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Wednesday February 7, 2018

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2017 and 2018 Rotary International Convention

by John Hubsch

Gary Dills was today's program speaker at the Franklin Rotary Club. Gary first spoke about how rewarding the 2017 RI Convention was in Atlanta last June. Almost 40,000 people attended from 175 countries. Our district had the largest contingent at the convention. Guest speakers included Ashton Kutcher, Bill Gates, John Cena and Jack Nicklaus. Topics discussed included Human Trafficking and Polio Plus. In just one day, \$ 1.5 billion was pledged to Polio Plus. Special programs for Rotoract and Interact were conducted and many booths, such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, were set up in the House of Friendship (HOF).

Gary stated that the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto promises to be just as great an experience and he recommended that everyone should consider attending this year's event, which is from June 23 to June 27. It is not only a valuable learning experience, but also an opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends. There will be bus tours of Toronto and nearby Niagara Falls. A Wine Fest and a Jazz at the Aquarium concert are on the agenda. On the last day there will be a Rotary Fest for all attendees.

Topics to be discussed include a special session on Cervical Cancer and talks on clean water, public-private partnerships, the U.N, Unicef and Sustainable Projects. On June 23, the HOF will open and there will be an orientation for first timers. On June 24 there will be the Opening Ceremony. General Sessions and Breakouts will be on June 25 and 26 and the Closing Ceremony is on June 27.

Registration cost is \$ 410 online prior to March 31. It goes up to \$495 after that. Hotel costs should be between \$125 and \$270 per night and airfare between \$500 and \$600 , although a fare of less than \$400 was available today on Air Canada. There are shuttles between the hotels and the convention. Gary suggested looking into using Experient, a Rotary partner, when selecting a hotel. Registration for the convention can be done online at riconvention.org.



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Volunteer Opportunities

It's Time to Pack Those Backpacks!!!

Franklin Rotary will pack backpacks for CareNET the last Monday of every month from 4-6pm. That would mean we are scheduled for the following dates:

- **February 26, 2018**
- **March 26, 2018**
- **April 23, 2018**



Ashlie's Announcements

- ◆ Feb. 12, 5:30 —**Board Meeting**—Lazy Hiker
- ◆ Feb. 15, 5:30—**BREW Meeting**—Lazy Hiker
- ◆ Feb. 21—**WCU Rotoract** will be guests—Please plan on attending
- ◆ Feb. 26th, 4 PM—**CareNet Back Pack Packing**

General Announcements

- ◆ Vic Perry and Mike Norris presented Sean Gibson with a Paul Harris +4 pin.



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Fred's Funnies Inspiring Photos



Determination



Contemplation



Holy Cow!!!



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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



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March 24th—Scholars Banquet

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Meeting next Week
John Barbee—Hospice House Foundation



No One Won
50/50—
Maybe Next
Week!