



District Conference Agenda

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament ***Tee Off with Rotary!***
Shadow Ridge Golf Course, Hattiesburg

9:00 a.m. ***Make New Friends***
Registration / House of Friendship Opens
Thad Cochran Center, 3rd floor

10:00 a.m. **Morning Welcome**
DG Regina Wedig
Thad Cochran Center Room 210

Community Activities

9:00 – noon ***Honoring those who Serve***
Tour of Camp Shelby (includes lunch)
Bus transportation to/from Camp Shelby

10:00 – noon ***What's Old is New Again***
Lucky Rabbit / Downtown Hattiesburg Tour
Personal transportation to the Lucky Rabbit and downtown locations

10:30 – noon ***What's Cooking?***
Cooking Demonstration (includes lunch)
Thad Cochran Center, Room 210

Conference Sessions

- 2:00 p.m. ***Imagine Rotary!***
Conference Welcome & Opening Session
The opening session will begin with the pledge, prayer, and four-way test, followed by a presentation of the colors and rendition of “America the Beautiful.” We will conclude with a welcome by fellow Rotarian and Hattiesburg Mayor Toby Barker and University of Southern Mississippi President Dr. Joe Paul
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I and II
- 2:30 p.m. **Rotary International Representative Opening Remarks**
PDG Maureen Fritz-Roberts
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I and II
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Breakout Session I**

Meet your Teams!
President-Elect and President Nominee Meeting
DGE Vicky Gutierrez & DGN Samantha Walley
Thad Cochran Center Room 210

Help! Making ClubRunner Work for You
Learn how to streamline reports and how to stay in touch using the District ClubRunner site. Update membership, officers, meeting dates, times and places and much more. ***Please remember to bring your laptop or tablet and your login credentials.***
Thad Cochran Center Room 216
- 4:00 p.m. **50/50 Raffle Opens**
- 5:30 p.m. ***Let’s Get this Party Started***
Rotary Food Fest
Centennial Lawn

Note: The Hospitality Suite at Hotel Indigo will be open from 8:00 p.m. until for any Rotary guests who wish to visit and/or get a snack while at the conference. A room number for the suite will be announced when available.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. ***Bring your Business Cards to Network***
Registration and House of Friendship opens / Light Breakfast
Thad Cochran Center, 3rd floor
- 8:30 a.m. ***Imagine Rotary!***
Morning Welcome
This session will include a welcome from District Governor Regina Wedig, introduction of the District Team, and a welcome from Rotary International Representative PDG Maureen Fritz-Roberts.
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I, II.
- 8:45 a.m. ***District Memorial Service***
This special service will recognize any Rotarians who have passed away during the previous year.
- 9:15 a.m. ***Live from Paris!***
Rotary Global Grant Scholar Presentation: This is a special presentation from Madison Jacks, Rotary Global Grant Scholar in Paris, France.
- 9:45 a.m. **Breakout Session II**
- Planning and Using District Grants around the District***
Clubs will present their current service projects using District Grants and tips for success
Thad Cochran Center Room 210
- How We Grow***
Membership tools and best practices
Thad Cochran Center Room 214
- Planning for Fundraising Events (large and small) PART I***
This session will highlight several fundraising Ideas, including Battle of the Bands, Alligator Festival, Gigi's Playhouse, Freret Street Festival, and more
Thad Cochran Center Room 216
- Rotary Club Central solutions / District ClubRunner Solutions**
Informal individual meetings with District experts
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I and II

10:45 a.m. **Breakout Session III**

The Future is Here

Rotary Youth Services Panel

Learn details and best practices for Rotary's youth programs: Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange. Special appearance by our current Rotary Youth Exchange students Caio and Julia!

Thad Cochran Center Room 210

Who We Are

Public image tools

Need ideas for social media or traditional methods of telling your story?

Thad Cochran Center Room 214

How We Serve Away from Home

Lunches for Learning / HANWASH presentation

Be inspired by global and district grant-supported service projects and learn how you may participate

Thad Cochran Center Room 216

Rotary Club Central solutions / District ClubRunner Solutions

Informal individual meetings with District experts

Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I and II

11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

Presentation from Rotary International Representative PDG Maureen Fritz-Roberts

Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I, II

1:15 p.m. **Breakout Session IV**

How We Lead

Leadership roles beyond the club level

Come learn about serving as a member of the Territory Resource Network, as an Assistant Governor, or a committee member working with a Deputy Governor.

Thad Cochran Center Room 210

How We Grow (repeat of the 9:45 am session)

Membership tools and best practices

Thad Cochran Center Room 210

How We Serve Away from Home (repeat of the 10:45 am session)

Lunches for Learning / HANWASH presentation

Thad Cochran Center Room 216

- 2:15 p.m. **Breakout Session V**
- The Next Generation***
Engaging Young Leaders
Thad Cochran Center Room 210
- Why, Who and Where We Serve***
From Disaster Response to Global Outreach
Thad Cochran Center Room 214
- Planning for Fundraising Events (large and small) PART II***
This Session will highlight more clubs with Fundraising Ideas
Thad Cochran Center Room 216
- 3:00 p.m. Raffle and House of Friendship Closes
- 3:30 pm. ***Let's celebrate Our Year of Imagining Rotary***
Closing General Session
This session will include the Passing of the Governor Jewels, awards and Rotary recognitions, raffles and door prizes, and a discussion on the Imagine Literacy campaign.
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I, II
- 4:00 p.m. **District Business Meeting**
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn Main Conference**
- 6:00 p.m. **Governor's Cocktail Hour**
Thad Cochran Center 3rd Floor Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. ***Final Thoughts and Thanks***
Parade of Presidents Dinner
This dinner will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Lance Query and closing remarks by PDG Maureen Fritz-Roberts
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I, II