

District Conferences

We have programs and various other documents from many past district conferences, but other than for recent years, we do not have many details.

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Year	Place	Governor	Highlights¹
1922		Roy Neville	
1923		Anthony W. Smith	
1924		Fred Stover	
1925		Emmitt E. Bailey	
1926		William C. Wallace	
1927		George T. Buchanan	
1928		Charles F. Uhl	
1929		Harry Whyel	
1930		David E. Thompson	
1931		Bert H. Smyers	
1932		Harry White	
1933		Clifford J. Shafer	
1934		Levi H. Beeler	
1935		Albert T. Smith	
1936		W. Franklin Harkey	
1937		John M. Pfeil	
1938		Robert H. Miller	
1939	New Castle	Glennis Rickert	Past RI President Paul Harris attended the conference as the representative of the current RI President.
1940		Frank S. Jackson	
1941		M. C. McDowell	
1942		J. Lee McFate	
1943		Thomas J. Prather	
1944		Allan J. Scilly	
1945		Morgan Barnes	
1946		Charles Lillibridge	
1947		Lewis T. Briggs	
1948		Herman C. Humke	
1949		Stanley Gillespie	
1950		Jesse E. Burns	
1951	Oil City	Harold E. Burns	
1952		Dr. Nels J. Walter	
1953		Dr. Robert Galbreath	
1954		Charles Passavant	
1955		John B. McMillan	
1956		A. R. Reimold	
1957		Philip G. Hammer	

¹ Note that, for as long as the district has been involved the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, the youth exchange students have usually been featured after the Saturday luncheon at each district conference.

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1958	Oil City	Harry A. Norbury	Attendance: 32 clubs; 181 Rotarians, 120 guests, 301 total
1959		Herman L. Offner	
1960		Larry Heddens	
1961		Dr. Philip Seiberling	
1962	New Castle	Milton B. Flynt	(increasing membership = major concern; youth exchange handled by cooperating with AFS)
1963	Bradford	John "Jack" C. McNees	(attendance rules at regular club meetings often not enforced, particularly in small clubs) Entertainment: Kane (PA) Men's Choir, Scottish Highland Dancers from Oil City Guest speaker: Herbert Harrison; Richard Worthing-Davies, 1962-63 Rotary Fellow, Carnegie Institute of Technology Cost of conference: \$2,610
1964	Erie	Kenneth A. Christy	Guest speakers: Herbert J. Taylor, past RI president; Joe H. McMullen, assistant football coach, Pennsylvania State University Cost of conference: \$6,302
1965	Butler	Rev. Albert Marriott	Guest speakers: Larry Ludwik and Alan Hunt Bates, Rotary scholars; Dr. M. J. Harvey, PDG, RC of Akron, OH; Dr. Elbert R. Moses, Jr., chairman, Dept. of Speech and Dramatic Arts, Clarion State College Cost of conference: \$7,149
1966	Oil City	Dr. Arvid H. Baker	Guest speaker: Hon. Tran Van Dinh, chief Washington correspondent for Saigon Post & former acting ambassador of Viet Nam to USA. RI president rep: Charles C. "Chuck" Ketler, member, RC of California, PA
1967	Meadville	Byrd M. Davis	GSE team Guest speakers: Senator Tennyson Geyer, Rotarian & lecturer, and Hon. Roe Bartle, former mayor of Kansas City Cost of conference: \$6,042
1968	Sharon	Robert D. Rung	GSE team from Australia Entertainment: Sharon High Concert Choir Guest speaker: Dr. Murray Banks, psychiatrist, author, & recording star Cost: \$7,471

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1969	Dubois	E. Eugene "Gene" Monnoyer	GSE team to Australia Entertainment: The Madrigals from Dubois Area High School Guest speaker: Charles L. McCullers, humorist & inspirational speaker Attendance: 180 Rotarians, 194 guests, 374 total
1970	New Castle	John J. Chiprean	
1971	Meadville	Charles "Chuck" M. Waltenbaugh	50 th anniversary recognition of RCs of Corry, Franklin, Meadville, & Punxsutawney Panels on ecology and youth, psychology of people at work Guest speakers: Dr. Robert Turfboer, consultant & psychiatrist from Hartford, CT; James B. Ludwig, Pittsburgh Experiment and Youth Life; & Dr. Robert Samp, humorist & inspirational speaker from University of Wisconsin
1972	Erie (hosted by Wesleyville)	William T. "Terry" Powell	Symposiums on developing good will, youth, and drug abuse Guest speakers: James Speice, Hammermill Paper Co., and James C. Bostain, scientific linguist, US Department of State Cost of conference: \$6,557 Attendance: 39 clubs; 218 Rotarians, 198 guests, 416 total
1973	Titusville	Dr. Albert "Bud" Skelton	Guest speaker: Dean Berkely, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN Cost of conference: \$7,913 Attendance: 35 clubs; 254 Rotarians, 178 guests, 432 total
1974	Clarion	Dr. Elbert "Bert" Moses, Jr.	Guest speaker: George Kellogg Eubanks Attendance: 43 clubs; 260 Rotarians, 134 guests, 394 total
1975	Sharon (hosted by Hickory)	Harold H. Anderson	Attendance: 42 clubs; 284 Rotarians, 196 guests, 480 total
1976	Warren	William "Bill" E. Yeager, Jr.	Guest speakers: Dr. Oscar Remick, president, Chautauqua Institute, and Dr. Carl S. Winters, General Motors Speakers Bureau Attendance: 43 clubs; 258 Rotarians, 136 guests, 394 total
1977		Donald W. Henry	Cost of conference: \$12,176 Attendance: 40 clubs; 226 Rotarians, 130 guests, 356 total
1978	Butler	Raymond J. "Jack" Nicklas	Cost of conference: \$13,359

