

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 11-14 JUNE 2006 IN BEAUTIFUL MALMÖ AND WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Feel free to distribute this newsletter to your club presidents, Rotarians who already have signed up for the Convention or publish this newsletter on your districts homepage.

Important **NEWS** on a completely **new phenomenon** to a Rotary Convention

A totally new experience awaits you at the 2006 Rotary International Convention!

From the moment you enter the hall for the opening ceremony on Sunday to the closing Auld Lang Syne on Wednesday afternoon, when you say goodbye to new friends, you will know that you have attended **no ordinary convention**.

The 2006 Malmö-Copenhagen International Convention Committee in co-operation with the President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar have been working to develop an innovative program designed to provide **more choices** and to challenge each attendee to take a **more active role** than ever before.

At the core of this program are three motivational keynote addresses relating to President Stenhammar's emphases, followed by a series of facilitated interactive discussions that will use the keynote content as inspiration for dialogue. The keynote topics for each day are:

- **Monday: Literacy**
- **Tuesday: Water, Health and Hunger**
- **Wednesday: Bridging the World**

In our next news letter we will present the three keynote speakers. Additional discussion groups on topics such as public image, youth activities, The Rotary Foundation, and membership will be repeated every day.

This year, we are inviting you not only to attend the convention, **we're asking you to be the convention**. Each day, you will choose from a menu of discussion topics that will bring you face to face with diverse groups of Rotarians. What happens then is up to you. You are free to join any discussion at any time. You may stay as long as you wish. You may leave whenever you'd like. **Bring your stories, your questions, and your district projects to share with others**. Build connections that will last long after the convention ends.

We are challenging you to **make a commitment to participate in at least one hour** of discussion each day on the keynote topic, and to make an effort to visit a discussion on one of the additional topics at some point during the three days. Enthusiastic participation by knowledgeable Rotarians such as you is vital to the success of this convention. **Will you join us?**

Each day there will be **Interactive Discussion Groups** on:

- **Public Image**
- **Youth Activities**
- **Membership**
- **Foundation**

And totally there will be about 20 Interactive Discussion Groups each day. Each Interactive Discussion Group will have **2 facilitators**. And these facilitators have been selected from across the world according to language and their abilities to facilitate discussions. Additionally there will be approx. 14 groups devoted to the topic of the day. This topic will be preceded by a **motivational/informational address** given at the start of each day for about 20 minutes.

In case you want to know more about the various new features of the program of our Convention 2006 **go to our website www.riconvention2006.org**