



# Rotary Alumni Celebration

## *Reconnect, Engage, Celebrate*

A preconvention event of the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, CA, USA



## Frequently Asked Questions

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

A: The Rotary Alumni Celebration is the first-ever official preconvention event tailored to Foundation alumni. It will include special events, notable speakers, and social gatherings for Foundation alumni and friends.

Q: ***When and where is the Rotary Alumni Celebration?***

A: The Rotary Alumni Celebration begins Friday 13 June at 1400 and continues through 1200 on Saturday 14 June 2008 at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, CA, USA. The Rotary International Convention will follow immediately after, from 15-18 June.

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: ***Do I have to register for the convention to attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration?***

A: Yes, all alumni have to be registered for the convention in order to attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration. A **greatly reduced registration rate** is being offered for foundation alumni within 7 years of program participation (Rotary year 2000-01 or later). See the Los Angeles Convention Registration Form for details.

Q: ***Who is eligible for the reduced registration rate (Category 8 - TRF alumnus 2000-01 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.

Q: ***How do I register for the convention and the Rotary Alumni Celebration?***

A: Visit <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx> to register. Alumni who are not Rotarians must register with the paper form and return it via fax to + 1 847-866-3064 or by mail to 14254 Collections Center Dr. Chicago, IL 60693 USA. Online registration is available for Rotarians only. Be sure to choose the "Global Alliance of Rotary Foundation alumni" in the list of preconvention meetings.

Q: ***What if I would like to attend but can't pay the registration fees and/or travel costs?***

A: Contact your local Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator (list available at [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/trf\\_rfacc0708.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/trf_rfacc0708.pdf)) to inquire about sponsorship for your attendance. The Rotary Foundation is encouraging Rotary districts to sponsor at least one GSE and one scholar alumnus. If you need help locating Rotarians or funding, contact [alumni@rotary.org](mailto:alumni@rotary.org).

Q: ***Where can I stay in Los Angeles during the convention?***

A: There are several official convention hotels where alumni can stay. The hotels that are fairly close to the convention center with low rates are the Kawada Hotel, Ritz Milner Hotel, The Historic Mayfair Hotel, JJ Grand Hotel, and the Quality Inn & Suites Downtown Los Angeles. For the housing registration form and a map of the hotels visit [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/c08\\_housing\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c08_housing_en.pdf).

Q: ***What are my other options for housing if I don't want to stay in a hotel?***

A: Visit [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/c08\\_alternate\\_housing\\_options.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c08_alternate_housing_options.pdf) to learn about lower cost housing alternatives. There are also dormitory-style rooms available at the University of Southern California campus through the Rotaract 2008 Host Committee. Visit <http://www.rotaract2008.com/housing.html> to learn more about this low-cost option (when registering indicate that you are a Foundation alumnus). Contact [alumni@rotary.org](mailto:alumni@rotary.org) for additional options.

Q: ***What is the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network?***

A: The Rotary Foundation Alumni Network (RFAN) is The Rotary Foundation's alumni association that seeks to keep all Foundation alumni connected to Rotary. All Rotary Foundation alumni and alumni associations are members of the network. The network was formerly known as the Global Alliance of Rotary Foundation Alumni.