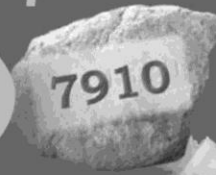


# Plymouth ROCKS



*2016 District Conference  
May 20th - May 22nd*

## Conference Booklet

Welcome to *your* District Conference 2016  
'everything-you-need-to-know' Conference Booklet

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### Conference Schedule

#### Friday

10am	Registration opens
12-1:30pm	Lunch for committee and others
2pm	House of Friendship & Silent Auction open
2-4pm	Club Central training
4-6pm	Business Meeting
6-7pm	Friendship Hour
7-9pm	Paul Harris Dinner
9pm	Hospitality Sweets

#### Saturday

7:30am	Registration opens
8-9:15am	Fellowship Breakfast
9:15am	House of Friendship & Silent Auction open
9:30-11:50am	Taste of Rotary
Noon-6pm	FREE TIME
6-7pm	Friendship Hour
7-9pm	Dinner
9pm	Hospitality Sweets

#### Sunday

9-10am	Memorial Service
10-11am	Fellowship Breakfast

### Conference Contacts

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

#### Hospitality "Sweets"

*Michelle and Tony Gasbarro*  
tmgasbarro@verizon.net

#### House of Friendship

*Jim Stone*  
stonemx5@outlook.com

#### Silent Auction

*Barbara Guthrie*  
bguthrie1@verizon.net

#### Event Chair

*Karin Gaffney*  
karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com

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To register, visit [www.rotary7910.org](http://www.rotary7910.org)

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### Conference Pricing

#### *Early Bird*

12/1 - 2/13

2/14 - 5/15

#### **Governors Package** *(All meals & 2 nights hotel)*

Single	<b>\$399.00</b>	\$429.00
Double	<b>\$499.00</b>	\$559.00

#### **Pilgrim Package** *(All meals only)*

Single	<b>\$119.00</b>	\$129.00
Double	<b>\$238.00</b>	\$258.00

#### **Paul Harris Package**

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

Single	<b>\$199.00</b>	\$229.00
Double	<b>\$269.00</b>	\$309.00

#### **Mayflower Package**

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

Single	<b>\$199.00</b>	\$229.00
Double	<b>\$269.00</b>	\$309.00

#### **A La Carte Meals**

Friday Dinner	<b>\$45.00</b>	\$49.00
Saturday Breakfast	<b>\$22.00</b>	\$22.00
Saturday Dinner	<b>\$49.00</b>	\$55.00
Sunday Breakfast	<b>\$15.00</b>	\$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!**

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### Taste of Rotary

Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

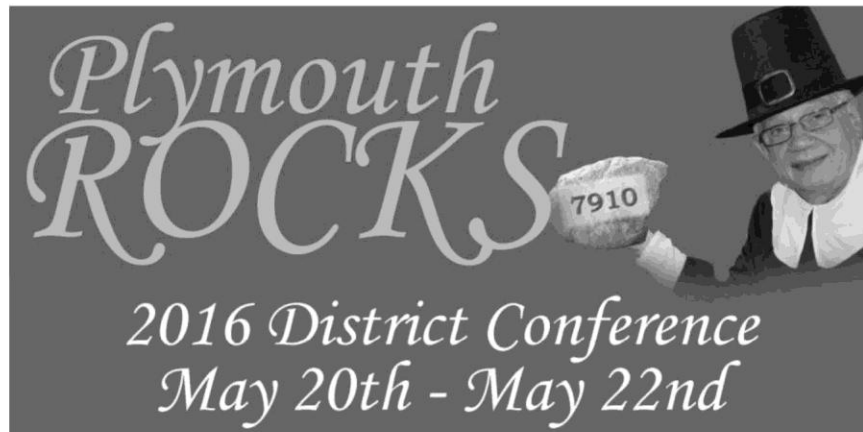
Time	Topic	Speaker	Description
9:30	<b>Introduction</b>	Bill Domings	
9:35-10:05 (30 min.)	<b>ESSEX Students</b>	Marcia Davis, Auburn Rotary & 3 ESSEX Students: Garance Fouin, Anna Mata & Bruna Mazine	An ESSEX (Eastern States Student Exchange) overview. Students will share: personal information - where you are from, family size, etc.; why you chose the ESSEX program; what your expectations were, how did you learn about the program; some of what you have done that is connected with Rotary; what you have learned about the United States; what you learned about Rotary; some of your favorite memories, etc.
10:05-10:10	Transition		
10:10-10:40 (30 min.)	<b>Understanding Personalities:</b> Gaining Effective Teamwork and Leadership	Bill Domings, Westborough Rotary	Interactive exercise to identify personality styles and how style influences behavior, teamwork and leadership. Attendees will plot their personality style and then compare to research data. Discussion of challenges of matching personalities.
10:40-10:45	Transition		

