

# Joint District Conference



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October 4-6, 2024

# DISCON 2024

FRIDAY, OCT 4-6 2024

THE WESTIN WASHINGTON, DC CITY CENTER

1400 M ST. NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

## Friday, 4 October, 2024

**3:00PM - 7:00PM | Check In/Registration (National Ballroom Foyer)**

7:00PM-8:00PM	Welcome Event – Open Bar Magical Performance	National Ballroom
8:30PM- ?	Mega Hospitality – Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres and Libations	Monticello East & West

## Saturday, 5 October, 2024

**8:00AM - 4:00PM | Registration Open (National Ballroom Foyer)**

**9:00AM - 4:00 PM | House of Friendship Open (1400 North)**

7:00AM-8:00AM	<b>Mindful Morning Moments: Walking/Coffee</b>	<i>Meet in the Lobby</i>
8:00AM-9:00AM	Full & Hearty Rotary Breakfast	<i>National Ballroom Foyer</i>
9:00AM-11:15AM	Welcome / Plenary / Keynote	<i>National Ballroom</i>

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10:00AM–12:30PM	Service Project Activity	Westover
11:30AM–12:30PM	Breakouts (Also repeating later in the day)	
	<i>Breakout: Elevating the Rotary Experience</i>	<i>Ashlawn North</i>
	<i>Breakout: Peace</i>	<i>Ashlawn South</i>
	<i>Breakout: Environment</i>	<i>Sherwood</i>
12:45AM–2:00PM	Lunch / Keynote	National Ballroom
2:00PM–5:00PM	Service Project Activity	Westover
2:15PM–3:15PM	Breakouts (Repeating from earlier in the day)	
	<i>Breakout: Elevating the Rotary Experience</i>	<i>Ashlawn North</i>
	<i>Breakout: Peace</i>	<i>Ashlawn South</i>
	<i>Breakout: Environment</i>	<i>Sherwood</i>
3:15PM–4:00PM	Afternoon Break/Snacks	National Ballroom Foyer
4:00PM–5:00PM	Rotary Foundation Donor Reception	(by invitation only)
5:30PM–7:45PM	Dine Around! (\$) Hosted/Curated dinners	Various Locations
8:00PM–??	Mega Hospitality Suite – Drinks & SUPER(hero) SWEETS in the SUITE	Monticello East & West

# Sunday, 6 October, 2024

8:00AM - 11:00AM | Info Desk Open (National Ballroom Foyer)  
8:00AM - 11:00AM | House of Friendship Open (1400 North)

7:00AM–8:00AM	<b>Mindful Morning Moments:</b>	<i>Meet in the Lobby</i>
	<b>Walking/Coffee</b>	
8:45 AM	Closing Keynote/Brunch Farewell	<i>National Ballroom</i>
10:30AM	Close	

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Dear fellow Rotary leaders,

I am delighted that you are attending your Rotary District Conference. As you meet with members of our family of Rotary, you will have the opportunity to celebrate your successes, expand your network across borders and cultures, and exchange ideas for the year ahead.

As Rotarians, commitment to service drives us. We want to be a part of something larger than ourselves. This event allows us to take our passion for community service to the next level, finding inspiration in each other's accomplishments to bring our service to new heights.

This District Conference is a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service. It is a chance to embrace the Action Plan so that everyone in our family of Rotary feels the sense of belonging that is so necessary to our success.

By lifting each other up, we help create lasting change and bring healing in a divided world.

I hope this District Conference energizes you and your clubs to give more to each other and the communities you serve. If we work together and support one another, we can and will change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie A. Urchick".

Stephanie A. Urchick  
Rotary International President, 2024-2025



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Dear Esteemed Rotarians and Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to the Joint Rotary District Conference! We are your District Governors—Nomie from District 7620, along with Amelia and iPDG René from District 7610. It is with immense pleasure that we invite you to join us in what promises to be a memorable and inspiring weekend.

This conference represents a fantastic opportunity for all of us to engage, share ideas, and foster the bonds that make Rotary a unique and powerful community of action. We are deeply grateful to each one of you who has contributed to the organization and execution of this event. Your efforts ensure that our gathering will not only be successful but also impactful.

We are incredibly excited about the opportunities that lie ahead over the next few days. We look forward to engaging discussions, insightful learning, and fun-filled networking events. Our hope is that you will leave this conference with strengthened connections and fresh ideas that will help you create more magic in the world through your Rotary activities.

Thank you for being here with us. Your presence enriches our collective journey and strengthens the impact we can make. Remember, we are here to assist you and ensure that your conference experience is as fruitful and enjoyable as possible.

Let's make this weekend a remarkable one, filled with peace, fellowship, and the true spirit of Rotary.

Warmest regards,  
DG Amelia Stansell, District 7610  
DG Nomie Hamid, District 7620  
iPDG René Laws, District 7610



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2025 Rotary Intl. Convention	Environment Sustainability Conservation
Basic Education and Literacy RAG	Hometown Outfitters
Books for International Goodwill	Kids Connection Haiti
Caught in the Moment	Mental Health Action Group
Photography	NACD   Natures Essentials
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**Hon. Muriel Bowser**

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**Burhan Hamid**

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