GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

A program of The Edmonton Strathcona Rotary Club

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is a social program of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona. It is designed to provide an opportunity for Club members and spouses/companions to meet other Club members in an informal, social, small group setting.

All members of our club are encouraged to join in and enjoy this wonderful program of fellowship and information exchange. The program involves one Saturday evening. One Saturday in January. Typically a member will Host or visit once. The program has been operating for over 25 years and began with a small group of members and wives sharing an evening together. **The meal choice is up to the host and is by no means meant to be a gourmet meal!!! Fellowship is the most important aspect of the evening!!!!**

1. *As a Host:*

You host dinner in your home on Saturday January 28, 2017. Dinners are normally scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. **THE MENU IS YOUR CHOICE.** Normally you can expect two couples to arrive at your door at about 7 PM with each couple bearing a bottle of wine or some other suitable liquid. The identity of your dinner guests will not be known until you answer the door that evening – *thus Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!* If one of your guests has a special diet requirement you will be apprised of this at the time of confirmation of the date for you to host so you can plan ahead. If you are able to host on short notice, or can accept more than the nominal two couples, please communicate directly with the organizer. This will assist in the adjustment of attendance or hosting to account for sickness and other inability's to attend as scheduled.

2. *As a Visitor:*

Your destination for the Saturday will be confirmed well in advance of the date. The accepted practice is for the visiting couple to bring a bottle of wine or other suitable liquid to the dinner. This is a great way to meet your fellow Rotarian and spouses/companions on a less formal basis than a full gathering, and is particularly helpful to establish new acquaintances.

PLEASE ADVISE THE COORDINATOR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SO AS NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOUR HOST.

3. *Program Scheduling:*

Every attempt is made to schedule visits to allow for a mix of new and longer-term members while avoiding duplication of guests at any of the participating homes in successive years. A diary has been kept, annually recording the members and the homes they visited. The diary provides a history of each years visits so that an attempt can be made to schedule participants so as to minimize duplication of visits and visitors for two or three years in a row.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE, and accept the requirement for the dinner visits. However, illness, vacations, unexpected travel, or business difficulties may cause absences on any given evening or month. Therefore, there may be a requirement for a couple to attend on short notice, please communicate your willingness to participate on short notice directly with the organizer.

It is the responsibility of the coordinator to confirm with the hosts the date agreed for hosting dinner, confirm any special diet requirements, and advise the visiting couples of their destination. This confirmation is usually accomplished at least 7 -10 days in advance of the date for the dinner.

Remember that the element of surprise is important and the host should not learn the identity of his guests until he/she opens the door at 7:00 PM on Saturday evening.

Hosts and/or Visitors are encouraged to capture the evening's activities on camera or video. Submit the images to the event chair and a photo album will be created and permanently displayed on the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" PHOTO SITE PAGE

DO NOT BE NERVOUS OR APPREHENSIVE ABOUT RECEIVING GUESTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW OR NOT KNOW WELL. THE EVENING WILL ALWAYS BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE WE ARE ROTARIANS!!

Please sign-up as soon as possible. (You may want to confirm this first with your spouse/companion.)

NOTE: Singles are welcome to participate in the program.