



It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this Rotary Year. It's almost *halftime*! Just like there is always lots of football left to be played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of a gridiron match, there is still much to be accomplished in the remainder of the 2009-2010 Rotary Year.

One of the things still before us is to encourage our fellow Rotarians to attend the 2010 Montreal RI Convention this coming June. It is going to be an outstanding convention, filled with great speakers, world class entertainment, exciting special events and wonderful opportunities for fun & fellowship. And, Montreal is a *fabulous* city – vibrant, diverse and beautiful. It is a very international city, with more than 80 ethnic groups represented in metropolitan Montreal. As RI President John Kenny has said many times, when you go to Montreal you can “Experience Europe Without Leaving North America.”

It was great talking with many of you this past week on the phone, while I was surveying the DGs and DGEs of our two zones to ascertain your plans of attendance. I am happy to report that almost all of you who I spoke with told me that you will definitely be at the convention. That's great news! A good number of you said that you have already registered, but many of you have not yet done so. Please remember that **December 15 is the deadline for early registration**. Registration rates will increase after that date.

The easiest way for you and other Rotarians in your district to register is to do so online. Just go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on the link for the 2010 Montreal Convention on the lower right hand corner of the homepage. In addition to registering for the convention online you can register for ticketed events and meal functions, reserve your hotel and purchase host event tickets.

A very useful website – filled with information about the convention, special events and the city of Montreal – is [www.rotary2010.com](http://www.rotary2010.com). This is the official website of the Host Organizing Committee (HOC) of the convention. HOC Chair Linda Bradley and her committee have done an excellent job of planning events to enhance the convention, and this site provides you with lots of information about the exciting opportunities that await you in Montreal this summer.

There is one more website that I want to mention to you – the official site of The International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers. My fellow RI Convention Promotion Committee Member Harriett Schloer, who is also the executive secretary of this RI Fellowship, produces and maintains this site. The address of the site is [www.conventiongoers.org](http://www.conventiongoers.org). While much of the information in the site is about The International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers and benefits of membership, it also includes much information about the convention and includes items that you may find helpful in promoting attendance of the convention as you talk to Rotarians in your district.

Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to promote attendance of the 2010 Montreal RI Convention. I look forward to seeing you at the Rotary Institute at the Homestead in less than two weeks!

Yours in Rotary,

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