10:45-11:15 (30 min.)	<b>‘The Business Beat’ (90.5 WICN) and Rotary: Great PR for Your Projects</b>	Steve Jones- D’Agostino, Auburn Rotary	Description of how a radio interview is set up, including a mock taping. How to make the initial contact, responding to questions. Example of a novice and experienced interviewee. Audience Q&A.
11:15-11:20	Transition		
11:20-11:50 (30 min.)	<b>RYLA Students</b> lead group in a ‘trust’ exercise	Christine Pinney, Bedford Rotary	An overview/history of RYLA (Rotarian Youth Leadership Awards) followed by RYLA facilitators leading attendees in two typical group-trust exercises.  Facilitators will present “Tubes” and “Literary Baseball.”



For more information, contact **Bill Domings** of Westborough Rotary at [wdomings@msn.com](mailto:wdomings@msn.com) or 508-366-9203.

# HOSPITALITY “SWEETS” REQUEST FORM



**Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor  
180 Water Street, Plymouth**

**THEME:** Plymouth Rocks!

Clubs hosting Hospitality “Sweets” (Suites) will provide desserts and after-dinner drinks, and will decorate the room with the theme of a particular song, artist, group, or music genre.

Examples: Blue Moon, Elvis, Beatles, Rap music, ‘50s, etc.

Rooms will be judged for “Best Hospitality Sweet” so be creative to match the dessert, drink and decorations to whichever theme you pick.

**“SWEET” TIMES:**

- Friday, May 20, 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight
- Saturday May 21, 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

**“SWEET” RESERVATIONS:**

Room rates are \$145 per night. Clubs may host alone or with another club. Reserve for both Friday and Saturday nights or for just one of those evenings. Your room may also be used as an accommodation.

**Contact Michelle Gasbarro at [tmgasbarro@verizon.net](mailto:tmgasbarro@verizon.net) with the Plymouth Rocks! theme selection for your Hospitality “Sweet.”**

**TO RESERVE A HOSPITALITY “SWEET,” PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality Sweet Theme** (*playing off Plymouth Rocks!*): \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality "Sweets" are standard guest rooms with one queen-size bed. All rooms will be provided a refrigerator, six-foot table, white tablecloth, and trash barrel.

**Additional Requests:**\_\_\_\_\_

## **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize The Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor to charge my credit card for use of Hospitality Room during District 7910's District Conference on May 20-22, 2016.

**Name as it appears on Credit Card:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Number:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Security No.\*:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number** (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

\*Security Number: the last 3 numbers on the back of your Credit Card, in the signature strip.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Estimated Amount**

