

DISTRICT 6910 CONFERENCE

May 10-13, 2018

Charleston, South Carolina



**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**

NOTES, DISCLAIMERS AND REMINDERS

Updated February 19, 2018

General Information

1. The on-line registration site will open on **Friday, December 22, 2017** and will close at midnight on Monday, May 7, 2018. Please encourage anyone in your club to register before the cut-off date.
2. A special rate of \$225 will be in effective from December 22, 2017 through January 31, 2018. The rate increases to **\$250 on February 1, 2018** and **\$260 on April 19, 2018**.
3. Please encourage all members to visit the district conference website at <http://www.Rotary6910conference.org> for up-to-date information. A link has been placed on the district website that will *also* take you directly to the conference website.
4. All registrations will be made through DACdb. To register for the district conference, please go to the district website at <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org>, scroll down and click on "Click Here To Register". Should anyone require additional assistance with the online registration you may contact the District office at 770-538-0909 or email at admin@rotarydistrict6910.org.
5. Cancellations: In order to request a refund, cancellation or changes in registration you must submit your request in writing to the D6910 District Office. All refunds for registration fees will have a \$25 processing fee per person registered. **No refunds after April 20, 2018.**
6. The District Conference Committee has negotiated the following group rates at the **Embassy Suites** by Hilton North Charleston. Single Rate/Double Rate \$155, Triple Rate \$165, and Quad Rate \$175. These room rates are subject to tax, which is currently 14.00% plus a \$1.10 Destination Fee. Reservations must be made on or before the cut-off date of **Friday, April 20, 2018** in order to be eligible for the group rate. To avoid a

charge equal to one night's room rate and tax, any cancellation must be cancelled at least **14** days prior to arrival.

7. **Key Amenities** at the **Embassy Suites** include a complimentary made to order breakfast daily, complimentary evening reception, complimentary parking and complimentary airport shuttle. The hotel is conveniently connected to the Charleston Area Convention Center.
8. Our overflow hotel for Thursday, May 10th is the **Charleston Hilton Garden Inn Airport**. We need everyone at the Embassy Suites on Friday and Saturday.
9. Attire for all events is **resort casual, except for Saturday night's black tie optional event, "People of Action" Ball**. If you have a tendency to get cold, please bring a sweater or jacket with you to the **General Sessions**. Please feel free to wear your **favorite Top Gun attire or Rotary shirt** for the Friday and Saturday General Sessions.
10. Please remind your members to wear their badges at all events. Credentials will be required to gain access to all conference functions. Credentials are available only to paid registrants. Your badge is your ticket for designated meals.
11. Spouse/Guest Registration: If **fully** registered, your spouse/guest will be able to participate in **all** conference events and meals.
12. A **Saturday only** event ticket, "People of Action" Ball can be purchased in the amount of \$85 for a **spouse/guest** of a **registered** Rotarian. Please note this is a Governor discretionary item and does not constitute an ongoing district policy.
13. **House of Friendship A/K/A "Top Guns of Rotary Exhibition Hall"** will open for club set-up from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on Friday, May 10, 2018. Displays may be taken down after the conclusion of the "People of Action" Ball on Saturday night.
14. **House of Friendship/Top Guns of Rotary Exhibition Hall**: We are asking **all clubs** to participate in this year's "Top Guns of Rotary Exhibition Hall" by exhibiting the club's Signature Project, District Grant or Global Grant. Please utilize the District 6910 Conference Theme "Top Guns of Rotary" or the 2017-18 Rotary theme "Rotary: Making A Difference". Please bring duct tape, scotch tape, thumb tacks, electrical extension cords (if electricity was ordered) and anything else you may need to prepare your display. Applications for HOF/Top Guns of Rotary Exhibition Hall can be located on the district website. If you have not reserved your table(s) and/or booth space, please do so immediately. Tables **cannot** be ordered on sight!
15. We are giving away one major door prize at each plenary session. The Sgt. at Arms Committee will give tickets at each plenary session at the door. You must be present to win.
16. In an effort to streamline the conference door prizes undertaking, an invoice will be sent from the district office with the following tiers. Small clubs (\$50), Medium clubs (\$75), Large Clubs (\$100) and Ex-Large Clubs (\$150). Please be attentive to this invoice. Please do not bring individual gifts to be raffled.
17. The club hospitality suites will open around 8:45 pm. All Rotarians are encouraged to visit and socialize on Friday and Saturday nights.
18. This year we will have hospitality suites located on the second floor of the Charleston Area Convention Center. Lots of activities are planned for these hospitality suites.

