

1944 Rotary International Convention Drastically Reduced In Size

Due to constantly increasing transportation difficulties and congested hotel facilities in Chicago, and with world-wide military activities being greatly accelerated, the board of directors of R.I. has drastically reduced the size of the 1944 Rotary International convention.

To transact essential business required by the R.I. constitution and by-laws, a convention with representation primarily by proxies will be convened at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, May 18, concurrently with the international assembly. Features not required by provisions of the by-laws will be abandoned.

Accommodations are available for only international officers (including the outgoing district governors, or their designated alternates, as members of the council on legislation), R.I. committee chairmen, past international presidents, and district governors nominee all of whom are participants in the assembly.

In meeting the current emergency realistically, the board is confident that every Rotary club, in the spirit of loyal and patriotic cooperation, will agree wholeheartedly in the limitation of attendance only to those mentioned above. Each of these should be designated a delegate by his club. He can also carry proxies of the clubs in his district.

Each Rotary club is urged to be represented by proxy through designating any of the foregoing, especially the outgoing district governor or the incoming district governor, as proxy for its club delegates. Credential certificates for such proxy representation will be mailed to club secretaries by April 8.

All requests to the housing committee for hotel accommodations during the previously planned international conference (convention) are hereby cancelled, and full refund of hotel deposits therefor will be made at an early date.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF R.I.

Charles L. Wheeler, President

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