



THE 96TH ANNUAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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Some 7,000 convention goers enjoyed a Monday evening gala with "Sue," the Field Museum's renowned *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil.

Nobel recipient Maathai headlines fourth plenary

Rotarians will look ahead to the next 100 years on Wednesday and hear 2004 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai address the fourth plenary session. Maathai, who serves as Kenya's Assistant Minister of Environment Natural Resources and Wildlife, is the first African woman to win this prestigious prize. She earned the award for her contributions to sustainable ecological development, democracy, and peace in Africa.

Rotary's commitment to youth will also take center stage with a series of multimedia presentations and onstage interviews with youngsters and Rotarians involved in RI programs such as Interact and Youth Exchange. The segment will also highlight Rotarians' efforts to help young people in need. The plenary session opens with "Climb for Peace," a video about three Nepalese Rotaractors who scaled to the summit of Mt. Everest and hoisted a Rotary flag.

RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. will preside over the election of officers, and 2006-07 President-nominee William B. Boyd. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, will follow with his acceptance remarks. President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden, will also discuss his plans for the coming year.

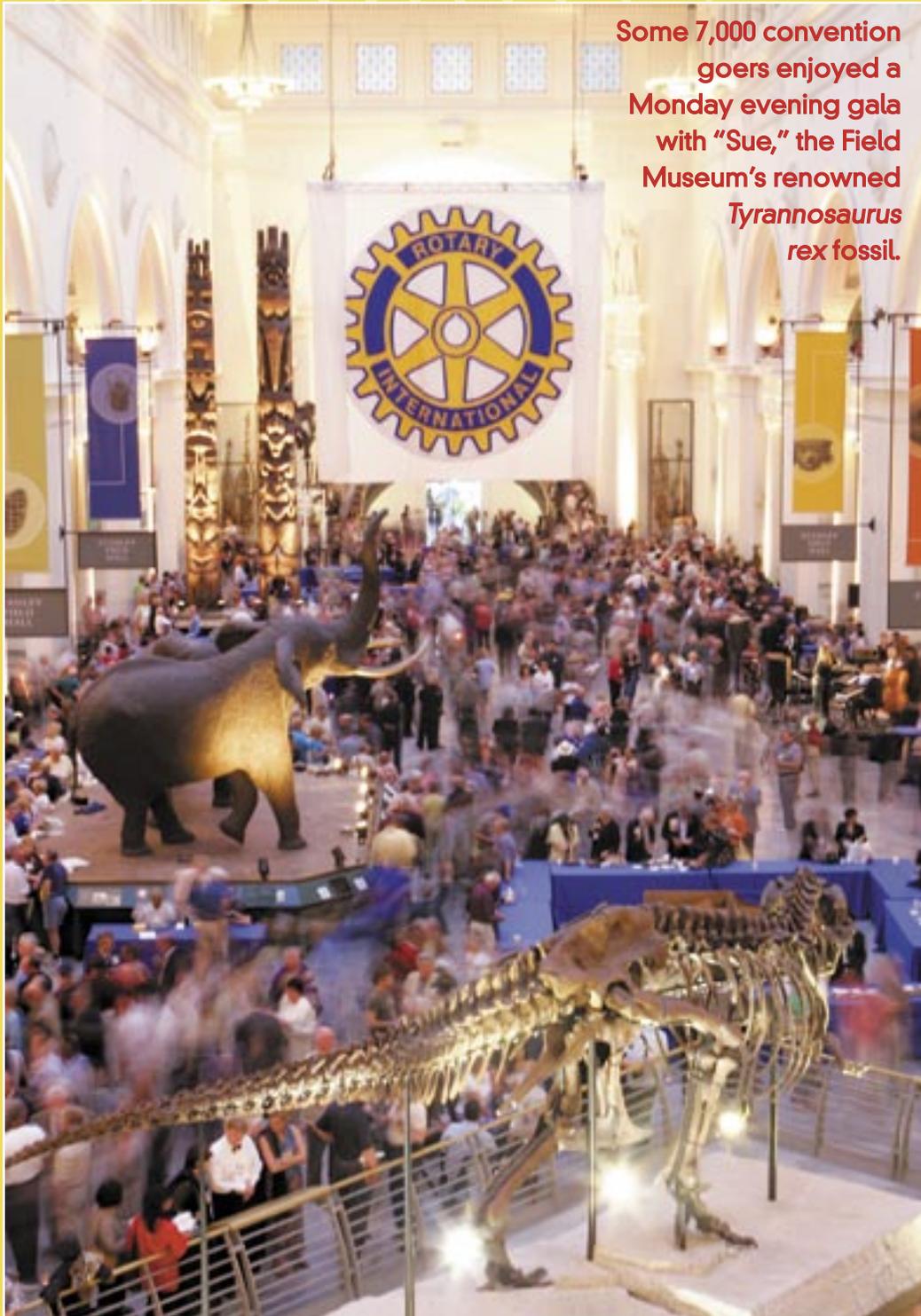


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Convention Count
41,792 Registrants / 161 Countries
* as of 20 June

Message from the HOC Chair

As we come to an end of our centennial convention, I want to thank all the Rotarians and their family members who joined us in Chicago to celebrate Rotary's first 100 years.



The volunteers who comprise our 2005 Host Organization Committee worked very hard to make this event as special as the occasion it commemorates and to provide a warm welcome to Rotarians visiting Rotary's birthplace from all parts of the world.

We Chicago Rotarians like to think of Rotary as a peculiarly Chicago institution—like the blues or deep-dish pizza. We hope you'll get to know our city and the Midwest better during your stay here. Over the past 100 years, both Rotary and Chicago have grown and changed. Paul Harris might not recognize either his adopted hometown or the organization he created, but I think he would heartily approve of both.

