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CELEBRATING 100 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
ATLANTA 2017

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DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS

I couldn't be more excited to welcome you to Atlanta and the 108th Rotary International Convention. Not just because the convention will bring Rotarians from around the world to the American Southeast I call home. But also because this year, we're privileged to be celebrating the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in the city in which it was born.

I can tell you from experience that Atlanta will welcome you with open arms and signature Southern hospitality. And since so many hotels and wonderful attractions are within an easy walk from the convention center, you'll have more time to enjoy all that Atlanta has to offer.

So I invite you to come to Atlanta to learn, to be inspired, to make new friendships and rekindle old ones. And to join Judy and me for the biggest party of the Rotary year — a celebration made all the more special as we mark the centennial of The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ
Rotary International President, 2016-17

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION 100

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

The Rotary Foundation is turning 100! That's a century of Rotarians improving lives and communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Today, our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having transformed millions of lives around the globe. It has supported thousands of projects to fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, boost basic education, grow local economies, promote peace, and eradicate polio worldwide.

A bold vision

One hundred years ago, at the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Rotary President Arch Klumph proposed creating an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." From the first contribution of $26.50, the Foundation has grown significantly and has spent more than $3 billion on programs and projects.

Let's celebrate in the city where it all began. We'll look back proudly over a century of "doing good in the world" — and look ahead to the challenges Rotary will tackle in the century to come.

It promises to be the best and biggest party in a hundred years!

Name badge from the 1917 Atlanta Convention

Rotary Convention
Atlanta, 1917

WELCOME TO ATLANTA

Atlanta is a gracious, warm-hearted city whose rich history lives on amid the soaring skyscrapers of a modern, thriving metropolis. The greater Atlanta area is home to more than 6 million people and hundreds of attractions that draw visitors from all over the world.

Experience

Atlanta's bustling downtown hosts outstanding family-friendly attractions including the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, Centennial Olympic Park, the College Football Hall of Fame, and CNN studios — as well as museums, shops, and more, all an easy walk from the convention center and major hotels.

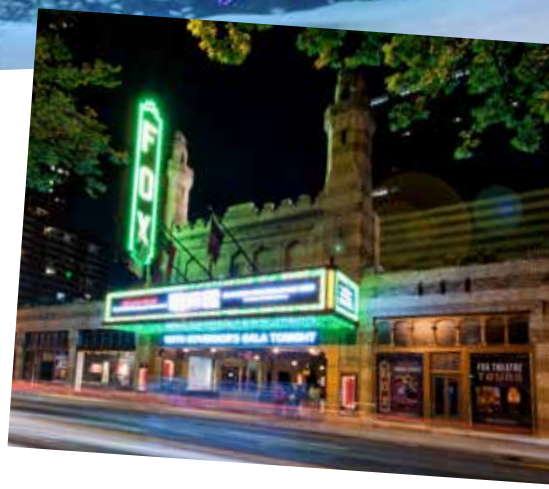
And just a short ride from downtown, you'll find the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the Six Flags Over Georgia theme park, and Stone Mountain Park, featuring the awe-inspiring world's largest bas-relief sculpture.

Passion

The city is affectionately called Hotlanta, not just for its warm summer temperatures but for its energetic nightlife, too. World-class restaurants, major league sporting events, and a pulsing music scene — boasting blues, hip hop, R&B, jazz, soul, country, and more — will give you a host of exciting reasons to stay up late.

Celebration

From Georgia's magnolia blossoms to the historic Fox Theatre, where Rotarians will be treated to a special screening of "Gone With the Wind," all of Atlanta will open its arms to welcome Rotary members from across the globe as they gather for the convention and the centennial celebration of The Rotary Foundation. Y'all come!



Promoting peace

Calling itself the "City of Peace," Atlanta is the proud home of two centers honoring Nobel Peace Prize recipients: the King Center, which celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Carter Center, established by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. And the must-see Center for Civil and Human Rights is a quick walk from the convention center.

