



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APRIL 12 – 14

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, CHICAGO

The conference coincides with the RI Council on Legislation meeting at the Hyatt Hotel, just a few blocks away. The Council on Legislation will bring to Chicago Rotarians from all over the world representing the all 536 Rotary Districts. We expect that many of them will visit part of our conference.

Rooms at the Union League Club must be booked by March 15th!

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CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SATURDAY GALA DINNER



Our Keynote Speaker for the Gala Dinner is Past Rotary International President **K.R. Ravindran** from the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare Plc, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served RI as president, treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.

CLUB PRIDE

Showcase your Rotary Program/Activity. Sign up for a table/display for Saturday Day and Evening

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SATURDAY FOUNDATION LUNCH



Our Keynote Speaker for the Foundation Lunch is Rotary Foundation Trustee **Gulam A. Vahanvaty**, from the Rotary Club of Bombay, India. He is the RI President Representative to the conference.

Gulam Vahanvaty joined his family's scrap processing and ship-breaking business, and later diversified into other enterprises. In 1978, Vahanvaty traveled to Indiana (then District 656) as a member of a Group Study Exchange, which he describes as "a life-enhancing experience" that made him want to join Rotary.

A Rotarian since 1979, he oversaw a record contribution to The Rotary Foundation of \$654,000 as district governor, the largest in Indian Rotary districts until 2006–07. He has served RI as Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator, committee chair and member, and training leader.

Vahanvaty is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his late wife, Haseena, are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

HOW TO BRING MORE WOMEN TO ROTARY



District 6450 has been focusing in increasing the number of women in our District. This panel will discuss what we have accomplished this year and what we can do in the future. This discussion will feature TRF Trustee Mary Beth Growney-Selene, our Rotarian Nonnie Lyketsos and corporate woman leaders.

PARTICIPANTS:

Ms. Jane S. Park, J.D., SVP ComEd
Rt. Mayor Sandra Bury, Oak Lawn
Rt. Nonnie Lyketsos, RC Chicago, Lake View

LOCALIZING ECONOMIC IMPACT TOWARDS EQUITY



Learn how the Chase Foundation is investing over \$40,000,000 in the Economic Development of the City. The panel will be moderated by Rt. Xavier Ramey, Justice Informed, LLC. Xavier was one of the Keynote speakers at the RI Conference in Toronto.

PARTICIPANTS:

Mr. Charles Corrigan, JPMorgan Chase Foundation
Mr. Deon Lucas, E.G. Woode
Ms. Chris -Tia Donaldson, Thank God It's Natural
Mr. Brad McConnell, Accion Chicago

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

WATER AND SANITATION

Learn what the University of Illinois is doing to solve the water and sanitation crisis at the refugee camps in Uganda, and how to apply some of those principles in local projects like fighting the lead contaminations in the Chicago water.

MODERATOR: Rt. Kay Whitlock, CBEL Engineering, RC Chicago O'Hare

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Benito Marinas, Head Dept. of Civil Engineering, UIUC, Peter Luswala, UIUC Uganda Program and Rt. Elba Aranda, RC Chicago Little Village

SIMPLE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

This is a pilot project of the Rotary Foundation. District 6450 has taken a leadership role in taking advantage of this opportunity with proposed projects in Honduras and Uganda

MODERATOR: TRF Trustee Mary Beth Growney -Selene

PARTICIPANTS: Rt. Chuck Newman, RC Naperville and Rt. Florence Forshey and Rt. Scott Eggerding, RC Lagrange

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Several Clubs in the District are involved in Cancer Prevention and Diabetes Reduction Projects. This session will focus in Cervical Cancer prevention and Diabetes reduction in the City of Chicago specially in the minority communities

MODERATOR: Rt. Jenna Archuleta

PARTICIPANTS: Rt. Nancy Fleming, RC Chicago World Nations and Rt. Barry Mckeown, RC Naperville

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION

Earlier this Rotary Year, the District awarded 13 mini grants for District Peace in Action Projects in the Chicago area. Come learn the accomplishments and successes attained by the implementation of these projects

MODERATOR: Rt. Rachel Ossyra, RC Naperville

PARTICIPANTS: Representatives of Clubs that got Peace in Action Grants

REGISTRATION

Step 1: Register for the Conference by Mail or Online:

Step 2: Reserve your Hotel Room:

Book directly with Union League Club, 65 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604.

Group Rate: \$139 per night for a standard room. Dates: April 12-14, 2019

Reservations: 800-443-0578 or clubservices@ulcc.org

Reference: 2019 Rotary International, District 6450 Annual Conference

Discounted Rate Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019