

2023 Rotary District Conference

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Nebraska Innovation Campus

Lincoln

(Free parking in large lot north of Transformation Drive)

Rotary Conference Theme: Peace, Love & Understanding....Just Imagine!

Agenda

Breakfast buffet opens at 7 a.m.

- I. 8:00 Welcome, Introductions & Conference overview – DG Barbara Bartle
 - RI President’s Representative – PDG Michael Babb

- II. 8:30 Fostering peace and understanding among our youth
 - A. Global Scholar panel (Zoom)- Ed Walsh, District Global Grants & International Service Chair
 - Hayley Dunlop
 - Will Lighthouse
 - Mollie Prochaska

 - B. RYE panel – Dr. Bob Rauner, District Rotary Youth Exchange Chair
 - Zoe Engelbert, UNL student & 5650 RYE to Spain 2018-2019
 - Jesse Teebken, Lincoln High School, RYE student, Oldenburg, Germany
 - Dario Gomis Asunció, Lincoln East, RYE student from Alicante, Spain

 - C. Dr. Brady Beecham, MD – Rotary Club of Lexington, RYE & Ambassadorial Scholar

- III. 9:50 Dr. Jeffrey Gold, UNMC Chancellor (via pre-recorded video)
 - A. Addressing the Challenges of Disease and War in our Time
 - B. Mobile medical training technology (Introduction: Doug Dekker, SIMM program manager)

- IV. 10:00 Break & Visit: Auction, Club displays, Books for Ukrainian & Afghan children & SIMM Truck

- V. 10:30 Servant Leadership
 - A. NE Senator Tom Brewer - Service in Ukraine & Afghanistan
 - B. Overview: Books for Ukrainian & Afghan children in District 5650 – DG Barbara Bartle
Rotary partners: Lutheran Family Services and Linked2Literacy

- VI. 11:15 Get involved
 - A. Friendship House displays and information
 - B. Purchase books for Ukrainian & Afghan children in District 5650
 - C. Silent Auction fundraiser for TRF
 - D. Tour SIMM truck

- VII. 12:00 Luncheon:
 - A. Welcome – Susan Stibal, Rotary 14
 - B. Star Spangled Banner – Shannon Engel, Student, Nebraska Wesleyan University
 - C. Welcome to Lincoln - Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
 - D. Lunch
 - E. *Understanding a Decision that Changed Rotary*

- Overview of the legal case: Robert Bartle, Rotary 14
 - Keynote: Honored Guest Dr. Sylvia Whitlock - First Woman in Rotary
- F. Cadwallader Award – Mick McKinley, PDG, Council Bluffs Noon
- G. Rotary Today and Tomorrow: Imagine Rotary Tour - DGs Barbara Bartle & Deb McCaslin
- H. Paul Harris Fellow drawing – DG Barbara Bartle
- I. District 5650 Memorial Service - DGN Tom Kerfoot, Omaha Suburban Rotary Club
- Music by Mike Zeleny, Rotary 14
- J. Close – Susan Stibal, Rotary 14

VIII. 1:30 Break (Auction, Club Displays, Books, SIMM truck)

The afternoon session moves to the NIC Auditorium.

- IX. 2:00 *Imagine: Big Dreams + Community Involvement = Community Impact*
- A. Imagine Rotary Introduction of panels – DG Barbara Bartle
- B. Panel: Jeff Yost, President, NE Community Foundation – moderator
 Tony Goins, NE Director of Economic Development
 Jessie Rasmussen, President, Buffett Early Childhood Fund
 Thomas Judds, Planning and Development Mgr., Lincoln Housing Authority
- C. Imagine the Future
 Panel: Julie O’Hara, PDG 5650, President Rotary Club of Shenandoah - moderator
 Roger McQueen, Mayor, Shenandoah
 Gregg Connell, Director of Economic Development, Shenandoah
 Randy Bretz, District 5650 Public Image chair, Rotary 14
- X. 4:00. Break: Last call for Auction, Club Displays and Books
 Ice Cream Cart
- XI. 4:30 Auction closes. Pay and take down auction and club displays

Evening Celebration

- XII. 5:30 Donor Reception for TRF major donors: The Mill at Innovation Campus party room
- XIII. 6:00 Golden Wheel Reception – The Link at Innovation Campus
- XIV. 6:30 Doors open to Golden Wheel Dinner - Banquet Hall
- XV. 6:45 Presentation of Club Leadership: Presidents and Presidents-elect
- XVI. 7:00 Opening of evening ceremonies – Mike Zeleny, Vice Chancellor Business & Finance, UNL
- A. God Bless America medley, Tom Trenney & Ariel Merivil, First Plymouth Congregational Church
- B. Dinner served
- XVII. 7:30 Program – MCs Mike Zeleny and Leslie Levy, Rotary 14
- Presentation of the Golden Wheel Honorees
- XVIII. 8:10 Appreciation to District 5650 - International President’s Rep Michael Babb, PDG
- IXX. 8:20 *Seasons of Love* by Ariel Merivil, First Plymouth Congregational Church
- XX. 8:25 Keynote Speaker – Adjutant General Daryl Bohac, Nebraska National Guard
Peace, Love & Understanding

- XXI. 8:55 District 5650 Distinguished Humanitarian Award – Carol Horner, PDG
- XXII. 9:10 2022-23 Highlights: Imagine Rotary - DG Barbara Bartle
- XXIII. 9:20 A Toast to District 5650 - DG Barbara Bartle and DGE Kathryn Schubert
- XXIV. 9:25 Close
We Are the World led by Camille Metoyer Moten Rotary Club of Omaha