

HOC HERALD

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Let the Good Times Roll ~ Again!!!

It is almost unbelievable that we are here just days away from The 2011 New Orleans Rotary International Convention. Literally years of work are fixing to produce an unforgettable experience for Rotarians from around the world. Thanks to each and everyone who put in both large and small efforts to make this happen. Each contribution has been important. We look forward to attending the convention, seeing each of you there, and making this happen. Pack your bags. See you soon. Let the Good Times Roll—Again!



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FROM THE EDITOR:

I hope you are really excited about the convention because it is only a week away. Everyone is busy with last minute preparations. We know this will be a memorable experience. We will all enjoy visiting with Rotarians from all around the world. We will enjoy world class entertainment. We will learn more about what is happening in Rotary in many parts of the world. What a great feeling to know that you had a part in making this happen.

Our House of Friendship will have a wide variety of entertainment, a huge menu of food items, and over 100 booths for you to visit. Don't miss the HOF's mini-Mardi Gras Parade. For those Rotarians bringing children, the HOF will have a fabulous children's area. There will be over 20 computers in our Internet Café.

If you haven't registered for the Sounds of the South Concert or our Fun Food Fellowship and Fins event, there are slots still available. We have added a few spots in our French Quarter Dining Experience, if you act fast you can still be a part of that truly New Orleans' event.

Put on your jazzy clothes, wear comfortable shoes and come ready to party. **LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL ~ AGAIN!!**



The following are some of the important phone numbers and email addresses:

HOC Chair Subhash Kulkarni: 504-957-1255; rotarianone@aol.com

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Rotarian Bob Haeuser: 504-865-9451; bhaeuser@haeuserinsurance.com HH Coordinator w/PDG Neil Alford

Our Last Pre-Convention Meeting:



HOC Office (Room 261 and the Volunteers Room (2630 are located above hall G on the second floor.

Dear Volunteer:

Thank you in advance for volunteering to help us at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. To help our volunteers the HOC was able to secure some limited reduced rate parking during the Convention.

We have secured 50 reduced rate spaces for May 21st-25th at Fulton Place Parking Center 901 Convention Center Blvd. The rate for this location is \$10 per day from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm on the 21st and from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on the 22nd-25th. Our spaces will be lower 6 level and will be held until 10:00 am each morning before they are opened to the public. You will need a voucher before you pay to get the reduced rate. The parking voucher for this location can be picked up at the HOC office room #261 Hall G in the convention center.

The Hilton Riverside Parking garage will have 75 spaces throughout their deck available to us at a reduced rate for May 21st-25th. Vouchers will also be required get the reduced rate at this facility. Parking vouchers for this location will also be available at the HOC office.

Again thank you for volunteering to help us with this great Convention.

Respectfully,
Ace Neaise

Additional Parking Info.: HOC parking is available in Algiers Point in the event you can't find parking near the Convention Center. The HOC member can drive their car onto the ferry (at the base of Canal Street next to the Aquarium). The ferry is free going in that direction. (\$1 for cars riding in the other direction.) The ferry leaves on the quarter hour, every half hour from Canal St. to Algiers Point (8:15, 8:45, 9:15, etc.). The ferry leaves on the hour and the half hour from Algiers Point to Canal St. (8:30, 9, 9:30, etc.).

Thanks to all who have obtained sponsorships—Please patronize our sponsors and let them know we appreciate their help.



Continued Thanks to Steve Sawyer and Cox Communications of Louisiana for supporting us as the “An Evening of Fun, Food, Fellowship and Fins” HOC event sponsor.

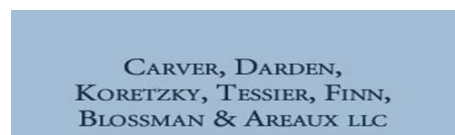
Thanks to Dow Chemical for supporting us as “The Sounds of the South” HOC event sponsor.

Let’s show our appreciation by supporting our sponsors.



Thank you Latter and Blum for sponsoring our Arnauds restaurant event.

Thanks also to Carver Darden Attorneys for supporting our restaurant event.



Additional sponsors of our restaurant event: Thigpen Construction, Singing River Electric, & Royal Pharmacy.

Thigpen Construction Co Inc.