**Cardholder Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

# **All Forms Must be Returned to the Hotel No Later than April 20, 2016.**

**E-mail:** *jhowland@hotel1620.com*

**Fax:** 508-746-5386

**Mail:** Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor

c/o Jenna Howland

180 Water Street

Plymouth, MA 02360

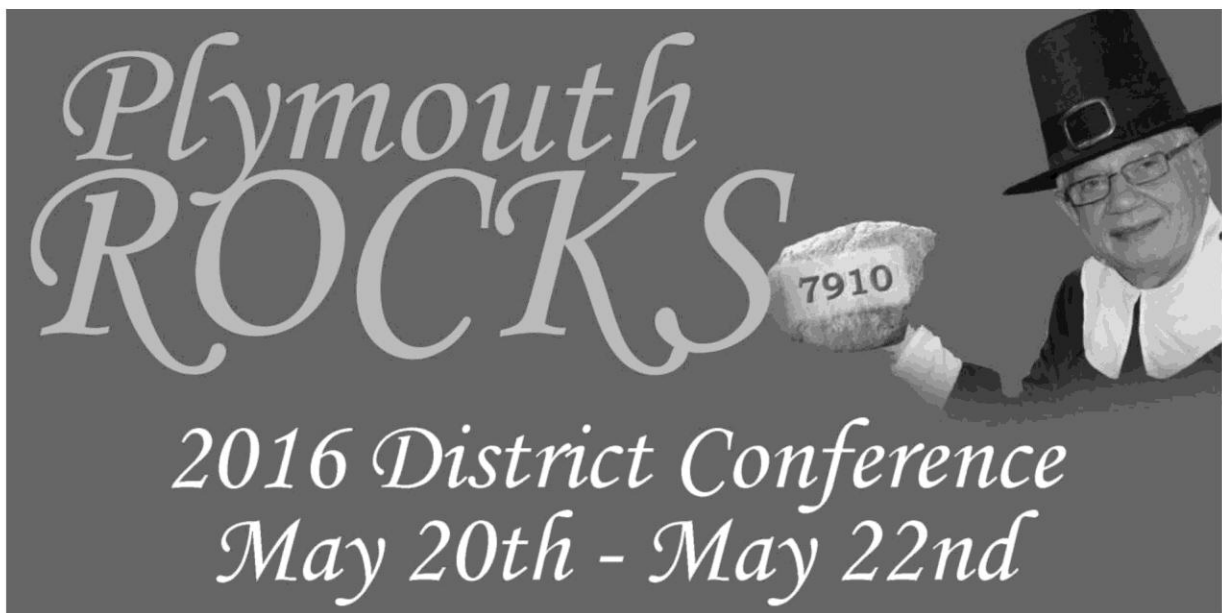
**Phone:** 508-591-5009

**Internal Use**

**Room Number Assigned** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_



## House of Friendship

**Where:** Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth

**When:**

- Friday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 21, 9:15 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 22, Closed

**Cost:** Absolutely Free

**What:** The “House of Friendship” will be set up to receive a sample project from all clubs and fellowships in Rotary District 7910. District Governor Jim Fusco has asked each club or fellowship to display one project or fundraiser with which they are involved.

**Why:** The “House of Friendship” provides a great venue from which the members attending the conference can bring back new ideas to their respective clubs and fellowships.

The “House of Friendship” provides a display area for each club or fellowship wishing to share information about and promote projects. Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

<b>Club/Fellowship name:</b>	
<b>Contact:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	
<b>Cell phone:</b>	
<b>Brief description of your display:</b>	
<b>Do you require access to electrical power?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other special requests?</b>	

**Set-up and tear-down:** Set-up is on Friday, May 20 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tear-down is on either Saturday, May 21 between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 22 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Please return the completed form no later than May 5 to District Conference Chair **Karin Gaffney** at [karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com](mailto:karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com). For more information, call Karin at **978-387-5369**.



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**Enjoy a Harbor Cruise!**

**Saturday, May 21, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
First 90 people to sign up get to go!**

## **Option 1 Plymouth Express**

Savor a succulent Lobster Roll, Pasta Salad, Potato Chips, Cookies, a Piece of Fruit, and a Soda!

**Only \$40**

## **Option 2 Deli Express**

Grab a Turkey or Ham Wrap, Pasta Salad, Potato Chips, Cookies, a Piece of Fruit, and a Soda!

**Only \$30**

Our 90-minute Harbor Cruise begins with a short, five-minute walk from The Hotel at 1620 to Plymouth Harbor. You must register and pay for this event in advance as space is limited. Your price includes your choice of a box lunch: Plymouth Express, \$40, <http://rotary7910.org/event/harbor-cruise--lobsteri-box-lunch--40-00>; or Deli Express, \$30, <http://rotary7910.org/event/harbor-cruise-on-the-pilgrim-bell---plymouth>,

