

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All general sessions will be held in Room 701, South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A map of the venue is available in the mobile app.

### THURSDAY, 21 JUNE

19:00-20:30 Youth Exchange Officers Welcome Reception, Level 100, North Building, Foyer, Rooms 105-107, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

### FRIDAY, 22 JUNE

- 09:00-10:00 Opening General Session
- 10:00-10:30 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 10:30-11:25 WORKSHOP 1**
- 11:35-12:00 General Session 2
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break & Networking
- 13:30-14:30 WORKSHOP 2**
- 14:30-15:00 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 15:00-15:50 WORKSHOP 3**
- 16:00-17:00 General Session 3
- 19:00-21:30 Youth Exchange Officers Banquet, Arcadian Court

#### WORKSHOP 1 10:30-11:25

- 701 Regional Leaders and New Attendees Networking
- 713 Rotary Youth Exchange: Help Us Improve the Program
- 715 Passport to Global Citizenship: The Treasure Map of the Exchange Year
- 717 Engaging Students During Orientation: Games People Play

#### WORKSHOP 2 13:30-14:30

- 701 Finding and Training Host Families
- 713 Best Practices: Preparation for Outbound Students
- 715 How to Strengthen Club, Counselor, and Student Relationships
- 717 Increased Language Acquisition

#### WORKSHOP 3 15:00-15:50

- 701 Rotex: A Gift for Rotary Youth Exchange
- 715 Quantum Leaps in Leadership: Reflection on Your Year Abroad
- 717 Cultivating Youth Exchange Alumni as Rotary Leaders

### SATURDAY, 23 JUNE

- 09:00-09:50 General Session 4
- 09:50-10:20 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 10:20-11:10 WORKSHOP 4**
- 11:20-12:15 General Session 5
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch Break & Networking
- 13:30-14:20 WORKSHOP 5**
- 14:30-15:20 WORKSHOP 6**
- 15:20-16:00 Refreshment Break & Networking
- 16:00-17:00 Closing General Session

#### WORKSHOP 4 10:20-11:10

- 701 Supporting LGBTQ Exchange Students and Families
- 713 Social Media Best Practices and Policies
- 715 Teenagers and Technology
- 717 Expanding YEX Into Africa and Partnering With Developing Countries

#### WORKSHOP 5 13:30-14:20

- 701 New Generations Service Exchange
- 713 Scholarships for Youth Exchange Programs
- 715 Best Operating Practices for Youth Exchange in Small Towns
- 717 Screening, Interviewing, and Selecting Students

#### WORKSHOP 6 14:30-15:20

- 701 Crisis Management
- 713 Early Returns
- 715 Abuse and Harassment (Youth Protection)

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# YOUTH EXCHANGE OFFICERS PRECONVENTION

22-23 JUNE 2018  
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA



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## WELCOME FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to Toronto! I am pleased you are here, joining fellow Rotarians from around the world to share your experiences and learn from one another. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention.

Each year, thousands of Rotary Youth Exchange students become immersed in a new culture, make lasting international friendships, and cultivate a global understanding of the world. These students are our future.

It is incredible that each of us can find something different in Rotary that adds something to our own lives. Rotary's Youth Exchange program challenges us to become better people — to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for bigger goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this program.

It is my hope and my wish for all of you that the knowledge you gain from the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention will inspire you to continue a lifetime of service, in Rotary and beyond. I know we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone. So let's work together and find 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 YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR

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To our Rotary Youth Exchange champions,

On behalf of Rotary International President Ian Riseley, welcome to the 2018 Rotary Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention in Toronto!

We are thrilled you have committed your time and resources to join with hundreds of other like-minded Rotarians for this annual journey of idea sharing, networking, and friendship making, all with a common goal: to build on the success of this premier Rotary International program.

We encourage those of you staying for the full convention to attend our special breakout session Monday afternoon. It will highlight Youth Exchange alumni who have flourished in their professional careers, including students who became Rotaractors and Rotarians. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could keep in touch with your Youth Exchange alumni to help us grow our Rotary membership?

My thanks to the 2017-18 RI Youth Exchange Committee and the terrific team of professionals at the Secretariat for their hard work in developing this year's preconvention. Our goal was to increase the amount of time devoted to interaction with your peers, with a focus on discussion rather than presentation. We hope you will take away many great ideas for improving your Youth Exchange program.

I also want to extend my appreciation to our volunteers serving as facilitators, leaders, and sergeants-at-arms. We could not provide you with this superb conference without their selfless support.

Finally, please accept my sincere gratitude for being here with us this week. I urge you to spend as much of your time as possible talking with your fellow Youth Exchange officers, renewing past friendships, developing new ones, and learning about other cultures along the way. That is, after all, the ultimate goal of this great program we call Rotary Youth Exchange. Enjoy the preconvention!

Bruce Goldsen  
Chair, RI Youth Exchange Committee, 2017-18

## MEETING INFORMATION

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

**BLUE SHIRTS**      Rotary staff

**YELLOW 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 Youth Exchange Officers 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

Youth Exchange will be featured in the House of Friendship at the Youth Exchange Committee booth. Please refer to the Rotary Convention program for details.

## 2017-18 YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

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*The 2019 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention in Hamburg, Germany, is scheduled for 31 May-1 June. Visit the 2019 Convention Promotion booth in the House of Friendship to register and purchase banquet tickets.*