



March 27, 2020

To: All District 6330 Rotarians and Rotaractors,

BREAKING NEWS: District 6330 Conference Re-imagined to *2020 "E" Vision*

We were advised this week, that in response to the CONVID-19 outbreak, UNIFOR our venue for the District Conference is now closed until September.

In view of this, and the current concerns pertaining to the CONVID-19 pandemic, and closures and cancellations that are required to maximize health related initiatives, we have decided that we will reformat and transform our conference into an online virtual event. This will negate the need for extensive travel and close contact by our members while still getting the benefit of the information that will be provided by our keynote speakers.

You may want to consider re-gifting any expenses you may have incurred at the in-person event to a CONVID-19 response activity in your own community.

Our Team is working with our speakers, presenters and some volunteer techies on how we can deliver the BEST EVER Conference in this new world we are all coming to terms with. This is likely to be through a mix of live interaction, live streaming and the provision of off line information that clubs and club members can view at club meetings or from the comfort of their own home. The event will be a slimmed down version of what we had originally developed and will be held on the same weekend but on **Saturday June 20th** only. Precise timing and details to be confirmed. **SAVE THE DATE NOW** for this our ground breaking very first Virtual District 6330 Conference.

A few administrative details:

- 1) We will start a process of FULL refunds. Please give us a little time, but if you are due a refund and don't see it by April 14th contact our Registrar Susan Macdonald at: 6330conference@gmail.com
- 2) If you booked accommodation at UNIFOR this will be automatically cancelled so you need not take any action.
- 3) If you were planning to provide a display for our Connect Zone we hope to run a "Virtual Connect Zone" (House of Friendship) so standby for further information.
- 4) Polio Plunge...we are looking at virtual options say something like an "Ice Bucket Challenge" or photo from your bath or shower with a special hashtag. If you have any ideas let us know...more later
- 5) Photo People of Action Sunglasses Competition. This will go ahead as planned so get your entries submitted electronically to 6330conference@gmail.com. The Display Boards are no longer required.

Rotary
District 6330



2020 VISION
SOUTHAMPTON

- 6) Celebration of life. We are looking at options on how to remember the contribution of former Rotarians or Rotaractors have made. Please let us know if any of your members have passed away since the last District Conference and send the following details by **May 31st** to Henry Weickert at: weickert@bmts.com
- a) Full first and last name, and name used and Rotary/Rotaract Club name
 - b) Date of Birth and Date of Death.
 - c) Years served in Rotary and year served in a Club or District position.
 - d) High resolution photo that is suitable for use in the memorial service slide show.
 - e) Include one fact about this person that we just must include in our presentation.
Please make this no more than two sentences.

We live in rapidly changing uncertain times so bear with us while we adjust to a changing world and we take the opportunity to prepare and deliver an exciting, engaging, fun learning experience. Watch out for further updates.

Stay safe and Together we can flatten the curve and as my club says ***"Keep Calm and Rotary On"***.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Tony Sheard, District Governor and the District Conference 2020 "E" Vision Team