

2018 ROTARY DISTRICT 5650 CONFERENCE



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

The 2017-18 District Conference "*Together Making a Difference*" will be July 27-28, 2018 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln.

[Click here](#) to [Register](#). (conference registration)

Full Conference \$150 per person

Daily Rate of \$90 per person

Come for fun and fellowship and engage with new Rotarians and Guests from across the district!

Areas of Focus: Human Trafficking, Women's Empowerment, Rotary Service including Tree Planting, Youth Programs, Networking and so much more . . .

Recognition will include 2017-2018 Club Presidents and Past District Governors and Spouses (Friday evening) and Introduction of 2018-2019 Presidents (Saturday evening).

Dress will include business casual all the way to dressy (for Friday night), and Hawaiian (for Saturday night).

2017-18 District Conference Schedule Highlights to Date

Friday, July 27th

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking

Moderated by Katie McLeese Stephenson, Executive Director, Child Guidance Center

Stephen Patrick O'Meara, Assistant U.S. Attorney (Ret.): Coordinator, Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force (Ret.)

Teresa Houser, Executive Director, Magdalene Omaha

Meghan Johnson – Outreach Director – I've Got a Name

Paul Yates – Executive Director – I've Got a Name

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Update on Human Trafficking in Nebraska

Tony Kavan, Nebraska State Patrol Investigator

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Rotary Service

Fill 400 3-day Hygiene Bags for Magdalene House in Omaha

2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Rotary Service

Introduction to the Hotel Motel Intervention (a partnership between Rotary and the Nebraska/Iowa Coalition on Human Trafficking)

Stephen Patrick O'Meara, Assistant U.S. Attorney (Ret)

Kathy Kemler, Coalition on Human Trafficking

Sister Celeste Wobeter, Coalition on Human Trafficking

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Networking Panel

Mailani Cook-Veney, President-Elect, Lincoln Club #14, Moderator

Holly Hollenbeck, Omaha Suburban Rotary. Dist. Membership Chair

Elaine Hanson, Auburn Rotary. Former District Rotaract Chair.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. General Reception with Networking Opportunities

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Music by Dave and Sue Merrill

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner and Celebration

- Tables Hosted by PDGs and Spouses
- Recognition of 2017-2018 Club Presidents and Spouses
- Address by RI Representative and PDG Tom Cardwell

Saturday, July 28th

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. [Memorial Breakfast](#)
District Governor Elect Mick McKinley

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. [Josh the Otter Project](#)
Kathy and Blake Collingsworth

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. [Break](#)

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. [RYLA and Rotaract Highlights and Service, NAYEN](#)

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. [Corporate Partnerships and Highlights from our District Tree Planting Initiative](#)

Dan Morrow, Director of Arbor Day Foundation

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. [Lunch, Women's Empowerment in Rotary](#)

Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Foundation Trustee and former RI Director

1:15 – 1:45 p.m. [Question and Answer – News and Changes at Rotary International](#) Frank Goldberg, Former RI Director, Former RI Treasurer, PDG, and current Chair of the RI Operations and Review Committee and Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Foundation Trustee and former RI Director

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. [Women's Empowerment in Rotary District 5650](#)

Carol Horner, Assistant Governor, Moderator

Julie O'Hara, District Governor

Jennifer Brinkman, Past President Club #14

Emira Ibrahimasic, District RYLA Chair

Yolanda Hoffman, Omaha Suburban

3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. [Enjoy Lincoln](#)

Haymarket, Sheldon Art Gallery, Quilt Museum, or visit with Rotary friends

2:30 p.m. Snacks Available

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. [Receptions \(General and Foundation by invitation\)](#)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. [Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Celebration](#)

- Recognition of 2018-2019 Club Presidents and Spouses
- District Awards
- Passing of the Gavel and remarks by DG Julie O'Hara