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Main Stage Sponsor HOF



Community Stage Sponsor

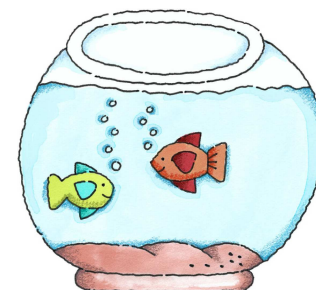
FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FINS @ THE AQUARIUM

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011; 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

\$80.00 / PERSON

MENU OF THE DAY

- Boiled Shrimp*
- World Champion Jambalaya*
- Crawfish Etoufee*
- Chicken Vegetarian Wrap*
- Pork Sliders*
- Zwolle Tamales*
- Fried Catfish with Jalapenos*
- Death by Chocolate Dessert*
- Wine*
- Soft Drinks*



There is still time to Volunteer to help the Host Organization Committee (HOC). You can volunteer as an HOC SGT-At-Arms and make our many HOC events the best ever at an International Convention. Please respond by listing five available days and times and fax to one of the following:



For Sergeant-At-Arms Positions: Wayne Gates, PDG, District 6190 at waynegates@hughes.net or Fax to: 318-965-0343

Other Volunteer Positions: Don Bryan, DGN, District 6840 at dbryanupc@aol.com or Fax to: 985-643-9930

Statistics.....

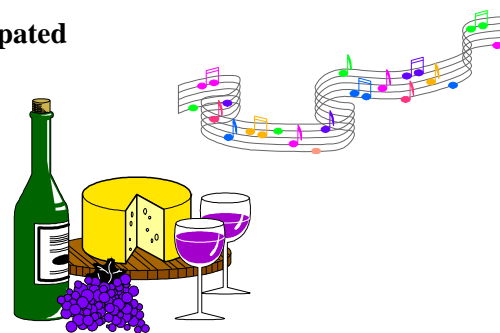
What can you do? Our hosting districts should have the highest percent of attendees. We need to get our Host District Rotarians excited and registered. (Note District numbers below.)

A. Registration for Convention as of May 9, 2011:

Total Registration (Paid and Fees due)	21,370
Paid in full registration	16,767 (98.6% of anticipated registration)
1 Day HOF Pass	428
Total Country & Geographical Area count	154

B. HOC Events as of May 13, 2011

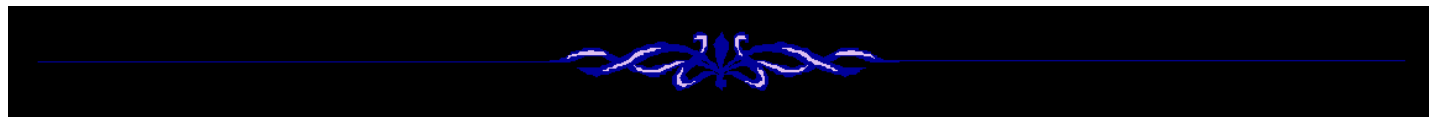
Sounds of the South concert	56.4% sold
FFF&F @ the Aquarium	80.4% sold
Host Hospitality	100% sold
French Quarter Dining Experience	96.5% sold



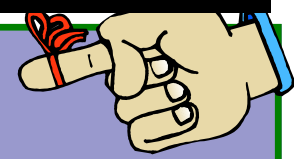
Broussards, Bourbon House, Commanders, and Court of 2 Sisters, are all 100% sold. Antoines has 2 spots left, Arnauds has 6 spots left, Galatoires has 13 spots left, K-Joes has 1 spot left, Louis XVI has 2 spots left, Palace Café has 6 spots left, Ralph & Kacco's 39 spots left, and Tujagues has 6 spots left.

C. Registrants from Host Districts: (as of May 9th) Total: 983

6150: 95	6190: 120
6200: 245	6800: 43
6820: 79	6840: 401



Don't Forget! For the first time, Rotary International is offering a one day House of Friendship pass Saturday May 21st only for \$40.00. If you cannot attend International Convention in it's entirety, this is a great opportunity to get a taste of the true internationality of Rotary. There will be displays and entertainment. There will be sales booths for Rotary items as well as booths for many unique gifts. Rotary clubs and organizations set up booths to promote their projects. You can get many ideas and have the opportunity to connect with international clubs and partner with them on projects. The House of Friendship also has food booths. You can spend the day enjoying meeting Rotarians from around the world and browsing the booths. (See pages 5 through 8 for information and forms.)



