

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 11-14 JUNE 2006 IN
BEAUTIFUL MALMÖ AND WONDERFUL

COPENHAGEN.

times why not enjoy the fellowship of a Pre or Post Convention Homestay?
Rotary International Conventions offer a wonderful opportunity for
Rotarians from around the world to gather and enjoy fellowship and good
through the common bond of Rotary.

an exciting Participation in the Homestay programme is an excellent way to add
highlight to your Convention experience. Homestays have proved to be a
wonderful opportunity for guests and hosts alike:

- by establishing friendships between families that often last for many years,
- by providing an initiative for club-to-club exchanges,
- by prompting youth exchanges,
- by inspiring collaboration on projects.

and their spouses In keeping with the fellowship of the event, we invite Rotarians
homes from outside Europe to be hosted in Northern Europe at fellow Rotarians'
for a few days.
Rotarians Homestay takes place either a few days during the week preceding or a few
determine days during the week following the Convention. The hosts will offer fellow
to stay in their homes, treating them as guests. It is up to the hosts to
how to handle the homestay.

Information for the guests
Registration for the Homestay programme. You can register on-line
or by forms.

made in When you sign-up for the homestay, you are asked to indicate your
country preference on the guest registration form. Every effort is then
to make an equitable match but we cannot guarantee that you will end up
the preferred place, because homestay locations depend upon the number
of hosts and where they are living.

Perhaps you One of the objects for guests signing up for the Homestay programme should
be to get to know about everyday life in the particular country. Therefore
guests must be prepared to adapt to their pattern of family life.
have to share bathroom with the rest of the family and your bedroom may be
a former nursery or a playroom. You are expected to make your own bed
and to take part in the daily activities. But most important - make the
most of your time forming friendships across the borderlines.

You are not expected to have perfect language skills; you only need to

understand
each other.

2006 Applications for homestays must be made online through the HOC Convention
web site: http://www.riconvention2006.org/00_Topsider/startside.htm

for Because of the time needed for international correspondence and the need
to guests to make flight reservations and other arrangements, it is important
February 2006. register as soon as possible. The final date for guest registrations is 15

The guests pay US \$20 (DKK 120,-) per family to the Host Organization
Committee.

or from Hosts are not expected to contribute to transportation to the host city
the host city to Malmö and Copenhagen.

Information for the hosts
In keeping with the fellowship of the event, the Host Organization
Committee

has invited Rotarians from:
Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France,
Germany, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway
(incl. Swalbart), Poland, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, The Netherlands and Wales -
preceding to host fellow Rotarians from overseas either a few days during the week
or a few days during the week following the Convention.

are It is up to the hosts to determine the content of the homestay. Your guests
conditions expected to take part in your family's everyday life and live under same
and to line up as you. They will be prepared to stay in a former nursery or a playroom
they are for the bathroom in the morning on equal terms with your family. Even if
house. guests you may expect them to take part in the daily activities in your
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communicate When you sign up as a host you can choose the language in which to
with your guests, and you can specify three preferred countries.

to be The HOC homestay Chairman will assign guests to Rotarian families offering
invitation to their guests. hosts. It is then the responsibility of the hosts to issue an e-mail

When you are ready to sign-up as a host, please go to this site:
http://www.riconvention2006.org/Homestay/sign_on.htm

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is 31 January 2006.

Comments received from past participants

"The Homestay programme not only enriched our Convention experience,
but was the absolute highlight of our trip!"

of Rotary, "We were invited into their home as total strangers sharing the objectives
and left as friends hoping to someday meet again."

international "There is no question in my mind that this programme has advanced
understanding and spread goodwill through world fellowship."

Homestays "If ratings could be assigned to Homestay experiences, each of our five
of customs, would deserve a five star rating. No two alike, each had a special blend
traditions, geography, history,
culture, language, entertainment and excitement."

strangers "Common to all Homestays was the sincere, warm hearted acceptance of
that who quickly became close friends. Without any reservation we recommend
Homestay be part of every Rotarian's experience."

the "There were many highlights during my first International Convention, but
Homestay was indeed a peak experience. I know of no other way to obtain a
more clear behind-the-scenes "tour" of real life in another country. I now have a
them!" understanding why Rotarians participate year after year. I plan to join
them!"

Best regards
Grethe Christiansen
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Bridging the World in Malmö-Copenhagen
RI Convention 2006
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HOC website: www.riconvention2006.org