

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All general sessions will be held in Room 718, South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A map of the venue is available in the mobile app.

FRIDAY, 22 JUNE

- 09:00-09:30 Welcome & Networking
718 Foyer, South Building
- 09:30-10:45 Opening General Session
- 11:00-12:00 WORKSHOP 1**
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break & Networking
- 13:30-13:50 UNSTRUCTURED NETWORKING**
- 14:00-15:00 WORKSHOP 2**
- 15:00-15:20 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 15:30-16:20 WORKSHOP 3**
- 16:30-17:30 General Session 2
- 17:30-19:00 Rotary Peacebuilding Summit Reception
Level 300, Exhibit Hall A,
North Building, Metro Toronto
Convention Centre

WORKSHOP 1 11:00-12:00

- 718 The New Rotaract Club
- 716 First-Time Attendees Ice Breaker/
Networking
- 714 The Big R: Recruitment
- Room 105-107 Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of
(North Building) Rotaract With the Peacebuilding Summit
(11:00-12:15)

UNSTRUCTURED NETWORKING 13:30-13:50

- 718 Service Projects
- 716 The Rotaract Experience Focus Group
- 714 Twinning

WORKSHOP 2 14:00-15:00

- 718 Building Bridges in Rotary and Rotaract
- 716 Using Social Media to Engage Members
- 714 #Twinning!

WORKSHOP 3 15:30-16:20

- 718 Best Practices of MDIOs: From Starting to
Succeeding
- 716 Rotaract50: What Next? With #VisionToAct
- 714 High Stakes Leadership

SATURDAY, 23 JUNE

- 09:00-09:30 Networking
- 09:30-10:10 General Session 3
- 10:10-10:30 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 10:40-11:30 WORKSHOP 4**
- 11:40-12:30 WORKSHOP 5**
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break & Networking
- 14:00-14:25 UNSTRUCTURED NETWORKING**
- 14:35-15:25 WORKSHOP 6**
- 15:25-15:45 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 15:55-16:45 WORKSHOP 7**
- 17:00-17:30 Closing General Session

WORKSHOP 4 10:40-11:30

- 718 Improving Partnerships Between Rotaract and
Rotary Clubs
- 716 Live to Lead: From Adviser to Transformative Leader
- 714 DRR Training: Introduction — The Road to DRR

WORKSHOP 5 11:40-12:30

- 718 Expanding Rotaract: How to Grow Your Club but
Keep the Connections
- 716 Mentoring and Professional Development
- 714 DRR Training: The Trainer

UNSTRUCTURED NETWORKING 14:00-14:25

- 718 Ask the Staff
- 716 MDIOs: Meet and Greet
- 714 DRR Training Attendees

WORKSHOP 6 14:35-15:25

- 718 Corporate Social Responsibility: Create a Link Between
Sponsors and Social Projects
- 716 Developing Awareness: How to Have a Rotaract Club
Achieve Its Objectives and Reach Its Potential
- 714 DRR Training: The Organizer

WORKSHOP 7 15:55-16:45


- 718 Road to Rotary for Rotaractors
- 716 Engaging Interactors
- 714 DRR Training: The Promoter/Recruiter

All Rotaract Preconvention registrants are welcome to participate in select Rotary Peacebuilding Summit events. Please see the mobile app for more information.

ROTARACT PRECONVENTION

22-23 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA



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WELCOME FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Rotaractors and Rotarians,

The 2018 Rotaract Preconvention marks the culmination of our yearlong celebration of 50 years of Rotaract. Here you are among friends and leaders from around the world. Take this opportunity to strengthen relationships, freshen up your leadership skills, and be inspired to serve. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this incredible event, commemorating 50 years of taking action, leading our communities, and changing the world.

For half a century, Rotaract has been a tremendous asset to Rotary and to the communities we serve together. Rotaract is much more than the future of Rotary: It is the present, and the future, of our communities. Here at the 2018 Rotaract Preconvention, each of you has the chance to lead, to learn, and to discover the friendship that can only come from serving together. It is my hope and my wish for all of you that the satisfaction you have found in Rotaract will inspire you to continue on to a lifetime of service, in Rotary and beyond.

We know we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone. So make the most of this experience in Toronto. Meet new friends, discover new ways to work together, and create new opportunities to make a sustainable impact on our world, in our communities, and in the lives of others, as one family of *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

I wish you all the best for a great preconvention, full of creative, engaging, and productive sessions.

Sincerely,

Ian H.S. Riseley
President, Rotary International, 2017-18



WELCOME FROM THE ROTARACT CO-CHAIRS

Dear Rotaractors, Rotarians, and friends,



This year is a special year: We are celebrating 50 years of Rotaract! We are very happy you are here with us to create an unforgettable experience. We welcome you all to Toronto!

Whether you are attending your first preconvention or are a preconvention veteran, we hope you will encounter inspiring projects, life-enriching experiences, old and new friends and, of course, a lot of fun. Our program is specially planned so everyone will find breakout sessions and speakers of interest.

We'll have the opportunity to hear presentations from and ask questions of RI President Ian Riseley and President-elect Barry Rassin. We'll see outstanding Rotaract projects from around the world. We'll offer training specifically for district Rotaract representatives-elect. And during breakout discussions, you'll have the opportunity to choose a topic, ask questions, and play an active role.

You as Rotaractors are the advocates for Rotaract and for this celebration. Meet one another at the Rotaract 50th display, and tell Rotarians about your club, your projects, your meetings, your activities, and your friends. Together we can make a difference!

We hope you will remember this preconvention as a special one by celebrating, by making new friends, by embracing new cultures, and by participating in activities, discussions, and fun events. This gathering was planned by the Rotaract and Interact Committee, with fantastic help from Rotary International staff, with the goal of creating mutual understanding, inspiration, and a call to action.

Rotary: Making a Difference

For the love of Rotary,

Tommie Buscemi
Laura Sophie Verdegaaal
Co-Chairs, Rotaract and Interact Committee, 2017-18

MEETING INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, look for a person wearing a blue shirt or red vest:

BLUE SHIRTS Rotary staff
RED VESTS Sergeants-at-arms

LANGUAGE

This meeting will be conducted in English. If you need language-related assistance, please ask a sergeant-at-arms if someone can help you.

LUNCH

The Rotaract Preconvention does not include organized lunches. However, you'll find many restaurants near the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

MOBILE APP

To connect with other attendees and get the most up-to-date program information, including workshop descriptions and venue maps, download the convention mobile app to your smartphone or tablet. Search for "Rotary Events" in the Apple App Store or on Google Play to get started.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

Rotaract's 50th anniversary will be highlighted in an exhibit outside the House of Friendship.

2017-18 ROTARACT AND INTERACT COMMITTEE

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The 2019 Rotaract Preconvention in Hamburg, Germany, is scheduled for 31 May-1 June. Visit the 2019 Convention Promotion booth in the House of Friendship to register.