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1979	Ellwood City	G. William Blank	Attendance: 44 clubs; 259 Rotarians, 193 guests, 452 total
1980		Wilbet W. Wagner	
1981	West Middlesex (hosted by the Slippery Rock)	Dr. Bradley F. "Brad" Keith	Three GSE teams Guest speaker: Dr. Kenneth McFarland, public speaker Cost of conference: \$17,808
1982	Edinboro	Dr. Merton J. "Mert" Merring	Entertainment: A. Max Darone Memorial Band of Erie; Sounds and Sights by Howard Goldsmith, RC of Edinboro; piano by Stephanie Ramos, East Brady High School exchange student from the Phillipines; Mel Erin, comedian and pianist Guest Speakers: Dr. Edward J. Fiffick, NFL official; Judy Crothers, fundraising consultant from Grand Rapids, MI; Patti Zencik and Pablo Correa, Ambassadorial Scholars; Charles M. Fogel, RC of Buffalo & incoming RI Director Honored Rotarians: Glennis Rickert (50 years as a Rotarian) and Arvid Baker (30 years of perfect attendance) Cost of conference: \$14,982
1983	Clarion	Trueman W. Mills	Entertainment: Rex Mitchell Orchestra Guest speakers: Joe DeNardo, WTAE Channel 4, Pittsburgh; Kenneth Rutter, RC of Greensburg; Harold V. Hartley III, 1983-84 Rotary Foundation scholar; James Owens, member, GSE team to England; and Dr. Tom Haggai, minister from High Point, NC Cost of conference: \$16,430
1984		R. Bruce Shannon	
1985		William H. Taft	Cost of conference: \$8,896
1986	Warrendale (hosted by the Rich-Mar)	Dr. Alfred E. Jacques	Cost of conference: \$24,684
1987	Warrendale (hosted by Zelenople)	Dale W. Smith	GSE teams to and from South Africa Program women in Rotary Guest speaker: Dr. Alexander C. Carmichel Cost of conference: \$23,793
1988		Jack E. Stefanick	
1989	Franklin	Peter Glaubach / William H. Taft	Entertainment: Musical Review by Franklin Civic Operetta Guest speaker: Rhonda Johnson, Rotary Foundation scholar

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1990		Thomas G. "Tom" Mansfield	
1991		William L. Kaschube	
1992		Dr. Theodore J. "Ted" Walwik	
1993	West Middlesex (hosted by Mercer)	Dr. Bernie Hoyt	Entertainment: Arthur Horvath and his Mariachi Band and the Shenango Valley Chorale GSE guests: 1992 American team to Switzerland and the 1993 team from Mexico Guest speaker: Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh Steelers
1994	West Middlesex (hosted by Greenville)	Charles "Chuck" Shultz	Entertainment: Mary Jo & Rick Cabaret Singers, Apple Trio from Greenville, Greenville High School Steel Band, Shenango Valley Junior Chorale Guest speakers: Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh Steelers
1995	Erie	Calvin D. "Cal" Neithamer, Sr.	200 th Anniversary Float from Kearsarge Entertainment: Zem Zem Kiltie Band Guest speakers: Hon. Philip English, US Congressman from PA
1996	Warren, OH (hosted by New Wilmington)	Dr. George R. Hart	Guest speakers: Chuck Tanner, manager, 1979 World Champion Pirates, and Dr. Oscar Remick, chancellor, Westminster College
1997	Sharon	Robert J. "Bob" Lawton	Entertainment: Elwood City Chorale Guest speakers: Jim Winner, entrepreneur; Hon. Philip English, US Congressman from PA
1998	DuBois	A. Dale Pinkerton	Entertainment: Music by In-Sync; skits, sing-a-long, and dancing by Scottish golfing guests Guest speakers: Charles Laine, retired manager, South Central Bell System, and public speaker; Raymond Bechar, Metro Ministries; Dr. Valerie Gail Martin, ambassadorial scholar; Peggy Gaylord, consultant; Patricia Kail Kornick, representative, CORE
1999	Meadville	Gail Fine	75 th anniversary recognition of RCs of Mercer and Zelienople GSE teams to and from Ireland 15 inbound exchange students with 12 outbound students

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2000	(hosted by Slippery Rock)	Paul F. Rizza	GSE team from India Entertainment: Music by Ron and Claire Molinaro and by Grove City Bach Choir Guest speakers: Mary Jo White, State Senator; Ryan Russell, Ambassadorial Scholar; David Groner, RC of Dowagiac, Michigan
2001		James M. "Jim" Eck	
2002	Erie	Norman H. "Norm" Stark	Guest speaker: Charles C. "Chuck" Keller, member, RC of California, PA, and past RI president
2003	West Middlesex (hosted by New Wilmington)	Dr. C. Leon "Lee" Ahlum	GSE team from France
2004	West Middlesex (hosted by Grove City)	Mary "Skip" Sample	Timeline exhibit celebrating upcoming RI Centennial (see separate photos) Donation of thousands of eyeglasses and frames to Lions organization after district-wide collection effort American GSE team that went to France
2005	Mars (hosted by Portersville-Prospect)	Linda Griffin	Guest speakers: PA native who directed RI Centennial video; young man who is hitchhiking around the world
2006	Bradford	Ralph Detweiler	Guest speaker: Chad Smith, a recent Ambassadorial Scholar who studied in South Africa
2007	Slippery Rock	Dr. Henry "Hank" Anna	