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Connect. Partner. Serve.



Prepare for the Rotary Convention in Toronto

At the 2018 Rotary International Convention, 23-27 June in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, you'll hear inspirational speeches from keynote speakers, participate in a variety of service-related breakout sessions, and make new friends in the House of Friendship.

Preconvention events

- Join leaders from around the world at the [Rotary Peacebuilding Summit](#), held 22-23 June. We'll explore how we can foster peace in our communities and inspire others to take action. The event is open to Rotary members and nonmembers. [Register today.](#)
- Discuss water and health with the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) and others at the 10th annual [World Water Summit](#) on 22 June. Learn how Rotarians are fighting waterborne diseases like Guinea worm disease, which has plagued parts of Africa for generations but has nearly been eliminated. [Register today.](#)
- If you're a health professional, attend the [Global Health Challenges](#) symposium, organized by the [International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors](#) and the [Toronto Medical School](#), on 22 June. The conference will consider the world's most critical health issues. [Register today.](#)

Make connections in the House of Friendship

Visit the House of Friendship to network with fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors and learn about [Rotary Fellowships](#), [Rotarian Action Groups](#), [Rotary's partners service](#)

projects, and much more. Download the [Convention Events and Booth Exhibit Guide](#) to find Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups, then connect with the groups that share your interests and expertise.

Breakout sessions focus on service

The Rotary Convention also offers more than 90 afternoon breakout sessions 25-27 June, including:

- **An Introduction to Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)** -- A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. More than 9,000 corps are working in over 90 countries, in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing regions. Discover how you can organize an RCC and make an extraordinary impact in your community.
- **Fun & Value With Rotary Friendship Exchange** -- When you open your club and home through a Rotary Friendship Exchange, you enjoy many benefits. In this session, you'll gain insight into how to promote Friendship Exchange to enhance fellowship, boost service projects, increase international understanding, and so much more.
- **ShelterBox and Rotary: The Impact of Our Partnership** -- Have you ever wondered how ShelterBox and Rotary work together after disasters? Hear the stories of Rotarians and response team members who have supported families who have lost everything. Learn about the powerful collaborations that link your club with global communities, and discover how you can get involved.
- **Fellowships: The Hidden Gem of Rotary** -- Wherever your interests lie, chances are, you can find other Rotarians who share them. Rotary Fellowships are independent social groups in which members share a common passion. From cyclists to photographers, magicians to lawyers, these groups are a fun way to make friends, participate in projects, and share your enthusiasm for what you love. Enhance your Rotary experience by joining a fellowship!
- **Tap Into Expertise for Greater Impact** -- As people of action united in service, we do good in the world through our humanitarian work. Our panel of district international service chair champions will share how they are using local experts to help with all aspects of project development, from needs analysis to technical planning in Rotary's six areas of focus. Gain inspiration for leveraging your network of experts to enhance your projects and pioneer long-lasting change.

Many Rotarian Action Groups will host sessions on their service initiatives, and they'll teach you how to tap into their expertise and skills to take on similar projects in your community. Sessions will focus on addiction prevention, disaster relief, microfinance and community development, slavery, maternal and family health, and water and sanitation.

Download the [preliminary breakout session schedule](#) and the [Rotary Events app](#) to get convention highlights, tips, and resources.

Postconvention events

Attend the Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development's [Ending Ultra-Poverty Summit](#) on 28 June. The event aims to stimulate discussion on how to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The summit will be held in downtown Toronto.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to saving mothers and babies

April is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month. According to the World Health Organization, 5.6 million children under age five died in 2016. More than half of those deaths were due to conditions that could have been prevented or treated by access to simple, affordable interventions.



Rotary members provide help to mothers and children in need by offering families training in how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breastfeed, and how to protect themselves and their children from illness. [Here's how you can support mothers and children during Maternal and Child Health Month.](#)

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From our blog

East Africa's first project fair

Dale Knight, a member of the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati, California, USA, and District 5130's international service chair, has been attending project fairs for 31 years. In February, she took five Rotarians and a guest to the first East Africa Project Fair to introduce them to international service. The experience exceeded her expectations; [read her story.](#)



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Plant a tree for Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated every year on 22 April. On that day, people around the world help protect our planet by cleaning up their communities, planting trees, contacting elected officials to urge support for environmental protection, or otherwise showing their support for renewable energy and conservation.

RI President Ian H.S. Riseley is challenging all 1.2 million Rotarians to take action this Earth Day by planting a tree. The Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group offers ideas on how to get started and

Want to help save endangered species?



The [Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species](#) aims to mobilize Rotarians and foster global awareness in the continuing struggle to protect endangered species. The group supports Rotary and Rotaract clubs' projects with an emphasis on

a free, downloadable tree-planting brochure. Share your stories on social media using the #pledgetoplant hashtag and on Rotary Showcase in the environment category. Learn more about why President Riseley wants Rotary members to plant trees.

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protecting African rhinos, elephants, and mountain gorillas. Contact the group to get involved.

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