



Rotary Alumni Celebration

A pre-convention event of the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Rotary Alumni Celebration?

A: An official pre-convention event tailored to Foundation alumni. It will include notable speakers, a discussion on global issues, and networking opportunities for Foundation alumni, Rotarians, and friends.

Q: When and where is the Rotary Alumni Celebration?

A: **Saturday, 20 June 2009**, from 09:00-16:30 at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole hotel in Birmingham, England, which is adjacent to the National Exhibition Centre. The Rotary International Convention will follow immediately after, 21-24 June.

Q: Why should I attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration?

A: To reconnect with Rotary, learn about its service opportunities and ways to be involved, and to celebrate Foundation alumni's experiences and achievements

Q: What is different about this year's celebration?

A: The 2009 celebration will focus on the topic of global issues, centered around a keynote address by renowned economist Jean-François Rischar and his book *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*.

Q: How do I prepare for the discussion on global issues?

A: All attendees are encouraged to read *High Noon* in advance of the event. **The first 50 Ambassadorial Scholar and GSE team member alumni to register will receive a free copy of the book!** Copies can be purchased online in English and French.

Q: Do I have to register for the convention to attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration?

A: Yes, all Rotarians and alumni must be registered for the convention in order to attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration. A greatly reduced registration rate (Category 8) is being offered for Foundation alumni within seven years of program participation (Rotary year 2001-02 or later).

Q: Who is eligible for the reduced registration rate (Category 8 - TRF alumna/us 2001-02 or later)?

A: This rate only applies to **recent alumni who were not Rotarians during their Foundation program experience**. Recent Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, non-Rotarian University Teachers, and GSE team members are eligible regardless of their current membership in a Rotary club. Unfortunately, GSE team leaders, Rotarian University Teachers, and Rotary Volunteers (alumni that were already Rotarians at the time of their program experience) are ineligible for this special rate. Non-Rotarian alumni and Rotarian alumni who qualify to receive this rate can **only** register using the **paper form**. (see below)

Q: How do I register for the convention and the Rotary Alumni Celebration?

A: Visit www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx to register. Alumni who are not Rotarians and alumni eligible for Category 8 **must register with the paper form**. Online registration is available for Rotarians only. Be sure to choose "Rotary Alumni Celebration" in the list of pre-convention meetings.

Q: What if I am also attending the Rotary World Peace Symposium?

A: Registration for the Rotary Alumni Celebration is included in the registration fee for the Rotary World Peace Symposium.

Q: What if I would like to attend but can't pay the registration fees and/or travel costs?

A: Contact your local Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator to inquire about sponsorship for your attendance. The Rotary Foundation is encouraging Rotary districts to sponsor a representative for the event. If you need help locating Rotarians or funding, contact alumni@rotary.org.

Q: Where can I stay in Birmingham?

A: Alumni can reserve housing in Rotary's official block. The designated Foundation alumni hotel is the Holiday Inn Birmingham City Centre. To receive Rotary's rates, book online at <http://rotaryaccommodation2009.birminghamconventionbureau.com> and select "Rotary Alumni Celebration Attendees" or use the paper registration form.

Q: What are my other options for housing if I don't want to stay in a hotel?

A: Rotary provides a list of alternative housing options outside its official housing block. Visit www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c09_alt_housing.pdf to learn about discount hotels and bed and breakfast options.