



Rotary World Peace Symposium And Rotary Alumni Celebration



Preconvention events of the 2009 Rotary International Convention
Birmingham, England

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: ***What is the Rotary World Peace Symposium?***

A: The Rotary World Peace Symposium is an official preconvention event tailored for Rotarians and Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni. It will include plenary sessions on issues vital to world peace and understanding, prominent speakers, and networking opportunities for Rotarians, peace fellows, and alumni.

Q: ***Why should I attend the Rotary World Peace Symposium?***

A: The Rotary World Peace Symposium is an opportunity to connect with individuals interested in or working with issues directly related to peace and conflict resolution, learn about the challenges facing peacemakers, and ways to be involved.

Q: ***What is the Rotary Alumni Celebration?***

A: The Rotary Alumni Celebration is an official preconvention event tailored to all Foundation alumni and Rotarians. It includes notable speakers, breakout sessions, and social gatherings for Foundation alumni and friends.

Q: ***Why should I attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration?***

A: The Rotary Alumni Celebration is an opportunity to reconnect with Rotary, learn about its service opportunities and ways to be involved, and to celebrate Foundation alumni's experiences and achievements.

Q: ***When and where will they take place?***

A: The Rotary World Peace Symposium begins Thursday, 18 June and continues through Friday 19 June. The Rotary Alumni Celebration will be held on Saturday 20 June. Both events will be hosted at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel. The Rotary International Convention will follow immediately after, from 21-24 June.

Q: ***Can I register for both events?***

A: Yes, registration for the Rotary World Peace Symposium will automatically include registration for the Rotary Alumni Celebration. Attendees can choose to register for only the Rotary Alumni Celebration as well. Rotary World Peace Symposium attendees will also have the option of purchasing tickets for meal events.

Q: ***Do I have to register for the convention to attend the preconvention events?***

A: Yes, all Rotarians, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and Foundation alumni have to be registered for the convention in order to attend either the Rotary World Peace Symposium or the Rotary Alumni Celebration. A **greatly reduced registration rate** is being offered for foundation alumni within 7 years of program participation (Rotary year 2001-02 or later). See the Birmingham Convention Registration Form for details.

Q: ***Who is eligible for the reduced registration rate (Category 8 - TRF alumnus 2001-02 or later)?***

A: This rate only applies to **recent alumni who were not Rotarians during their Foundation program experience**. Recent Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, non-Rotarian University Teachers, and GSE team members are eligible regardless of their current membership in a Rotary club. Unfortunately, GSE team leaders, Rotarian University Teachers, and Rotary Volunteers (alumni that were already Rotarians at the time of their program experience) are ineligible for this special rate. Non-Rotarian alumni or Rotarian alumni who qualify to receive this rate can **only** register using the **paper form**.