



**Rotary District 7475 Conference
Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor
May 7 – 10, 2020
Frequently Asked Questions**

Question: Where is the location for District 7475 Conference?

The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor , May 7 – 10, 2020

Question: Why should I go to the District Conference?

Fellowship and Inspiration! You will have the opportunity to engage with Rotary through educational speakers about Rotary's work locally and worldwide. Have fun and get to know your Rotary District and Rotarians better in a beautiful setting. To summarize:

- You will enjoy fellowship and meet likeminded people
- You will learn more about Rotary
- You will get and stay connected with others in the District
- You will learn best practices from other clubs in the District
- You will expand your professional network
- You will join us in celebrating a year of Rotary successes!

Question: Who should attend the District Conference?

District Conferences are for ALL Rotarians and their families.

Question: May I bring my spouse or significant other?

Yes! Spouses and significant others are welcome! We encourage you to involve them in this year's District Conference so that they can learn more about Rotary and meet other Rotarians and Rotary partners.

Question: Should I bring my children to the Conference – are PETS permitted

Sure! There is free time for sightseeing and recreational activities. Baltimore has numerous activities for people of all ages. The Conference location in the Inner Harbor is in the center of many activities. YES, pets are permitted at the Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor check with the hotel for details.

Question: How long will it take to get to drive to the Conference location?

It is a 3 to 4-hour drive depending where you depart from in the District. The southern end of the district is closer than the northern portion. Amtrak has numerous trains going to Baltimore. Round Trip from Penn Station to Baltimore averages \$150.00 per person

Question: How do I make my hotel reservations?

Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor is a four-star hotel. Reservations should be made directly with the Hotel. There is a direct link on the district website. Be sure to use the link on the website as it is the only way to obtain the discounted District Conference Rotary Rate. Regular rates range from \$169.00 to \$210.00 per night. The District Conference rate is \$110.00 per night plus taxes.

Question: What time is check-in and check-out at the hotel?

Standard check-in time is 4 pm – If rooms are available earlier, they will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. We will make efforts to secure rooms earlier, but this is not guaranteed. If necessary, your luggage can be checked at the front desk until you room is ready.

Question: Are pets permitted at the Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor?

Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor accepts two dogs up to 50 lbs for an additional fee of \$75 per stay. The Conference Committee is working with the Hyatt Place to hopefully waive this fee for conference attendees.

Question: What is the time for onsite registration at the Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor?

Registration will be on the 2nd level outside of the ballroom. The times for registration are as follows:

Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Saturday, 7:30 to 9:00 am

Be sure to register, pick up your name badges, meal tickets and goodie bag

Question: When is the Conference over?

Since it is Mother's Day weekend, the conference will end early on Sunday with the idea that you can get back to your home area to celebrate Mother's Day

Question: Is there an early bird registration incentive?

Yes, those registering for the full conference (Thursday thru Sunday) and paying in full by January 15, 2020 will be entitled to a free dinner cruise on the Spirit of Baltimore on Thursday night

Question: Will there be free time?

The Baltimore Inner Harbor area is one of the best locations for things to do and see. The conference committee has allocated plenty of free time to take advantage of the variety of things to do.

Friday, May 8, 2020 – Free time in the morning. Meetings will be from 1 to 5 pm. Friday evening; there will be an option baseball game, Oriole's vs LA Angels at Camden Yards baseball park

Saturday, May 9, 2020 – Meetings in the morning, afternoon is free time. Cocktail reception and gala banquet start at 5:00 pm

Question: Where can I register for the Conference?

Conference registration takes place on the district website at www.njrotary.org. Click the conference registration link to access the registration system. Note: In addition to registering for the District Conference you need to make your hotel reservations separately. There is a link to hotel reservations on the district website as well.

Question: What is the deadline for Registration?

District Conference registration deadline is April 1, 2020

Discounted hotel rates (\$110.00 per night) are available until April 1, 2020. After that date full hotel rates will apply.

Question: What is the dress code for the conference?

