Issue No. 4 - 245 Days Out

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245 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE CONVENTION.

58 DAYS BEFORE REGISTRATION FEES INCREASE.

ARE YOU READY?



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DO YOU HAVE A CLUB Champion yet?

This summer, during her club visits, District Governor Christina challenged each club in District 5360 to appoint a Club Champion

who could share updates about the Rotary Convention with their members. With so much information to distribute, this is a great way to ensure nothing is overlooked. If your club hasn't identified a Club Champion yet, now's the time! Tap someone on the shoulder and send their name to Linda at <u>info@calgaryrotary2025.org</u>. The Host Organizing Committee updates Club Champions on the *fourth Wednesday of each month*—don't miss out and stay ahead!

LET'S BRING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO THE CONVENSION

We have an amazing Sponsorship Team ready to profile Alberta businesses. They are working to ramp up their efforts and would love to hear your thoughts! If you know of any businesses who would be interested in becoming a sponsor, or have any suggestions, please email <u>hello@rockymountainpartners.ca</u> or <u>maxinemorrison@royallepage.ca</u>. Your connections could help us reach our goals!





"MORE HANDS MAKE FOR LESS WORK"

One of the badges of honor that we all wear as Rotarians is our willingness to step up and help out. We are calling on ALL Rotarians to be part of delivering an AMAZING convention experience. Check out these exciting volunteer opportunities:

- Sponsorship Team is looking for Rotarians from across the District with a knack for engaging businesses in sponsorship opportunities. To join this dynamic group, please reach out to Catherine Brownlee at <u>catherine@cbibusiness.ca</u>.
- Communication and Outreach Subcommittee (Sponsorship) seeks volunteers to manage communication and work with sponsors as requested by the subcommittee: Sponsorship.

- Tasks to be assigned on a weekly basis in writing and completed in a timely manner.

-Most tasks will be completed remotely. Access to a computer and phone is required.

- -Goal: To provide first class stewardship for those sponsors supporting RI Convention 2025 by assisting the sub-committee: Sponsorship.
- -Chair: Kurt Allan Schurer
- -Current members: Henry Dunfield, Bill Lawless, Marvin Pawlivsky

-Members will have access to sponsorship target list, and the opportunity to be steward of relationships where they have an existing relationship with sponsor target, if they desire.

-Seeking six additional members, including one or two individuals willing to provide back-up support due to sub-committee members having to deal with other priorities on a periodic basis. Alternatively, we might develop a buddy system to deal with these situations.

-Time commitment required: 1 teams/zoom meeting weekly, 30 - 60 minutes, Completion of assigned task on weekly basis. Estimated 30 - 90 minutes week

- Promotions and Marketing is looking for Rotarians interested in being part of the communication strategy, including social media management, website and newsletter content, message drafting, and language translation. If this is you, please reach out to <u>darcy.mykytyshyn@rotarycalgary2025.org</u> or <u>miriam.mitchellbanks@rotarycalgary2025.org</u>
- The Convention itself requires 2,000 volunteers across the City. Today we have close to 350 volunteers registered. You can be a Person of Action and support the convention with a 4 hour volunteer shift you get a cool hat, colorful uniform, and the opportunity to meet people from around the world. For a breakdown of the key opportunities, check out <u>Volunteering | Calgary 2025 HOC</u>



MI CASA ES SU CASA

The Host Organizing Committee is thrilled by the enthusiasm for Host Hospitality Night on June 23, 2025. Over 750 Rotarians from around the world have signed up to be part of this exciting evening, with 300 spots already confirmed by our Rotary clubs. We know there are more spots available, and we need you to let us know about them!

We've received many questions about the \$50 USD fee for Rotary guests. Here's what you need to know:

- The fee covers transportation costs to larger Host Hospitality Events, specifically events with more than 50 people & out-of-town events
- Transportation is not provided to or smaller groups or home dinners within the city—Host Clubs will be responsible for arranging necessary transportation.