Note:
 For information on the one day **House of Friendship Pass** see pages 5 through 8.
 For more information on the **'Sounds of the South Concert'** see page 9.



Welcome to New Orleans

Enjoy Our Southern Hospitality!



SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH CONCERT

Saturday, May 21 - 2:30 p.m.

Inside the Morial Convention Center, guests will immerse themselves in a cornucopia of fantastic regional music. They'll enjoy the sounds of a traditional New Orleans brass band, learn the Cajun two-step, feel the spirit with a gospel choir, sing the blues with New Orleans' finest, and lose their hearts to New Orleans jazz. Scheduled artists include:

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ONE DAY REGISTRATION: \$40

SATURDAY, MAY 21st ONLY

Early Deadline: March 31st, 2011



AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FINS

Saturday, May 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Come join us on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Aquarium of the Americas, one of the world's premier aquarium venues. You will be consumed with the aroma and flavor of some of the finest food our region has to offer. Many of the delicacies will be prepared and served by local Rotarians from throughout the region. Local music is also on the menu so come ready to be entertained New Orleans style with both music and food. You will have complete access to the Aquarium throughout the evening. Make plans to attend this Rotary evening of FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FINS (includes beer, wine or soft drinks)

Tickets \$80



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ONE-DAY HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP PASS FORM

2011 Rotary International Convention

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Saturday, 21 May 2011

A One-Day House of Friendship Pass is available **only for Saturday, 21 May 2011**. The House of Friendship is the RI Convention exhibition area in Halls G-H at the Morial Convention Center. The One-Day House of Friendship Pass also will permit pass holders to purchase tickets for the Host Organization Committee (HOC) events on Saturday, 21 May.

Registration for the One-Day House of Friendship Pass will be available by **e-mail, fax, or postal mail through 31 March 2011 using this form. After 31 March, the pass may only be purchased on-site at the convention.** Eligibility to purchase the One-Day House of Friendship Pass is limited to persons who are eligible to register for the full convention.

NOTE: Main registrants who have registered for the entire convention and wish to add the One-Day House of Friendship Pass for a guest should include their registration ID and full name at the top of the form, then skip to GUEST REGISTRATION on the last page. The guest's One-Day House of Friendship pass will then be added to your confirmation.

Persons who purchase the One-Day House of Friendship Pass who later decide to register for the entire convention will be given full credit for the amounts paid for their One-Day House of Friendship Pass toward the registration rates in effect at the time of the upgrade.

Persons who want to register for any of the pre-convention meetings should use the regular registration form for such meetings, which is available for download at www.rotary.org/convention. There are separate registration fees for the pre-convention meetings.

PROCESSING AND CONFIRMATION

RI Registration Services may require up to three weeks to process the One-Day House of Friendship Pass forms; please allow more time for forms submitted on or around registration deadline dates. Once your registration has been processed, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The One-Day House of Friendship Pass is nonrefundable. RI will refund registration fees if the 2011 RI Convention is cancelled, but takes no responsibility for travel or other related costs incurred by Rotarians and their guests.

NOTE: The One-Day House of Friendship Pass is not transferable to other convention registrants.

NOTICES

By attending the RI Convention, registrants consent to be photographed by any means, including still photography and video recording, and grant Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation the right to use and publish their names, voices, and likenesses forever and for any purpose worldwide without RI or the Foundation incurring debts or liabilities of any kind.

For security purposes, all registrants must show photo identification (driver's license or passport) at the convention venue in order to obtain their One-Day House of Friendship Pass. RI reserves the right to check photo identification at any time during registrants' attendance at the convention. Random spot checks may be made to compare badge information with photo identification. Badges that do not match photo identification will be confiscated without refund and violators ejected. RI reserves the right to inspect all purses and bags. Registrants may refuse inspection; RI reserves the right to prevent entry.



ONE-DAY HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP PASS FORM

2011 Rotary International Convention
 New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
 Saturday, 21 May 2011

Important: Your One-Day House of Friendship Pass is only valid for Saturday, 21 May 2011.

Indicate here if you are only adding a guest to your previously completed convention registration and proceed to **GUEST REGISTRATION** on the next page.