Dress code for the conference is business casual. Dress code for the Saturday evening Governor's Reception and Gala dinner/dance is cocktail attire. Black-tie optional

Question: Will there be Wi-Fi available?

Yes, Complimentary (Standard) Wi-Fi will be available in hotel rooms – this is great for using the internet, checking email, etc. If you wish to stream programs like Netflix, Hulu you may want to consider upgrading to the enhanced Wi-Fi package.

Question: Who can I contact for additional information?

You can contact any of the following individuals:

Jim Allison, Co-Chair District Conference, jra188@aol.com, 201-213-6382

Barry Kroll, Co-Chair District Conference, barrykroll@aol.com, 973-476-2772

Ray Freaney, District Governor, rayfreaney@gmail.com, 908-803-4602

For help with registration or accommodations, contact Barry Kroll, Conference Registrar

Question: Can I stay at a cheaper nearby Hotel?

It is unlikely that you will find any hotel in the area that can offer you a less expensive rate than the special conference rate of \$110.00 per night. Staying at the Hyatt Place Baltimore Inner Harbor puts you in the middle of everything. It is convenient, safe and you don't have to drive anywhere after dinners, social events or hospitality suites.

Question: Is there a cost for parking?

Valet parking is \$45.00 per day. Full self-parking rate is \$30.00 per night

District Conference attendees will pay a discounted rate of \$15.00 per night for self-parking.

Question: Will there be a hospitality suite?

There will be two hospitality suites available at the District conference. One sponsored by Madison Rotary, home club of DG Ray Freaney and the other sponsored by Scotch Plains Rotary, home club of DGE Ann Walko. (TBD)

Question: Are there accommodations for handicapped or those with special dietary needs available?

Yes, accommodations are available for those with special needs. When making your hotel reservations let the hotel staff know that you will need a handicap accessible room. Alert district conference staff before arrival and they will be able to help you make arrangements regarding your dietary needs

Questions: What fun activities are available in the Baltimore area?

Baltimore has an amazing number of events and activities from axe throwing, to hiking, to baseball games, to aquariums/museums, historical sites, dinner cruises, and more. You may also choose just relaxing on the waterfront. Google "Baltimore Visitor Activities" and you will find a multitude of activities from which to choose. Check the District Conference link on the District Website for a variety of links to Baltimore activities.

Question: How is my privacy and identity protected in the District ClubRunner database system?

Your privacy is very important to the District and ClubRunner. Our web applications protect the security of your payment and personal information by using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) software, which encrypts all of your personal information, including name, address, and credit card number, so that it can travel safely over the Internet. Your Order Confirmation is sent to the email address in your secure profile in ClubRunner. Also, your name and contact information are for Rotary District 7475 internal use only to process your order and will never be sold, given, or provided to anyone else.

Question: Can I reserve a hotel room at Hyatt Place Inner Harbor before or after the District Conference at the discounted rate?

Yes, you may reserve a on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 or Sunday, May 10, 2020 at the discounted rate of \$110.00 per night plus tax on a space available basis.

Question: Are children permitted to attend the District Conference and what is the cost?

Yes, children are permitted to attend the District Conference with their parents. Contact Jim Allison, District Conference Co-Chair at 201-213-6382 to check on rates depending upon age.

Question: What is the Hotel and District Conference policy?

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April 1, 2020 is the deadline to secure the discounted hotel rate of \$110.00 per night plus tax for the District Conference. Hotel reservations are made directly with the hotel (use link on district website). Credit card is required to hold the reservation. No shows and those cancelling less than 48 hours prior to arrival will be charged the first night hotel room fee. 100% cancellation

District Conference Registration Fee

April 1, 2020 is the deadline for District Conference registration.

Cancellation Policy

Before April 1, 2020	100% refund
Between April 2, 2020 and April 23, 2020	75% refund
Between April 24, 2020 and April 30, 2020	50% refund
May 1, 2020 and after	No Refund

All cancellation must be made either by email or in writing

Contact District Conference Registrar

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