

Plymouth ROCKS



2016 District Conference May 20th - May 22nd

Conference Pricing

Early Bird

12/1 - 2/13

2/14 - 5/15

Governor's Package *(All meals & 2 nights hotel)*

Single	\$399.00	\$429.00
Double	\$499.00	\$559.00

Pilgrim Package *(All meals only)*

Single	\$119.00	\$129.00
Double	\$238.00	\$258.00

Paul Harris Package

(Friday night meal, Saturday breakfast and Friday night hotel)

Single	\$199.00	\$229.00
Double	\$269.00	\$309.00

Mayflower Package

(Saturday night meal, Saturday breakfast and Saturday night hotel)

Single	\$199.00	\$229.00
Double	\$269.00	\$309.00

A La Carte		
Meals Friday	\$45.00	\$49.00
Saturday Breakfast	\$22.00	\$22.00
Saturday Dinner	\$49.00	\$55.00
Sunday Breakfast	\$15.00	\$15.00

Register before February 13th as an Early Bird and Save Money. It will also allow you to secure a hotel room before the rooms are sold out!

Conference Contacts

If you would like to support any of the following opportunities, please contact the Rotarians listed via email:

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Silent Auction

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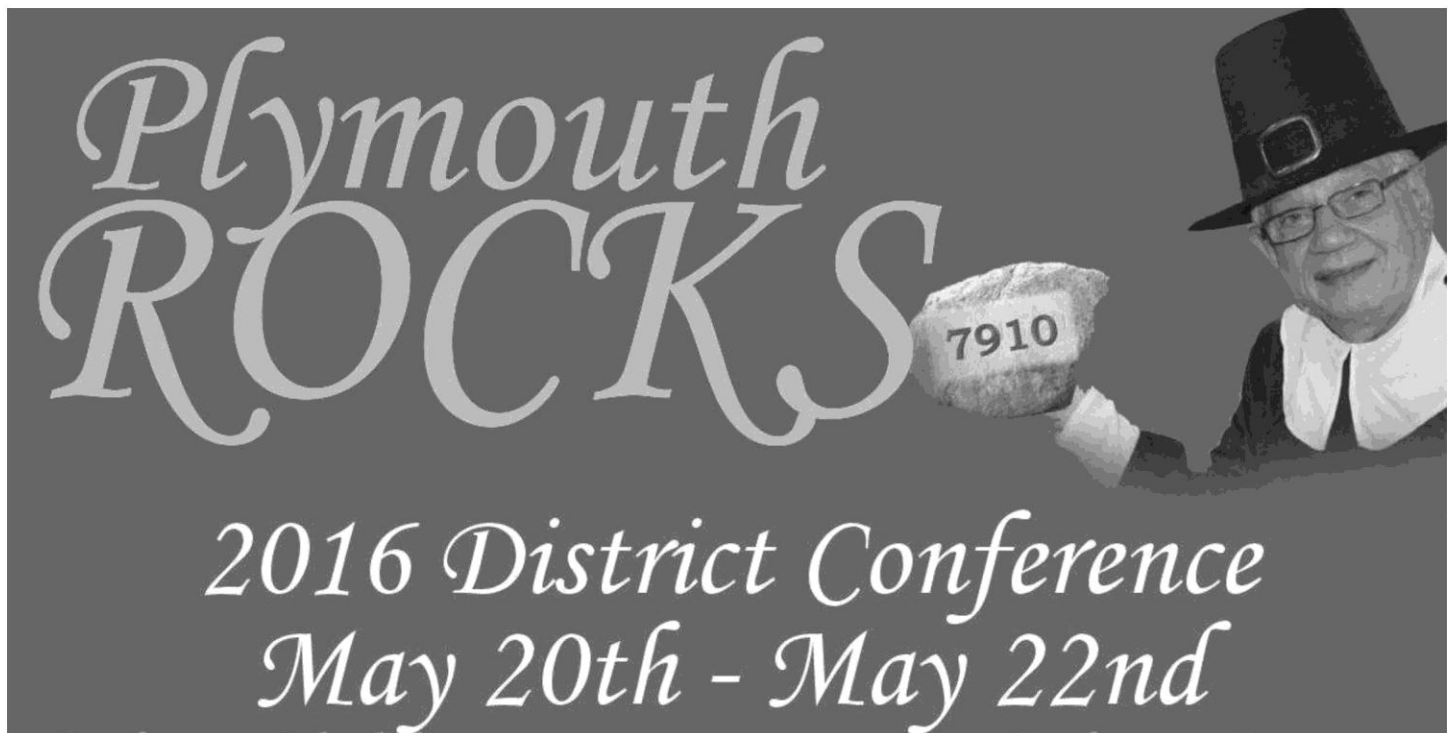
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Rotary
District 7910



To register, visit www.rotary7910.org



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Should my club donate an item for the Silent Auction?

A: Yes. Every club donates traditionally an item for the Silent Auction. The club should budget \$100 for their donation. Good auction items include sports tickets, overnight stays, gift baskets, and lottery trees. Funds collected from the auction go to The Rotary Foundation. Whoever wins the Silent Auction bid for each item will get Paul Harris credits for that amount. Barbara Guthrie, who is in charge of the Silent Auction, may be reached at bguthrie1@verizon.net.

Q: What is a "Hospitality Sweet?"

