

D5040 Conference 2012 – Reservation/booking arrangements.

May 17th - May 20th 2012



The River Rock Casino and Resort is an exciting location – which the District has found to be an extremely popular location for our Conference. With a State-of-the-Art show theatre, Function rooms and a separate Conference centre, it is conveniently situated in Richmond, BC. The Resort has direct access from the hotel's on-site Skytrain station to Vancouver Airport as well as downtown Richmond and downtown Vancouver. There is ample parking – free in the casino parkade, and only \$2.00 per day in the Hotel parkade.

Hotel rooms

A block of Hotel rooms have been reserved for Conference attendees at the River Rock Casino Resort. <http://www.riverrock.com/> or phone 604-247-8900 or toll free 1-866-748-3718.

Special rates have been negotiated for Conference guests as follows (excluding tax):

Hotel Room – 2 Queen beds: \$129.00

Hotel Suite – sitting area plus 1 double bedroom: \$159.00

Hotel Suite – sitting area plus 2 double bedrooms: \$229.00

To reserve rooms for Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th evenings inclusive, please contact the Hotel directly. You may book on-line or by phone. **When reserving, please quote “Rotary District Conference Rate”**. For those arriving earlier, or leaving later, these rates have been extended by 3 days prior, or following, the above Conference dates. The number of rooms at this Group Rate is limited – you are advised to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Conference Theme

The conference theme for 2012 is centred on showcasing our District and particularly the Community and International Service Projects that our clubs have developed.



When visiting our many clubs, District Governor Hans Doge has been impressed with just how much our clubs do in this area. This Conference will be an opportunity for all our district members to see how they can share in the planning, funding and execution of such service projects in their own clubs. Six signature projects will be featured from clubs in D5040, together with programs such as the Rotary World Help Network, and other affiliated programs that are available to our clubs. There will also be presentations about The Rotary Foundation, District and Global Grants and the CRCID (Rotary's link to the Canadian Government's CIDA funding mechanism).

Of particular interest will be the program that our first BC club – The Rotary Club of Vancouver – is developing to showcase their **“100th Anniversary of Rotary in BC Celebration”**, marking the 100 year anniversary of the club in 2013. You will have the opportunity to contribute to this as part of their publicity and PR. Every club in the District is descended from the Vancouver club and we should be proud to be following in the footsteps of Rotary's and Rotary Canada's centennials!

The Conference Centre display and presentation rooms will be open after breakfast on Friday and Saturday. You will be welcome to browse these at any time and discuss the individual projects with the representatives on hand. They will close at 5 p.m.

Optional Events

Thursday 17th May

Running in conjunction with the Conference, there are two special events. These will run concurrently.

Golfing

A special Golf game (Texas Scramble) and meal is being organised by the Vancouver Fraserview club at Green Acres Golf Club, in Richmond. (www.greenacresgolfcourse.com) which is about a 15 minute

drive from the River Rock on Number 6 Road. Separate arrangements will apply for this event and details will follow shortly. This is a full 18-hole course – but very “amateur-friendly”, so don’t be put off if your handicap is way up there – it’s a fun event which caters for all level of player! T-off will be 12 noon.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Once again, a full set of RLI events will be scheduled – RLI 1, 2 and 3 will run throughout the day in the Conference Centre from 8:15 through 16:00. Bookings should be made for these events through the District website. For out-of-towners, the special hotel room rate will apply if you need accommodation.

The Conference Registration Desk will be open at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for those arriving on Thursday evening.

Conference Schedule

A detailed program will follow as plans are finalised. The following is a summary. Check this website for additions. **On-line booking arrangements will be available on the District Conference webpage shortly.**

Friday 18th May

8:00 Registration opens: Hotel Foyer, second floor

10:00 Conference opens: Hotel Ballroom, second floor

Opening Ceremonies with our Youth Exchange students, Local and provincial representatives, District and RI officials

11:00 Plenary Presentation

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Break

14:30 Project Showcase: Conference centre

16:00 Break – refreshments: Ballroom

16:15 New Generations

Featuring the world famous Youth Exchange skit

17:15 Finish

18:00 Dine Around Richmond or Dinner Cruise

Join your group for a culinary experience in the city of Richmond, or, book up for a Dinner Cruise door-to-door from the River Rock Marina (Limited seating)

21:00 Reconvene with your colleagues and discuss your culinary experiences over Desert and Coffee in the Fraser Room and Patio of the Conference Centre.

22:00 Friday Conference ends

Saturday 19th May

8:00 Registration Desk opens

8:30 Full Breakfast: Ballroom

Plenary Presentation

10:00 Break

10:15 Project Showcase: Conference Centre

11:45 Break

12:00 Lunch: Ballroom

Plenary presentation

14:00 Break

14:30 D5040 AGM and Business meeting: Ballroom

15:30 Meet DGE Rebecca MacPherson (Quesnel) and DGN Garry Shearer (Tsawwassen)

Your future leaders and their plans for 2012 – 2014

The 2013 Conference presentation

16:15 Break – free time. Registration Desk closes.

18:00 River Rock Show Theatre doors open – cash bar available

19:00 “Showcase the World” Gala Banquet

Hosted by your District Governor and our Youth Exchange students from around the world;

Come in whatever attire you see appropriate for your part of the world – from Canada to Australia; from India to Africa; from Finland to Turkey....

Entertainment: celebrating with “Nearly Neil” (Diamond)

23:00 Saturday Conference ends

Sunday 20th May

8:00 Memorial Service: Conference Centre Fraser Room

Remembering those of our District who have passed in the last year

9:00 Breakfast: Ballroom

Plenary Presentation

11:00 Closing Ceremonies: Ballroom

12:00 Conference closes

Join us, and our Rotary International President's Representative PDG Mark Starratt and Jennifer (Calgary, District 5360) for these days of Celebration! Your District Governor team, and the Conference committee will be on hand throughout to offer any help you may want. Celebrate D5040's SERVICE to the World!