

# United States - Russia Intercountry Committee



**January 7, 2014**  
**Rotary International District Governors 2013-14**  
**Invitation to Participate in a Rotary in Russia Conference in Houston, Texas**

Dear Governors:

On behalf of the Conference Committee for the United States Section of the USA-Russia Intercountry Committee you are cordially invited to attend or send your District Representative to a Rotary in Russia Conference in Houston, Texas on March 1, 2014.

One of the five avenues of service is International Service, and I know that many of the Rotary Districts in the United States have an interest in developing relationships with Rotary Clubs outside of the United States. Over the years, District 5010 in Alaska and several European Districts helped Rotary develop and expand in Russia. Currently there are 53 Rotary clubs in Western Russia (District 2220) and 27 Rotary clubs in Eastern Russia (District 2225). The Russian Rotary clubs are small in numbers of members, but many of them are enthusiastic about Rotary and want to develop relationships with Rotary clubs in the United States. International meetings are one of the primary ways in which Rotary provides its members an opportunity to increase their service in the worldwide community and encourage fellowship with our membership.

This USA-Russia Intercountry Committee was formally chartered at Rotary Headquarters in June, 2007 with 14 member districts in the United States. The meeting in Houston, Texas on March 1, 2014 will bring together Rotarians from all over the United States to hear reports about the progress made by Rotary clubs in Russia to expand their service to their local communities. A major focus of this meeting will hear panel discussions about joint projects with Russian Rotary Clubs, expansion of the Youth Exchange Program between the United States and Russia, Friendship Exchanges and professional exchanges between Russia and the United States. The meeting will conclude with the election of officers of the USA Section from member districts of the USA-Russia Intercountry Committee.

The planning process for the meeting is already underway, and a highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by author Sharon Tennison, who will speak about her recent travels throughout Russia and her discussions with many of the Russian Rotarians. I urge you to let me know if you or your representative will attend this important meeting. A copy of the Registration Form is attached for use by you or your District Representative.

Evelyn and I will be on a much needed vacation from January 18-February 3 celebrating our 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Upon our return, I will send housing information and a copy of the recently approved Constitution and Bylaws of the USA-Russia ICC to those who will attend the meeting.

Yours in Rotary service,

Jon J. Eiche, Past District Governor  
Conference Coordinator