



Registration Fee

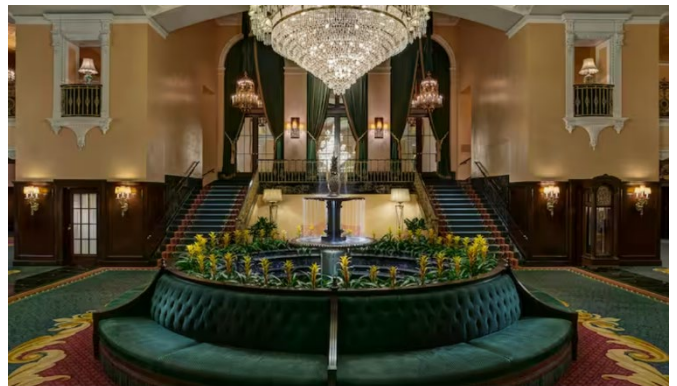
- US \$485 per person and is payable in full. Refunds less US \$15 for cancellation on or before Feb 29, 2024.)
- The fee covers Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and access to the conference program.

First-Timer Rebate US \$250

- Attend the conference and stay both nights at the Amway Grand.
- Have your club contribute \$US 125.
- After the conference, have your club president send an email to Rick Caron <rjimcaron@gmail.com> confirming its contribution and the district will send you US \$125.

Hotel:

- The conference hotel is the Amway Grand Plaza
- You must make your own hotel reservation.
- Use the link on the D6400 Web Site or call (616)-774-2000.
- Request the District 6400 conference room rate of \$377.00 for 2 nights including tax, if you reserve before April 2, 2024.
- Parking is US \$24 per night.



The Conference Program	
Friday Afternoon	Our conference service project will be with the Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids. Details are not yet set, but may include work on a rain garden and clean-up of a children’s outdoor work space.
Friday Evening	The official conference start is Friday at 5 P.M. with a general reception and a reception for current and incoming Assistant Governors, Presidents, and Governors. This is followed by a plated dinner opening ceremonies, an introduction of the Rotary International President’s Representation, Past RI President Ian Riseley , a keynote address by RI Director Drew Kessler , and club presentations on Basic Education and Literacy and Community and Economic Development. The Hospitality room opens at 8:30 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning	The day starts with a buffet breakfast followed by club presentations on Maternal and Child Health, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, the environment and Peace and Conflict Resolution. These are intermixed with keynote presentations by Danielle Campo , John Hartig and Laurie Smolenski . We will also reveal the location of the DISCON 2025. And, we will have a mid-morning health break. A buffet lunch is from noon to 1:30 P.M.
Saturday Afternoon	The afternoon offers an easier schedule with Foundation Recognition and keynote presentations by DGN Linda Morrow and Victor Armstrong . The break is from just after 3 P.M. until the general and major donor receptions at 5 P.M.
Saturday Evening	The evening kicks off with a plated dinner, a keynote address by PRIP Ian Riseley, and District Awards. The hospitality room will be open from 8 to 11 P.M.
Sunday Morning	We start early with a program of remembrance, breakfast, District 6400 business, the year ahead by DGE Nick Krayacich, final remarks from RIP Rep Ian, recognitions, and our traditional group singing of “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Past Rotary International President (2017-18) Ian Riseley

PRIP Ian is the representative of RIP Gordon to our District Conference. While President, Ian authorised six Presidential conferences with an emphasis on peace, an important issue for Ian and his wife Juliet, who was Governor of D9810 in 2011/12. He is proud of his encouragement of Rotary's work on protecting the environment, and of his promotion of women for participation and leadership roles within Rotary. Ian was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006 and a Member of the Order of Australia in 2023.



Rotary International President Gordon McNally



At 25, Rotary International Director Drew Kessler was youngest President of the Rotary Club of North Rockland. At 32, he served as District Governor. As a husband and father to five children, Kessler prioritizes finding a way to incorporate family into Rotary events, projects, and meetings whenever possible.



DGN Dr. Linda Morrow has travelled to India, Guatemala, and Ghana on Rotary projects. She's twice been a District Trainer and she is currently Co-Chair of the Vocational Training Team Committee. Linda is a self-professed "learning geek" who just started guitar lessons so she can be a rock star in her next life.



Decorated Paralympic swimmer Danielle Campo McLeod has overcome the effects of muscular dystrophy to gain international success; and she miraculously survived a life-threatening scare following childbirth. Her road to wellness is a story of faith, love, courage, survival, and triumph. Her books will be on sale following her presentation



Laurie Smolenski is the Director of Development at ideas42, a non-profit firm that uses behavioral science to combat poverty and inequality. Laurie is a past Rotary Peace Fellow and Global Scholar and has master's degrees in Peace and Conflict Resolution and International Relations.



Victor Armstrong is on the Steering Committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and the board of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention- NC. He has over 30 years experience dedicated to building community resources to serve historically marginalized individuals. He is a nationally recognized speaker on health equity and access to healthcare, particularly for individuals with mental health challenges.



Dr. John Hartig is a Visiting Scholar at UWindsor's Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, serves on the Board of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, and chairs the Community Foundation for SE Michigan's Great Lakes Way Advisory Committee. John has received numerous awards and is an author on over 140 publications. His book "Waterfront Porch" won a 2020 Next Generation Indie Book Award.