

Official Convention Program

All convention activities will be held at venues within Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) unless otherwise noted. Consult the transportation guide and venue map for RI shuttle information.

The **(SI)** icon next to general session listings indicates that simultaneous interpretation is available in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish.

Audio or video recording of general sessions is strictly prohibited. Please silence all electronic devices during luncheons, breakout sessions, and general sessions.

The program is subject to change.

Wednesday, 7 June

- 15:00-19:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center
- Includes registration for Presidential Peace Conference, Rotaract Preconvention, and Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention*

Thursday, 8 June

- 08:00-17:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-17:00 **Rotaract Preconvention**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 08:30-17:00 **Youth Exchange Officers
Preconvention**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 19:30 **Atlanta Braves Game – Strike Out Polio** (*host-ticketed event*)
SunTrust Park, Smyrna

Friday, 9 June

- 08:00-19:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-12:00 **Rotaract Preconvention**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-12:00 **Youth Exchange Officers
Preconvention**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 13:00-17:00 **Presidential Peace Conference**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

- 17:15 **Presidential Peace Conference Reception** *(cash bar)*
Grand Ballroom, Omni Hotel at CNN Center
- 19:00-21:30 **Youth Exchange Officers Banquet and Reception** *(Rotary-ticketed event)*
Marquis Ballroom, A/B, Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Saturday, 10 June

- 07:30 **3K Walk/Run for to End Polio Now** *(host-ticketed event)*
Centennial Olympic Park,
Atlanta
- 07:30-19:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center
- 08:15-12:30 **Presidential Peace Conference**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-18:00 **House of Friendship**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 10:30 **House of Friendship Grand
Opening**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 13:30-17:00 **Youth Exchange Officers
Preconvention**
Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 15:00-16:00 **Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees**
Thomas Murphy Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center
- 16:15-17:00 **Volunteer Sergeants-at-Arms
Training**
Building B, Room B315
- 17:30 **Blue Jeans & Bluegrass** *(host-ticketed event)*
Centennial Olympic Park,
Atlanta
- 21:15-22:15 **Candlelight Vigil to End
Slavery and Human Trafficking** *(free host event)*
Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta

Sunday, 11 June

- 07:00-18:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center

08:30-09:15 **Interfaith Service**
Thomas Murphy Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center
Event Chair: Hendreen Dean Rohrs, RI Director
Rotary Club of Langley Central, British Columbia, Canada

09:00-18:00 **House of Friendship**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

10:00-12:30 **Opening Ceremony – First Seating (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

Presentation of the Centennial Bell and Call to Order

Welcome Remarks

Barry Matheson, 2017 Convention Committee Chair
Robert Hall, 2017 Convention Host Organization Committee Chair

Flag Ceremony

Welcome Remarks

The Honorable Governor Nathan Deal, State of Georgia

Featured Speaker

Rajashree Birla, Chairperson
The Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development

Introduction of RI President and Family

Ronald L. Beaubien, Aide to the RI President
Rotary Club of Coronado, California, USA

Welcome Address

John F. Germ, RI President
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

Entertainment Feature

Atlanta Pops Orchestra
Katie Deal
Margaret Keys

15:30-18:00 **Opening Ceremony – Second Seating (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

17:30 **Athens Night** (*host-ticketed event*)
Classic Center, Athens

19:00 **Gone with the Wind Private Screening** (*host-ticketed event*)
Fox Theatre, Atlanta

Monday, 12 June

09:00-18:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center

- 09:00-18:00 **House of Friendship**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 9:45-12:00 **General Session 2 (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- Call to Order and Announcements*
- Welcome Remarks*
The Honorable Kasim Reed, Mayor of the City of Atlanta
- Introduction of the RI Board of Directors*
- Keynote Speaker*
Bill Gates, Co-chair
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Panel Presentation on the End of Modern Slavery*
Moderator: Robert E. Hope, Adviser, Atlanta Convention Promotion Committee
- Panelists:
U.S. Senator Bob Corker
Gary Haugen, CEO, International Justice Mission
- 12:30 **Peace Tour** (*host-ticketed event*)
The Carter Center, King Center, and Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta
- 12:30 **CDC “Polio” Tour** (*host-ticketed event*)
Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta
- 13:00-14:30 **President's Recognition Luncheon** (*Rotary-ticketed event*)
Thomas Murphy Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center
Event Chair: Jennifer Jones, RI Vice President
Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada
- 13:00-17:00 **Breakout Sessions**
Various rooms in Buildings A and B
- 13:00 **Delta Flight Museum Tour** (*host-ticketed event*)
The Delta Flight Museum
- 18:30 **Host Hospitality Night** (*host-ticketed event*)
Various Atlanta Neighborhoods
- 18:30 **Evening at the College Football Hall of Fame** (*host-ticketed event*)
College Football Hall of Fame, Atlanta
- 19:00 **Evening at the World of Coca-Cola** (*host-ticketed event*)
World of Coca-Cola, Atlanta
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Tuesday, 13 June

