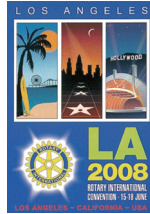


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Dear Rotary Leaders,

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The 99th Annual Convention of Rotary International is just a couple of months away. Have you registered? Will you be there?

RI President Wilf Wilkinson, has given a special status for India and the Rotarians of the country in his heart. He has demonstrated his care for Rotary in this part of the country by visiting us on several occasions. Past RI Director, Ray Klingensmith, Chair, 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee and RI Director, Paul A. Netzell have put together a wonderful programme that will be remembered by every Rotarian who attends the Convention. They expect a large contingent of Rotarians from India and look up to me as their colleague in Rotary International to make this happen. As the Director of Rotary International from India, it has been my privilege to work with all of you during the year and share the wonderful work you are doing in the districts as leaders. I depend on you to motivate Rotarians from your districts to register and participate in the Convention at Los Angeles.

It is now time for us to reciprocate the gesture of RI President by attending the 2008 Convention at Los Angeles in large numbers and demonstrate our support for Rotary. The countdown to the 2008 RI Convention has begun. By participating in an RI convention, Rotarians gain a broader appreciation of the global impact of Rotary. Expand your network of contacts.

The panel of the speakers at the Convention includes Dr. Margaret Chan, The Director General of World Health Organisation. Eight time Grammy Award winner, Natalie Cole, will be performing at the wonderful Nokia Theatre. Get to see and hear expert orators and entertainers who have been specially invited for the Convention.

Maximize your convention experience by participating in the pre-convention meetings and RI luncheons. A South Asian Breakfast has been arranged specially for Rotarians from this region at the Sheraton Los Angeles Down Town Hotel. Participate in this breakfast meet. Get to know all the top brass of RI during this event.

Remember, the second deadline for saving on registration ends on March 31, 2008. Register online. Visit the convention website for detailed information. Encourage more Rotarians from your districts to register immediately. Avail of the cash rebate given by RI by registering more than two percent of the members in your district.

Bask into the sunshine at Los Angeles and see the stars in Hollywood. There is so much to do in California. Plan a memorable vacation with your family.

Let us make India visible in Los Angeles.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ashok Mahajan'.

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