



**Around the World - Goes Around Edina and Minneapolis!!
Saturday, September 26 and Saturday, October 3, 2020**

While expected COVID-19 restrictions mean we won't be together in a ballroom this fall, we want to make sure our Edina Rotary members and their guests can still get together in person— but in smaller groups.

We hope you will consider hosting a small gathering at your home on one of our two “Gala” nights.

WHAT'S INVOLVED:

- 1) Pick a country theme. One member's mother is from Spain so she is hosting a Spanish night in her home. Another member is Finnish; he is hosting a traditional crayfish dinner. What country/cuisine are you passionate about?
- 2) Plan an event and prepare and serve a dinner around your chosen theme for 8-9 people: 6-7 guests + 2 hosts (you).

AGENDA FOR THE EVENINGS:

- 6:00 Welcome your guests – cocktails
- 6:45 Virtually connect with the other houses hosting events for a fun Zoom program
 - compete against other “countries” in a Zoom game
 - Show a video highlighting the programs our Edina Rotary Foundation supports and request donations
 - Toast to the Edina Rotary members participating
- 7:30- 10:00 (hosts can determine a different ending time)
Dinner and fun at your home according to your theme
Identify winner of your country centerpiece

ROTARY SUPPORT:

- Rotaractors will be assigned to each home to help with last minute details & managing technology. Ideally, you will have a big screen TV for the Zoom call. Rotaractors will leave after facilitating the zoom activity and will not be part of your dinner group.
- Rotary will provide a lovely centerpiece in conjunction with your theme. We hope you will have your guests participate in a drawing for the centerpiece (\$20/entry) at the end of the evening.
- Rotary will reimburse you \$50/person or up to \$500 for food, beverage and entertainment expenses.

_____ Can't wait to host! My theme will be _____ on

September 26 _____ or October 3 _____

_____ Hosting will not work for me this year, but I can't wait to attend on

September 26 _____ or October 3 _____

NAME: _____ Best way to reach me: _____

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