- 09:00-18:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B,
Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-18:00 **House of Friendship**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia
World Congress Center
- 10:00-12:00 **General Session 3 (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- Call to Order, Announcements and
Preliminary Credentials Report*
- Featured Speaker*
TBD
- Featured Speaker*
James Quincey, President & COO
The Coca-Cola Company
- Featured Speaker*
John C. Smarge, Aide to the President-nominee
- Keynote Speakers*
Jack Nicklaus, Golf Icon and Polio Ambassador
Jennifer E. Jones, Vice President of Rotary International
- 12:30 **Peace Tour** (*host-ticketed event*)
The Carter Center, King Center, and Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta
- 12:30 **CDC “Polio” Tour** (*host-ticketed event*)
Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta
- 13:00-14:30 **President-elect's Leadership
Luncheon** (*Rotary -ticketed event*)
Thomas Murphy Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center
Event Chair: Donald Mebus, Aide to President-elect
Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas USA
- 13:00-17:00 **Breakout Sessions**
Various rooms in Buildings A and B
- 13:00 **Habitat Home Build** (*host ticketed event*)
East Plaza, Georgia World Congress Center
- 13:00 **Rise Against Hunger**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 15:00 **Habitat Home Build** (*host ticketed event*)
East Plaza, Georgia World Congress Center
- 17:00 – 19:00 **Major Donor Reception** (*by invitation only*)
Grand Ballroom, Omni Hotel at CNN Center

- 17:30-18:30 **One Small Act: A Virtual Reality Experience**
(Rotary-ticketed event) Doors open at 17:00
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 19:00 **Arch Klumph Society Dinner** *(by invitation only)*
Oceans Ballroom, Georgia Aquarium
- 19:00 **Centennial Celebration Block Party** *(host-ticketed event)*
Near Georgia World Congress Center

Wednesday, 14 June

- 09:00-18:00 **Convention Registration**
Registration Hall, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 09:00-16:00 **House of Friendship**
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- 10:00-12:00 **General Session 4 (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center
- Call to Order and Announcements*
- Recognition of Rotary Alumni Associations*
John F. Germ, RI President
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA
- Rotary Alumni Global Service Award Acceptance*
- Recognition of Convention and Host Organization Committees
and Sergeants-at Arms*
John F. Germ
- 2018 Toronto Convention Promotion*
Gordon R. McNally, 2018 Toronto Convention Chair
Rotary Club of South Queensferry,
West Lothian, Scotland
- Election of Officers and President-nominee*
John Hewko, RI General Secretary
Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Secretariat Update*
John Hewko
- Introduction of the Rotary Foundation Trustees*
- Rotary Foundation Keynote Address*
Kalyan Banerjee, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair
Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India
- Featured Speaker*

Brittany Arthur, Rotaract Club President
Rotaract Club of Berlin, Germany

12:00-13:30 **The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party – Session 1**
(Rotary-ticketed event)
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

13:00-16:30 **Breakout Sessions**
Various rooms in Buildings A and B

14:00-15:30 **The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party – Session 2**
(Rotary-ticketed event)
Halls 1-3, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

17:00-19:00 **Closing Ceremony (SI)**
Halls 4-5, Building B, Georgia World Congress Center

Call to Order

Introduction of Past RI Presidents
John F. Germ, RI President
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

Acceptance Remarks
Sam F. Owori, RI President-nominee
Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda

Introduction of President-elect and Family
Donald L. Mebus, Aide to the RI President-elect
Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas, USA

President-elect Address
Ian H.S. Riseley, RI President-elect
Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia

President's Closing Remarks
John F. Germ

Entertainment Feature
The Atlanta Pops Orchestra
Voice of Atlanta