As a frequent convention goer, I've always believed that Rotarians don't understand the true meaning of the word "international" on their pins until they attend a RI convention. I hope that having experienced the extraordinary fellowship that characterizes a Rotary convention, all centennial convention goers will leave our part of the world with a wealth of new friends and wonderful memories.

Richard (Dick) Galitz
Chair, 2005 Host Organization Committee

Plenary Sessions

Each day's plenary sessions focus on Rotarians just like you, who are doing great humanitarian work worldwide.

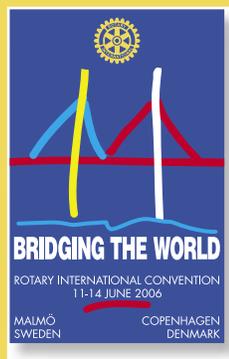
See video presentations of successful Rotary projects and hear reports from project participants on stage.

Whatever your service interest, the plenary sessions are sure to inspire, stimulate, and inform you!

2006 RI Convention in Malmo, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark

As another wonderful convention draws to a close, Rotarians reluctantly say goodbye to friends old and new. Though it's never easy to leave the warmth and fellowship of Rotary, it isn't too early to start thinking about the 2006 RI Convention in the beautiful Nordic countries of Sweden and Denmark. Early registration offers a better chance of reserving a spot at events with limited capacity.

This will be the first RI convention in the Nordic region, and the Host Organizing



Committee has planned a range of activities to make Rotarians' stays interesting and enjoyable. Swedish Night and a day at Tivoli Gardens are just a few of the special events planned. After a break of seven years, the Homestay Programme will again be a convention feature, offering Rotarians from other continents the chance to stay with a Rotarian host family in Europe immediately before or after the convention.

Online registration will be available in the Events section of www.rotary.org beginning 1 July 2005.

SECRETARIAT SERVICES AREA Information Exchange Schedule

Below is today's schedule of information exchange sessions being conducted in the small theater located in the Secretariat Services area:

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- 0900 – Finance Forum Follow-up
- 1000 – Membership Development Web Site Review
- 1100 – Membership Development Club Assessment Tools
- 1200 – Cultivating and Sustaining Grant Partnerships

Future officers

William Boyd of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, New Zealand, is slated to become president of Rotary International in 2006-2007 following elections this morning. Boyd is the retired manager of New Zealand's largest magazine distribution company. He will join the RI Board in July as president-elect.