Please register your intent to welcome Rotarians through <u>Host Hospitality at Hosting</u> <u>Home Hospitality Event | Calgary 2025 HOC</u>

BOOK BEFORE MAY 15, 2025

WHERE TO STAP? While District 5360 and 5370 Rotarians are free to stay in the Rotary International Hotel Block, we are stay in the **Rotary International Hotel Block**, we are encouraging you to think differently. D5360 has worked with Mount Royal University to secure space

in their residences from June 21 to 25, 2024. Staying at MRU allows international visitors greater access to hotel accommodations in the city, provides an environment for 5360 Rotarians to foster some District camaraderie while in Calgary & comes with an attractive price tag

Residence Services:

- Full Kitchen and Living Room
- Linens, Towels, Basic Kitchen Items
- Parking is NOT included in the room rental rate and is \$5 per night
- Bus then C train to Stampede Station about a 30 minute trip.
- Drive, Uber or Taxi are other options.

4 Bed Apt/Townhouse (West)



✓ Lockable Bedroom √ Single Bed $\sqrt{2}$ Bathrooms √ \$59.95 a night

2 Bed Townhouse (East)



✓ Lockable Bedroom ✓ Single √1 Bathrooms √ \$59.95 a night





✓ Lockable Bedroom √ Double Bed √1 Bathrooms √ \$59.95 a night

Hotel Suites (3 Available)



✓ Individual Studio √ Queen Bed √1 Bathrooms √ \$119.00 a night

4 Bed Townhouse (East)



✓ Lockable Bedroom √ Single Bed √ 2 Bathrooms √ \$59.95 a night

Ready to Book, reach out to MRU directly at:

- (866)264-7875 (toll free)
- (403)440-6275 (phone)
- (403)440-6281 (fax)
- residence@mtroyal.ca

Get an online tour of MRU's facilities at: www.mtroyal.ca/residence View Photo's, floors and Layouts at: Group Bookings



REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that Convention Paid Registrations have surpassed the 10,000 mark and continue to climb! This is fantastic news, and both Rotary International and the Host Organizing Committee are thrilled with the progress. While this is a significant milestone, there are more ahead, including an important one on Sunday, December 16, 2024, when registration fees will increase from USD \$525 to USD \$625. Historically, registrations tend to skyrocket over the next 60 days, so don't wait—register for the convention today at **Registration**.

The Rotary Convention isn't just for Rotarians—it's for families too! With paid registration, Rotary spouses and children can fully participate in all aspects of the convention, including General Sessions, Workshops, Plenary Sessions, and exciting events like the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Calgary 2025 Host Organizing Committee is planning family-friendly signature events that your whole family will enjoy. So, bring your loved ones to Calgary for a once in a lifetime experience of Stampede City.

- General Registration (including Spouses) USD \$525
- Under 30 Registration USD \$175
- Guests 5 18 registration USD \$20



WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT FOR A WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE

You are going to be blown away by the entertainment and fun we are going to have in Calgary!!! Mark Ambrose and the Signature Events team are raising the bar for Rotary conventions and it's going to take a lot for other cities to top what we have planned, here are a few examples:

- A World-class Grandstand, Fireworks and Light Show to kick off the Convention. If you haven't attended an event at Stampede Grandstand Show you don't know what you're missin'. You will want to be part of the action on Saturday, June 21, 2024.
- We recently learned that NINE teams form the USA will be part of the Indian Relay Race event on June 21, 2024 which is going to serve as a QUALIFYING EVENT for Calgary Stampede. You will see the BEST Relay Racers in the World at the Rotary Convention.

You can find all the up-to-date information on Signature Events at Signature Events | Calgary 2025 HOC. We'll have more for you on Signature Events next month, be ready for some exciting news!!!!

KEY DATES:

October 23, 2024 - Club Champion ZOOM Call. Details to be sent directly to Club Champions

November 13, 2024 - Deposits are Due on Hotel Rooms in the RI Hotel Block. Rooms are released back to the pool after this date

December 16, 2024 - Registration Fee Increase

- General Registration from USD \$525 to \$625USD
- Under 30 Registration from USD \$175 to USD \$225
- Guests 5 18 registration from USD \$20 to USD \$30

January 2025 - Conference Programming to be solidified

WHAT'S YOUR CLUB PLANNING FOR Calgary 2025?

