day, Friday, September 10, so, as always, find a spot where you can help support this major fundraising effort. We all can do something!!!

I believe we've all been vaccinated but we will monitor circumstances affecting our ability to meet in person over the next few months and avoid those awful ZOOM meetings of last year. Have a great and safe rest of the summer and see you Mondays.

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary 2022 International Convention to be held in Houston

The event will bring more than 20,000 participants from around the world and deliver \$30 million in local economic impact

HOUSTON (July 22, 2021) -

During a joint news conference held at George R. Brown Convention Center today, Rotary and Houston First Corporation representatives announced that more than 20,000 service-minded people from around the world will gather in Houston for Rotary's 113th annual international convention on June 4-8, 2022. The coveted international event is returning to Houston for the third time, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1972 international convention. The Bayou City also hosted the 5th Rotary convention in 1914. The event is expected to deliver \$30 million in economic impact for the city's hotels, restaurants, retailers and attractions.

"As a global membership organization that brings people from all continents and cultures together to share, learn and take action to bring positive and lasting change to communities around the world, we are thrilled that our first in-person international convention since 2019 will take place in Houston," said Rotary's **International President Shekhar** Mehta. "And for the first time ever, our annual event will be open to members of the public who want to connect, learn and be a part of our work to grow and change lives."

Rotary's 2022 international convention will transform the George R. Brown Convention Center into an energized hub and cultural mosaic as the organization's global network of volunteers gather to share information about all the ways they are taking action to address issues in their communities, to learn from notable experts, gain inspiration from world-class speakers, and connect with lifelong friends shaped through service.

Previous convention speakers include philanthropist Bill Gates;

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actor and philanthropist Ashton Kutcher; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; actor, producer, host, entrepreneur, WWE Superstar and Rotary polio ambassador, John Cena; renowned primatologist Jane Goodall; and former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young.

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the <u>Houston</u> <u>Host Organization Committee</u> of local Rotary members, registrants of the convention will also experience Houston's hospitality with visits to local destinations like Space Center Houston, Kemah Boardwalk and one of Houston's premiere shopping destinations, The Galleria. <u>Click here</u> to register for Rotary's International Convention.

"Houston and Houston First Corporation are thrilled to host **Rotary's International Convention** next summer," said Jorge Franz, Senior Vice President Tourism and **Industry Relations at Houston First Corporation & Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau's** president. "We look forward to welcoming the thousands of awesome Rotary members who through their volunteerism and commitment to problem-solving make our communities better from continent to continent. This global exposure to 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide will further elevate Houston as a travel destination, and the anticipated \$30 million economic impact from the convention will be a financial shot

in the arm for Houston hotels, restaurants, retailers, attractions and many more."

Houston Host Organization Committee chair, Rhonda Kennedy, representing 62 Houston-area clubs and its 2,400 members, said, "as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Sweeny, I am excited not only to welcome our fellow members from around the world to our beloved city, but also to show how Houstonarea clubs are taking action to make the world a better place at home and abroad."

With the safety and wellbeing of participants and the wider community a top priority, Rotary's previous two conventions were held virtually due to the global pandemic. Speaking during the press conference, John Smarge, chair of Rotary's International Convention Committee, said, "this convention will also have a virtual component to make the event accessible to all members. And as we continue our planning, we will work closely with global and national health authorities to ensure that our in-person event follows the most current health and safety guidelines."

About Rotary: <u>Rotary</u> brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 36,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.For more information, visit Rotary.org

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OUOTE OF THE MONTH



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SIR CLEM RENOUF

ROTARY TRIVIA

(Answer in next month's *newsletter*)

What are the four avenues of service?

ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

newsletter)

How often is a new Rotary Club chartered in the world today?

(I can't find the answer to this even though I put the question so if you find it, you win the prize)

AREA MEETINGS

Monday: Omaha Millard, Noon @ German American Society **Omaha North**, Noon @ Eppley **Airfield Conference Center Tuesday: Omaha Morning**, 7:00 am @ Happy Hollow Country Club Northwest, Noon @ Champions Run Southwest Omaha Rotary Night 5:15pm @Millard Plaza Club, Ballroom Wednesday: Council Bluffs Centennial, 7:00am at HvVee Downtown, Noon @ Field Club **Plattsmouth.** Noon @ Plattsmouth State Bank Thursday: Suburban, Noon @ Anthonys Friday: **Omaha West**, Noon @ Champions Run