

Join in Southern Hospitality at 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans

The 2011 Rotary International Convention will be held in New Orleans. Six Rotary districts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee are the host districts. Rotarians from the host districts are responsible for planning various events during the convention, including a fellowship event Monday evening.

Host Responsibilities

The evening event on Monday is called Host Hospitality Night. This is an RI convention tradition offering a memorable opportunity for convention registrants to share an evening of hospitality and international fellowship. In 2011, this event will also give us an opportunity to show the world our famous Southern hospitality.

The events on this evening are hosted, sponsored and organized by individual Rotarians or Rotary clubs. The events can be as small or as large, as simple or as extravagant, as the hosts design and can afford. Examples include dinner in the home of a Rotarian or at a local park or attraction hosted jointly by Rotary clubs.

In addition to sponsoring the event, the hosts are responsible for transporting their guests to and from the event. In all, the event should be about 3-4 hours long, including transportation. The cost of the event and transportation are the sole responsibility of the Rotarian and/or Rotary club hosts.

The Monday Evening Host Hospitality subcommittee will assemble the names of the guests as they register. As the event approaches, the subcommittee will assign the guests to the Rotarian and Rotary club hosts and notify these hosts accordingly. The hosts will then contact their guests directly to make logistics arrangements, including transportation.

Don't Live in New Orleans? No Problem. You can still host an event.

Host participation is not limited to Rotarians and Rotary clubs in the New Orleans area. In fact, the participation of many Rotarians from the Rotary districts in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana will be essential to sharing our Southern Hospitality. We are expecting 2,000-3,000 conventioners to register as guests for this event.

The subcommittee will develop a list of Rotarians and Rotary clubs interested in hosting a Monday Night event. Rotarians and Rotary clubs outside the New Orleans area can contact the subcommittee for a list of New Orleans area Rotarians and Rotary clubs to partner with to host an event.

Call to Action: Sign up to be a host and appoint club liaison

Rotary clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to participate as hosts and register interest by filling out the preliminary interest form on the Online Registration page at www.rotary6840.org.

Each club is also asked to appoint a club liaison with the Monday Evening Host Hospitality subcommittee. Please send the name and contact information for the club liaison to PDG Neil Alford at neil@alfordlegal.com.