19. Some Rotarians like to display their recognition pins (GRSP, Paul Harris, Major Donor, etc.). Encourage your members to bring their recognition pins and proudly display them.
20. For clubs that host GRSP students, their final conference expenses will be proportionally divided among the sponsoring clubs and billed by the district office. Students will be housed two to a room. Their activities include: (a) *GRSP Parade of Flags* rehearsal on Friday 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm and (b) *GRSP Parade of Flags presentation*, on Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Our GRSP students will be under the supervision of GRSP district representative, Wayne Pugh. They will have a designated “Hospitality Suite” located at the Embassy Suites next to the breakfast area.
21. If you have a deceased member from your club since our last conference (October 7, 2016), please send their name and a picture to the district office as soon as possible. The absolute cutoff date is May 7, 2018. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add any deceased member to the “Memorial to Departed Rotarians” slide show after the cutoff date nor can anyone be added onsite at the conference. A memorial tribute to our departed Rotarians will take place in the Friday General Session.
22. This year numerous club and individual awards will be presented throughout the conference. You will want to be at all general sessions!

Thursday, May 10, 2018 Highlights

23. DG David Cooper and Cheryl Cooper are hosting a District Reception and Dinner aboard the USS Yorktown in honor of all the Rotarians in District 6910 on Thursday, May 10, 2018. This is a pre-conference event and is open to all Rotarians and their guests. The cost is \$75.00 per person. Transportation will be provided to this event so please meet at 5:00 pm at the main entrance of Charleston Area Convention Center in front of the flag poles.

Friday, May 11, 2018 Highlights

24. Rotary Means Business – Pre- Conference Breakout
25. “Pre-Opening” Luncheon Buffet – 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm.
26. The First General Session starts on Friday, May 11th at **1:30 pm** and should conclude around **4:30 pm**.
27. Friday afternoon/evening has been designated as a “Family of Rotary” opportunity and Rotarians are on their own for dinner. Make plans to enjoy dinner with your club by visiting the conference website for restaurant recommendations. Don’t forget to make reservations early and a list of local restaurants can be found on the district and conference websites.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 Highlights

28. The Second General Session starts on Saturday, May 12th at **9:00 am** and should conclude around **12:20 pm**.
29. The Third General Session features a Foundation Luncheon and should begin at **12:30 pm**. Our keynote speaker will begin their presentation at 12:45 pm followed by Foundation awards and recognitions. We should conclude around **2:00 pm**.
30. Major Donor Reception (*by invitation only*) takes place from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
31. DG David Cooper and Cheryl cordially invites all D6910 Rotarians to the "Governor's Reception" on Saturday afternoon from **6:00 pm-7:00 pm**. (cash bar)
32. "People of Action" Ball begins at **7:00 pm**
33. Entertainment by Ventriloquist Steve Brogan
34. District 6910 Awards and Recognitions

Sunday, May 13, 2018 Highlights

35. We will offer an inter-faith service on Sunday morning from **7:15am -7:45 am** and encourage our Rotarians to attend. District Chaplain Andy Smith will officiate and his message will encompass the 2017-18 theme, "Rotary: Making A Difference".
36. The Final General Session begins at **8:30 am** and should conclude around **10:00 am**.
37. Introduction of 2019 District 6910 Conference
38. Induction of 2018-19 District Governor followed by Parade
39. Let the Mother's Day Celebration begin! Safe travels home.

Miscellaneous

40. Governor Coop has agreed to reimburse the cost of the dinner aboard the USS Yorktown for those Rotarians that have sponsored a new member since January 2018. Reimbursement checks will be distributed at conference.
41. We will **not** hold an organized golf tournament at this conference. However, we will post the local golf course addresses and contact information on the district website for individuals that would like to book their own tee times and arrangements.
42. District Conference Sponsorships are being offered. Please refer to the sponsorship tab on the conference website for more information.
43. This conference program is filled with dynamic speakers and memorable entertainment. We will focus on the good works of our clubs. We will celebrate the year and recognize our clubs and Rotarians who have done so much to help others. Be prepared to spend two and a half days filled with Rotary leaders and fellow Rotarians making a difference. Learn how Rotarians help each other and collectively help others. Our number one objective is for you to have fun and experience the fun in Rotary.

44. All conference newsletters can be found on the conference website after they have been distributed. **Please make sure newsletters are shared with all club members and encourage Rotarians to explore all avenues of social media concerning the conference.**
45. **REMINDER: Conference website: rotary6910conference.org**
46. Even the little things make a difference. We are asking that you remove the pop tabs from your aluminum cans and bring them to the district conference to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Charleston. This is something your entire club can participate in even if they cannot attend the conference. Collected pop tabs are recycled; generating much-needed funds to support the House and more than 800 families that are served each year. Rotary, making a difference in Charleston!
47. 2017-18 Presidents should print this document and bring it to the conference in Charleston. Please share this information with your club members.

See you in Charleston!

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