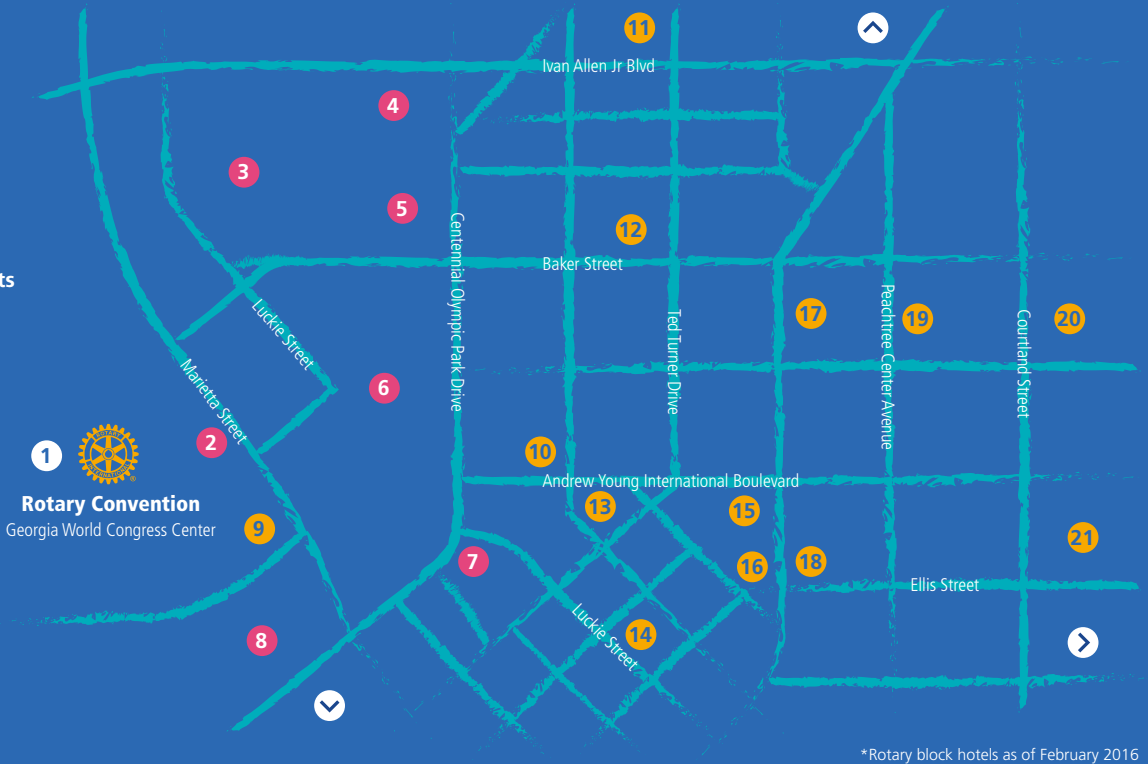
CELEBRATE WITH *Blake* IN ATLANTA

"My grandfather attended the 1917 convention in Atlanta, and my father, brother, and I continue his legacy as Rotarians. You know, attending a convention helps you truly appreciate the international family of Rotary. There's so much energy and excitement from Rotarians and guests coming from around the world, sharing ideas, experiences, and inspiration. I look forward to welcoming you in person!"

— Blake McBurney, Rotary Club of Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Vice Chair, Host Organization Committee, 2017 Atlanta Convention

The Convention Center Is Close to Everything

1. **Rotary Convention** Georgia World Congress Center
2. College Football Hall of Fame
3. Georgia Aquarium
4. Center for Civil and Human Rights
5. World of Coca-Cola
6. Centennial Olympic Park
7. SkyView Atlanta
8. CNN
- **The Fox Theatre** 660 Peachtree Street NE
- **Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site** 450 Auburn Ave NE
- **Atlanta Movie Tours, Inc.** 327 Nelson Street SW



Rotary Block Hotels*

9. Omni Atlanta Hotel
10. Holiday Inn Centennial Park
11. W Atlanta Downtown
12. Aloft Atlanta Downtown
13. DoubleTree by Hilton
14. Holiday Inn Express
15. The Westin Peachtree Plaza
16. Courtyard Atlanta Downtown
17. Hyatt Regency
18. The Ritz-Carlton
19. Atlanta Marriott Marquis
20. Hilton Atlanta
21. Sheraton Atlanta

Other Rotary block hotels not shown on map: Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown, Fairfield Inn and Suites Downtown, Four Seasons Atlanta, Loews Atlanta Hotel, Marriott Suites Midtown, Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel and W Atlanta Midtown

*Rotary block hotels as of February 2016

CALLING ALL ROTARIANS TO ATLANTA

Our annual convention is for all Rotarians to come together to learn, share, be inspired, and have fun.