Eight other Rotarians will be elected to serve as directors in 2006-08. They are:

- Kjell-Åke Åkesson, Hörby, Sweden
- Örsçelik Balkan, Istanbul-Karaköy, Turkey
- Milton O. Jones, Dade City, Florida, USA
- Michael K. McGovern, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA
- Donald L. Mebus, Arlington, Texas, USA
- Raffaele Pallotta d'Acquapendente, Napoli (Naples), Italy
- Ian Riseley, Sandringham, Victoria, Australia
- Yoshimasa Watanabe, Kojima, Okayama, Japan

Celebrate the future at the closing ceremony

Don't miss an evening of musical entertainment at the closing ceremony, which features the Cook, Dixon & Young tenor trio belting out Broadway and jazz scores, and stirring gospel spirituals. In addition, convention goers will enjoy performances by the Wheaton College Gospel Choir and the Jesse White Tumbling Team.

Before the entertainment begins, RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. will recognize the efforts of the convention and host committees in organizing Rotary's 100th anniversary celebration. Looking ahead, Peter Bundgaard, chair of the 2006 Malmö-Copenhagen Convention Committee, will preview next year's RI convention in the host countries of Sweden and Denmark. For the traditional grand finale, Rotarians will sing a spirited rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."



“What’s great about Rotary International is that we can contribute to The Rotary Foundation, whereby we help children in depressed areas. And that is really articulating the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.”

— Marina Bello-Ruivivar, Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, Davao City, Philippines



House of Friendship Entertainment Schedule

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- 0900 Rotary the Musical
- 0940 Ron Reynolds
- 1000 American Indian Ensemble
- 1100 MIC Children’s Music Theater
- 1200 Marimba Group
- 1300 Chicago Samba
- 1400 Highland Park String Ensemble
- 1500 Nordic Folk Dancers
- 1600 Read My Hips



Order 2005 Convention Proceedings

For a souvenir album of centennial convention events, order the 2005 *Convention Proceedings* using the form at the back of your program book; order forms are also available at the Publications Sales Booth in the Secretariat Services Area in the House of Friendship.

This special centennial edition will feature photos of all the spectacular events, speakers, and special moments at this landmark convention. It will also include all major plenary speeches and essential convention business. It’s a perfect souvenir of an historic occasion, an ideal gift for members who couldn’t be here, and a “must” for all club libraries.

The English-only publication will be available later this year for US\$7.00, but order yours today for quickest delivery. Orders must be prepaid and forms dropped off at the Publications Sales booth must include a credit card number.





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100 Years

“Notice that the Rotarians coming to conventions are much younger, and the type of programs being offered are much more international. What this signifies is that Rotary is breaking barriers, showing that the world is actually small. [Rotarians] really want to get to know each other. The politics of the world may different, but they all really view each other as one mankind.”

— A.P. Perumal, Dato, District 3300 Governor (Malaysia)



UNOFFICIAL AFFILIATE EVENTS

Wednesday, 22 June

Nordic Breakfast Meeting, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 0700-0830

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, McCormick Place, Room N228, 0730-0900

International Yachting Fellowship Luncheon, Columbia Yacht Club, 1200-1500

Fellowship of Rotarians for Mine Action, AGM-McCormick Place, Room N228, 1500-1700

Fellowship of Rotarians for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, McCormick Place, Room N228, 1730-1900

“I think that one of the exciting things about Rotary is the internationality.”

— Dave Winkler, Rotary Club of Laguna Beach, California, USA



Remote airline check-in

Convention goers departing from Chicago's O'Hare Airport on American, Delta, or United airlines domestic flights can check their luggage and receive boarding passes at McCormick Place via BAGS, a remote skycap service. Baggage must be checked at least three hours prior to flight departure time. For more information, visit the BAGS counter near Hall S-101.

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