We want to hear from you! We know the wheels are turnin' across Alberta as Rotarians plan for their Convention experience. We want to share your stories each month and highlight the creativity, ingenuity, and hospitality that Rotarians are known for. Send your stories to us at <u>promotions@rotarycalgary2025.org</u>.



THE CALGARY 2025 HOST Organizing team

It takes an amazing team of talented Rotarians, partnered with amazing community organizations, to put on an event of this scale. Calgary

2025 has been SEVEN years in the making and is going to be a Rotary Convention that will not soon be forgotten. You HOC team includes:

HOC Co-Chair, **Craig Stokke** from Rotary Club Calgary at Stampede Park HOC Co-Chair, **Mark Starratt** from Rotary Club Calgary Downtown VP At-Large, **Dan Doherty** from Rotary Club Calgary West Co-Chair of Promotions and Marketing, **Darcy Mykytyshyn** from Rotary Club of Red Deer VP Volunteers, **Farid Bedwany** from Rotary Club Calgary West VP Finance, **Grant MacEachern** from Rotary Club Calgary Olympic VP Operations, **Linda Morris** from Rotary Club Calgary Fish Creek District Liaison, **Luanne Whitmarsh** from Rotary Club at Calgary at Stampede Park VP Signature Events, **Mark Ambrose** from Rotary Club Calgary at Stampede Park Co-Chair of Promotions and Marketing, **Miriam Mitchell-Banks** from Rotary Club Calgary at Stampede Park District Hospitality and Transportation, **Pat Neuman** from Rotary Club Calgary Fish Creek

While Rotarians are playing a key role in the convention, "it takes a village" to build strong communities. About a year ago the Calgary Downtown club formed the Rotary Civic Partnership with a mandate to work collaboratively to make big projects happen. Guess what their first project is – Calgary 2025. Check out how the power of Rotary is fostering community collaboration with these amazing partners:

- Tourism Calgary,
- Travel Alberta,
- Downtown Business Association,
- City of Calgary,
- Calgary Arts Development Authority,
- Calgary Stampede,
- Calgary Economic Development, and
- Calgary Sports and Entertainment.



KEY HOC CONTACT reach the HOC through one of the **DETAILS** following email addresses:

Not good with names? You can



Volunteering: volunteer@rotarycalgary2025.org Signature Events: events@rotarycalgary2025.org General Information: info@rotarycalgary2025.org Host Hospitality: hosthospitality@rotarycalgary2025.org Promotions and Marketing: promotions@rotarycalgary2025.org



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CONVENTION PROMOTION MATERIALS?

From PowerPoint templates to Virtual Backgrounds, Fliers, Logo's and Banners you can find it all at **Convention Promotion**



REGISTRATION FAQ'S

Q. I need assistance with my Convention 2025 Registration

For assistance with your registration, visa information or invitation letters, reach out to **<u>ri.registration@rotary.org</u>**

Q. Can Non-Members Register for the Conference on their own?

Anyone is welcome to register for the Rotary Conventions, and they do not have to be Rotary Club Members to register by themselves. We only ask that they create a MyRotary account at <u>convention.rotary.org</u> and then click the blue register button to proceed through the registration process.

Q. Can I register for the Pre-Convention, or the House of Friendship without registering for the full convention?

Yes, a Saturday-only House of Friendship Pass is available without a full convention registration, and Registration to the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention is available for \$150 USD, to be held June 19th and 20th, 2025.

Q. How do I register my "under 18 aged" children?

To add a guest, under 18 years of age in the RI system, we ask that parents fill out the paper registration form at this link: <u>https://my.rotary.org/en/document/registration-and-ticket-form-2025-rotary-international-convention</u>. Making sure to sign the parental consent form on the 4th page.

Send the signed form to Rotary International by fax (+1-847-556-2194) or mail (Rotary International, 14244 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693 USA) if it contains credit card information.

Q. I did not get my tickets for the Signature Event(s).

Kindly email <u>events@rotarycalgary2025.org</u> to obtain assistance with your tickets.