From the breathtaking opening ceremonies, to the world-renowned speakers and informative programs, to the spectacular entertainment events, the Atlanta convention promises to deliver an unforgettable experience for all members of the Rotary family.

MEET THE MOST INSPIRING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Rotarians from more than 130 countries meet at the convention every year. This is your unique opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and share stories about your club's current and future projects.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB

The general sessions, breakout sessions, and House of Friendship exhibits offer countless ways to help you get the most from your Rotary membership and make your club stronger.

Program highlights

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

This is where the Rotary world comes together — where ideas, best practices, and project successes are proudly shared.

SATURDAY CELEBRATION

One of the main events on the convention calendar is our Saturday evening concert, starring a special artist whose performance will be a convention highlight. Don't miss this spectacular show!

The convention calendar is packed with fun and festivities. Register today!

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit
- Restaurant night on Monday
- The Rotary Foundation 100th Birthday Party
- Book signing for "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years"
- Special tours and events offered by the Host Organization Committee
- 3K Run/Walk
- Host Hospitality Night

SO MUCH MORE TO SEE

Atlanta puts you in proximity to many outstanding destinations that will enhance your visit.

Just beyond the metropolitan area, the rest of Georgia and the American South beckon. Bask in the sun on the Atlantic and Gulf beaches. Test your game at some of the world's most celebrated golf courses. Experience the magic of Florida's Disney World, Universal Studios, and Sea World.

Explore the natural wonders of the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Step back in time at Colonial Williamsburg. Sample the sophisticated charms of New Orleans, Savannah, and Charleston.

CELEBRATE WITH Lynn IN ATLANTA

"Atlanta has so much to offer. I always take visitors to the Martin Luther King Jr. national historic site. And I can't wait to show my Rotarian friends from all over the world the small, intimate places to hear jazz."

— Lynn Clarke, Rotary Club of Bremen, Georgia, USA
District Chair, Georgia Rotary Student Program

Easy travel to beaches, mountains and more

Atlanta is home to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International — the world's busiest airport — and is no more than a two-hour flight from many major U.S. cities.

To the south, the pristine beaches and sparkling turquoise waters of the Caribbean await. Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, the Bahamas, and dozens of other tropical getaways promise an unforgettable escape to paradise.

Plan to allow additional days for travel before or after the convention, and take in some of the excitement, wonder, and beauty that await, a short flight or drive away.

REGISTER
EARLY AND SAVE

Now is the time to take advantage of special preconvention rates and save up to $150! Register early for the 2017 Atlanta convention and get the low rate of $340. Don't miss out on this extraordinary special rate. Register now — the deadline for early registration is 15 December 2016.

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	DEADLINE	ROTARIANS	ROTARACTORS
Early registration discount	15 December 2016	$340	$70
Preregistration discount	31 March 2017	$415	$100
Full registration rate	After 31 March 2017 until the convention closes	$490	$130

Register online

This is your easiest and most convenient option. All Rotary members, Rotaractors, and Rotary club and district employees are eligible to use our online system.

Register today at riconvention.org

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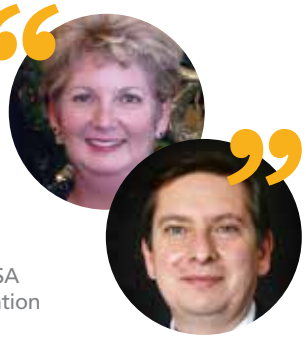
CELEBRATE WITH Carol IN ATLANTA

"Every convention breathes new life into your Rotary experience. I'm looking forward to welcoming you to the House of Friendship, where you quickly realize how international Rotary really is."

— Carol Colon, Rotary Club of Gainesville, Georgia, USA
Co-chair, House of Friendship, 2017 Atlanta Convention



CELEBRATE WITH Luis IN ATLANTA

"A convention is Rotary at its best. You experience how international we are, and you network so easily with old friends and new to make the world better. I'm really looking forward to visiting the new Center for Civil and Human Rights."

— Luis Miguel Duarte, Rotary Club of Lisboa-Olivais, Portugal
Chair, Host Organization Committee,
2013 Lisbon Convention