Main Registration Number: _____ Full Name: _____

Registration Categories			
1 Rotarian	4 Guest age 19 or older	7 TRF alumnus (2003-04 or later)	10 Interactor
2 Spouse of deceased Rotarian	5 TRF alumnus (prior to 2003-04)	8 One guest of category 6 or 7	11 Guest age 5 to 18
3 Rotary club/district employee	6 Rotaractor	9 Youth Exchange student	12 Guest younger than 5

(* Required field)

* Registration Category (choose from box above) _____

MAIN REGISTRANT *The main registrant will receive all correspondence.*

* Family Name _____ * First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____

* Badge/Call Name _____ Classification (Rotarians only) _____ * Membership ID _____

* Club/City _____ * Country _____

Contact Information: Please provide your current mailing address. Any changes will be reflected in your membership data profile.

* Address or P.O. Box _____

* City _____ * State/Province _____ * Postal Code _____ * Country _____

* Business Phone _____ * Home Phone _____ Business Fax _____ Home Fax _____

* E-mail _____

* **Emergency Contact:** In case of an emergency during the meeting, please contact:

Name _____ Phone (including country and city codes) _____

Special Needs: *If/My guest requires special accommodation (check all that apply):*

Wheelchair Allergies/Other (please specify): _____

Personal Information Sharing: RI may provide your contact information to Rotarians organizing regional/district events to assist them in planning convention-related activities during the convention. If you indicate that you do not want your contact information shared with others, communications/invitations for convention special events will not be sent to you.

Yes, RI may use my contact information as outlined above.

No, RI may not use my contact information as outlined above.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Guest 1 – Category _____

Guest 2 – Category _____

Guest 3 – Category _____

Family Name _____

Family Name _____

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____

First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____

First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____

Badge/Call Name _____

Badge/Call Name _____

Badge/Call Name _____

Classification (Rotarians only) _____

Classification (Rotarians only) _____

Classification (Rotarians only) _____

Club/City _____

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Country _____

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ONE-DAY HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP PASS FEES

Registration Category	Fee	Total Passes	Total Passes x Fee
1-8	US\$40		0
9-11	US\$10		0
12	Free		Free
Total:			US\$ 0

All charges include applicable taxes at the prevailing rate.

All persons using this form will be registered for the One-Day House of Friendship Pass, valid only on Saturday, 21 May 2011.

PAYMENT AND SIGNATURE

All fees must be submitted with this signed registration form and paid in U.S. dollars.

Please charge my (*check one*) Visa MasterCard JCB American Express Diners Club

Card Number: _____

Cardholder's Name (as it appears on card) _____ Expiration Date (mm/yy) _____ Security Code (3 digits) _____ Signature (if different from below) _____

By my submission of the One-Day House of Friendship Pass form, I verify that I have read and agree to the notices and the cancellation policy. All forms must be signed.

Main Registrant's Signature _____ Name (please print) _____ Date (dd/mm/yy) _____

ALL ONE-DAY HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP PASS FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31 MARCH 2011. AFTER 31 MARCH, PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED ON-SITE AT THE CONVENTION.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

- Fill out the writable PDF online and **e-mail** to: ri.registration@rotary.org
- Download the form and **fax** to: +1-847-866-3064
- **Mail** to: Rotary International, 14244 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693 USA



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HOC Committee (continued from page 1):

- Rene Guas.....Business & Planning
- PDG Greg Lier.....Sponsorships
- DG Dick McCarthy.....Banner & Logo
- PDG Jake Jacobus.....Local Publicity
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- Perryn Olsen.....Web Site Coordinator
- Brian Hall.....Web Site Coordinator
- Paul Prokop.....Command Center
- PDG Janice Young.....Communications
- Dana Ehlinger.....Host Ticketed Events Info.
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- DGN Don Bryan.....Speaker's Bureau
- VC Bruce Wilson.....Operations Liaison
- Ace Necaise.....Newsletter
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- Dr. Stu Guey.....Fun Food Fellowship & Fins
- PDG Neil Alford.....Host Hospitality Chair
- Michelle Minyard.....Fr. Quarter Dining Exp.
- PDG Frank Bradshaw.....Booth & Business Expo.
- PDG Milton Wheeler.....Information Booth
- Chris McLellan.....Food & Beverages
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- Lisa Flair & Hope Wright.....Youth
- PDG Wayne Gates & Paula Gates.....Sgt at Arms
- Susan Simon.....Rotract