*The Fun and Fellowship on board are completely free!*

**Come hang out with some old friends and meet some new ones!**

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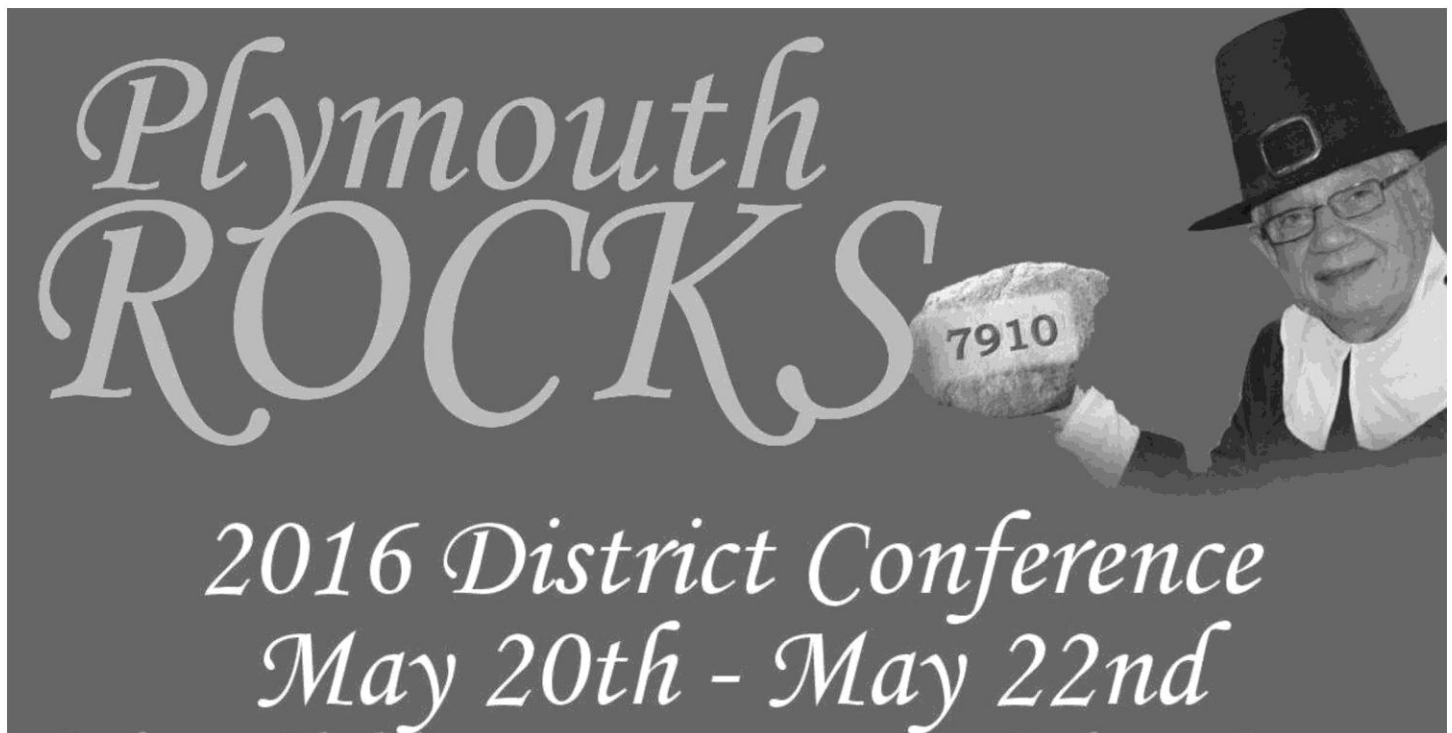
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For more information about golfing at the Squirrel Run Golf Course on Saturday during the District Conference, visit <http://rotary7910.org/event/golfing-at-squirrel-run-country-club>. The course is only a 14-minute drive from The Hotel at 1620. The tee time is 12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity to golf at the beautiful Squirrel Run Golf Course. Price is only \$40 person and includes your golf cart. Space is limited - so make your reservations early!

*The fun and fellowship on the course are completely free!*

*Join some old friends and meet some new ones at Squirrel Run!*



## 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](mailto: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 that year's District Conference. 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](mailto:tmgasbarro@verizon.net).



*Plymouth Rocks!  
with Pilgrim Jim  
on lead guitar*

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

**A:** See "Conference Pricing" on page 2 of this booklet. 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. To register now, visit <http://bit.ly/23jvJwL>.

**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.



*Pilgrim Jim chills poolside at The Hotel at 1620 in Plymouth*

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 most locations in District 7910, it takes up to 90 minutes to get to the hotel.

- *From Eastern parts of the district:* Take I-93 SOUTH to US 3 SOUTH to US 44 EAST and get off at EXIT 6A in Plymouth. Proceed along US 44 EAST to Plymouth Center. The Hotel at 1620 is located at 180 WATER ST.
- *From Western parts of the district:* Take I-495 SOUTH to US 44 EAST and get off at EXIT 6A in Plymouth. Proceed along US 44 EAST to Plymouth Center. The Hotel at 1620 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 37 active members (honorary members don't count) receive one more elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof.

- **1 to 37 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:** On Saturday morning, we are offering a sampling of skills development - with the emphasis on *fun!* - that you can use for both your club and your profession. Learn how to put the right personalities in the right roles. Find out how to use Rotary for business networking. Win the opportunity to be interviewed for a half-hour episode of *The Business Beat*, which airs weekly on Worcester public-radio station 90.5 WICN. End the morning with a taste of the Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship. For more information, contact Laura Spear at [laura@spear.net](mailto:laura@spear.net) and Bill Domings at [wdomings@msn.com](mailto:wdomings@msn.com).

**Q: What is Taste of Rotary?**

**A:** On Saturday morning, we are offering a sampling of skills development that you can use for both your club and your profession - and we will highlight two Rotary youth initiatives. Start by meeting students from Rotary ESSEX (*Eastern States Student Exchange*) and get a taste of their experiences. Learn how to put the right personalities in the right roles. Hear what it takes to set up a radio interview - and see a live demo. End the morning with a fun *trust* exercise conducted by facilitators from RYLA (*Rotary Youth Leadership Awards*). For more information, contact Bill Domings at [wdomings@msn.com](mailto: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. Contact Event Chair Karin Gaffney at [karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com](mailto: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!



*Pilgrim Jim toasts  
Paul Harris in the  
bar/lounge of The  
Hotel at 1620 in  
Plymouth*

**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, Plimouth 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](mailto: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](mailto:satya@thegurutax.com) or Cherly Rosen at [cherylr@tiac.net](mailto:cherylr@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](mailto:karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com).*