

2025 Conference News

March 20, 2025



2025 Conference Hotel



Disneyland Hotel & Resort
1150 West Magic Way
Anaheim, California 92802

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**HOTEL DISCOUNTED RATE ENDS
MARCH 20, 2025 - REGISTER
TODAY!**

2025-2026 District Training Assembly

Assembly is for ALL Rotarians!



When: Friday, April 11, 2025
Time: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm (doors will open at 8:30 am)

The coffee will be hot and you will enjoy a day of fellowship, learning, team building, idea sharing, and inspiration.

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Community Based Projects
- Membership
- International Projects
- Governance Training

22 Days Until Conference - Join us for an unforgettable District Conference at Disneyland!



A special message from Governor Driebe ~

Are you ready for an amazing experience at Disneyland? If you are, then make plans to join us on April 12 for the 5300 and 5180 Joint District Conference at the Disneyland Hotel. Arrive on Friday, and you will be in on a very special surprise! Saturday is packed with great speakers, meaningful breakout sessions and much more. Stay on Sunday and enjoy discounted admission to Disneyland Park. Don't miss this chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Register today and let's celebrate Rotary together!

A special message from Governor Turner ~Fellow Rotarians, have you signed up for our joint district conference yet? What an incredible spot to get to "Play at Rotary" together with new friends from around California and Nevada. Let's enjoy some of Disney and Rotary Magic with this adventure. This isn't just another conference - it is an opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate the impact of Rotary in the most enchanting place on earth!

If you are all plugged in, great! If not, come play! Recharge your Rotary spirit while enjoying an unforgettable experience. Register now and let's make this conference one for the books! Service, Fellowship and Disney Magic - all in one place!

Conference Highlights



From left to right: RI Representative Dave McCleary, UN Representative Mattias Sunholm, Saturday breakfast keynote speaker Johrita Solari, Saturday dinner keynote speaker Brad Howard, Saturday breakout speaker Ramesh Ferris.

The theme for this year's Conference is Rotary Past, Present and Future - the arc of Rotary. From what we were, to what we are, to what we can be. Your conference team has been hard at work to create a program that will deliver on that theme.

Friday dinner. The conference journey begins on Friday evening with a program that includes the recognition of Major Donors, opening remarks by RI Representative, PDG Dave McCleary, a keynote address by Mattias Sundholm, the Strategic Communications Officer with the United Nations, and recognition of those Rotarians that are no longer with us. It will be a night of laughter, a few tears, and inspiration. In addition, we will get a glimpse into the bond between the United Nations and Rotary International - the only non-profit to be a Charter member with a seat in the United Nations. We will then head off to hospitality where we can mingle, laugh, and enjoy fellowship.

Saturday breakfast. On Saturday, we begin the day with the Four Way Test Speech Contest at Breakfast. We will hear our Hensel Ethics Essay student scholar share their winning essay while we wait for judges to convene. Our keynote speaker, Johrita Solari, will share insight into Rotary's past and what we were - setting the stage for the afternoon. We will conclude with a special presentation by Shelter Box USA CEO, Kerri Murray.

Saturday morning breakout. Immediately following breakfast, attendees are invited to attend the Disney Leadership Institute Presentation for a glimpse into the world-renowned training offered by the Institute. The second portion of the breakout will feature Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor, Rotarian and Rotary leader. This breakout is where the ***Magic of Disney meets the Magic of Rotary.***

Saturday lunch. Saturday Lunch is sure to pull at your heart as it will showcase the impact of Rotary in Action. We begin with the procession of flags by club presidents and club leaders. After lunch, we recognize the work of Rotarians during and after the life-changing fires that scoured southern California. We will hear from our RI Rep, Dave McCleary about Rotary present and where we are today - setting the tone and pace for the future. We will then be uplifted by the Dan Stover Music competition and the Speech Contest winner from District 5180 before heading off to our afternoon breakout sessions.

Saturday afternoon breakout. The afternoon is dedicated to our work to end human trafficking. The session begins with a look at the recent trip to Australia with our Vocational Training Team. While in Australia, they worked with educators, law enforcement, government agencies and other NGOs to discern ways to end

Your free registration includes early morning pastry, fruit and beverage; and, mid-morning finger foods and beverage. The beverages include tea, water, and coffee.

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trafficking in all forms. The next portion of the session is a panel discussion with local leaders, Rotarians, and a survivor, sharing their experiences and how we can help. We will end the session with a hands-on project - stuffing 200+ backpacks for survivors. It is certain to be an emotionally charged session of passion, hope, and impact.

After the session you will have time to choose your own adventure before heading back to dinner.

Saturday dinner. During the dinner session we will honor those members among us that have served in the Armed Forces. Each veteran will receive a token of our appreciation for their service. In addition, each veteran will receive a gift that could only be approved by a Congressional leader. It's a secret, so we cannot share more. If you are a veteran in the district, we truly hope you can make it to the Conference, where we can thank you properly for your service! Our keynote speaker, Brad Howard, will share Rotary Future and what we can be - bringing the arc of Rotary to life. We will have final remarks by the RI Rep, a Changing of the Guard, and head off to Hospitality.

On Sunday you can wake up and enjoy the Disneyland Park, California Adventure, or Downtown Disney shopping!

FUN FACTS ABOUT DISNEYLAND

1. The bench from Griffith Park where Walt Disney came up with the concept is on display in the park near the entrance of Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln.
2. The Matterhorn was the first tubular steel roller coaster ever, the first roller coaster that could handle multiple cars on the track at once, and the first fully themed indoor and outdoor roller coaster. Walt Disney got inspiration for the Matterhorn from Switzerland.
3. There is a basketball court inside the Matterhorn that is for employee use only. They use it to shoot hoops during their breaks. The top of the Matterhorn is home to a basketball hoop originally brought in by the Matterhorn mountain climbers to pass the time during inclement weather.
4. The total miles driven by the monorail trains is equivalent to more than 30 round trips to the moon.
5. The drawbridge at Sleeping Beauty's castle is fully functioning, but it was only been used twice. Once on opening day, and again for the opening of the remodeled Fantasyland.