A: In the place of dessert at the evening meals, clubs host a room that is decorated according to the theme of the convention. This year's theme is "Plymouth Rocks." Hospitality Sweets (suites) will be decorated with the theme of a particular song, artist (Elvis), group (Beatles) or music genre. Clubs come up with very creative ideas. Special drinks and a sweet dessert are provided in each room to the delight of the attendees. Suites may be hosted by a single club or co-sponsored with another club. It provides a time of hospitality for Rotarians and a little dessert and after-dinner drink. You can host a room for one or two nights and someone from your club can actually stay in the room as their accommodation. Hospitality suites are available for \$145 per night. Tony and Michelle Gasbarro, who are in charge of the Hospitality Sweets, may be reached at tmgasbarro@verizon.net.

Q: How much is it going to cost to attend the District Conference?

A: See "Conference Pricing" on page 1. You can stay one night (either Friday or Saturday) or both, include all meals or chose *a la carte*. Early Bird prices are good through February 13, so register right away.

Q: I see there is a block of time left open on Saturday. What is there to do during that time?

A: There are many tourist attractions in the Plymouth area - Plimouth Plantation, The Grist Mill, and Plymouth Rock, to name a few. Unfortunately, the Mayflower II will be in dry-docking during our District Conference. The Hotel at 1620 has a pool and there are many quaint shops in the area.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a 60-to-90-minute Harbor Cruise aboard the Pilgrim Belle, with lunch available, reserved only for Rotarians, guests and families. The cruise will be booked on a "first come, first served" basis, so reserve your passage now. Discounted vouchers for Plimouth Plantation and The Grist Mill will be available at the House of Friendship and can be used any time during the three-day weekend.

Q: Can I bring my children to the District Conference?

A: The conference is designed for families to make it a vacation get-away. Babysitting services will be made available during meeting times by members of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. A child-care room with a TV for movies plus popcorn and games has been reserved for babysitting services, so your children will not be stuck in your hotel room while you attend the conference. There is planned time off for families to enjoy the Plymouth area, and The Hotel at 1620 has a pool.

Q: How far away is The Hotel at 1620?

A: From Central Massachusetts, it takes only 90 minutes to get to the hotel. The easiest way is to take 495 SOUTH to US 44 EAST via EXIT 6A. Proceed along US 44 to Plymouth Center. The hotel is located at 180 Water St.

Q: Do clubs need to send representatives to the District Business Meeting?

A: Yes. Each club president should attend or send a representative to the annual District Business Meeting. A Credential Certificate authorizing them to vote on behalf of their club should be brought to the meeting. The District Secretary will send a notice with the Credential Certificate to each club prior to the District Conference. All clubs are entitled to at least one elector, and those with more than 37 active members (honorary members don't count) receive one more elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof.

- **Less than 7 members = 1 elector**
- **38 to 62 members= 2 electors**
- **63 to 87 members = 3 electors**
- **88 to 112 members = 4 electors**

It is important for either club presidents or their representatives to attend the Business Meeting to receive end-of-the-year reports and vote on any new resolutions or changes to resolutions of the bylaws. A quorum is needed in order to vote on any resolution changes, so your attendance is needed.

Q: What is Taste of Rotary?

A: It actually has nothing to do with food, but is a sampling of some of the different programs and activities that Rotary offers. This year's Taste of Rotary is being planned by Laura Spear and Bill Domings with an emphasis on the networking aspect of Rotary. You may contact Laura at laura@spear.net Laura at Bill at wdomings@msn.com.

Q: Can my club present a Paul Harris Award at the Paul Harris Dinner on Friday evening?

A: Yes. This is an evening to celebrate Paul Harris and a perfect time to honor someone from your club who has earned this prestigious award. Please contact Event Chair Karin Gaffney at karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com to let her know you would like to make a presentation. There is a rumor that Paul Harris himself will be there!

Q: What is the House of Friendship?

A: The House of Friendship is an area where clubs, district committees and projects can do a table presentation to promote themselves and their accomplishments. It's all about sharing your project(s) and seeing what other clubs are doing, and a great place to exchange new ideas. We can all learn from each other. That is also where the Silent Auction items will be on display. And, Plymouth Plantation vouchers will be on sale and can be used any time during the three-day weekend. Jim Stone, who is in charge of the House of Friendship, may be reached stonemx5@outlook.com

Q: How can the Program Book help my club?

A: The Program Book gives clubs an opportunity to "toot their horn." Tell others about the great things your club has done. You can place an ad by contacting Program Book Co-Chairs Satya Mitra at satya@thegurutax.com or Cherly Rosen at cherlyr@tiac.net.

Q: Why should I go to District Conference?

A: The District Conference is a celebration of this year's District 7910 accomplishments. It's also about having fun and fellowship by meeting people from other clubs, celebrating, relaxing, and enjoying the sights and sounds of Plymouth. It's a great way to build better friendship within your own club and with other clubs.

Q: Will I learn anything at District Conference?

A: Yes. There will be walk-in workshops on Club Central and on-line Foundation grant applications. This is the time to get answers to those questions that you keep meaning to ask.

Q: What are the special receptions from 6:00 to 7:00 on both Friday and Saturday evenings?

A: On Friday evening, there is a special reception for all Major Donors and Past District Governors. If you are not in this group, there is a "Happy Hour for Rotarians" held at the same time.

On Saturday evening, there is a special reception for all club Presidents and Presidents-Elect as well as all new members. If you are not in this group, there is a "Happy Hour for Rotarians" held at the same time.

For more information on these or other questions you may have, contact Event Chair Karin Gaffney at karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com.