



## 「南邊的紐奧良」

**有**許多關於紐奧良的歌曲，由於紐奧良是音樂世界的首都之一，有著豐富的歷史及遺產。我特別喜歡「南邊的紐奧良」(Way Down Yonder in New Orleans)這首歌的快樂歌聲，當我們想到 2011 年 5 月 21-25 日舉行的國際扶輪年會將在那個獨特的城市舉行時，彷彿這首歌的歌詞就在召喚我們。但是這次紐奧良國際扶輪年會比最近幾年的年會整整提早了一個月舉行。

紐奧良年會將在星期六正式展開，而不是像過去幾年那樣在星期日。友誼之家，我們國際年會的展覽勝地將在星期六早上開幕，所有年會前會議將在星期六中午結束，讓扶輪社員們及他們的嘉賓能在星期日全體會議開始之前有更多時間去參觀友誼之家。

另外一個好消息是友誼之家將設在會議中心全體會議廳的隔壁，而且為了使來自世界各地的訪客有更多時間進行聯誼及交友，每天開放時間將會延長。它將是扶輪社員們及他們的家人必到的地方！

我們如何才能充分描繪扶輪年會的魅力、活力、及所帶來的激勵？我們的年會幾乎無法描繪，因為它們有各種不同的吸引力。當我們會見來自全世界的扶輪社友時，扶輪聯誼及交友達到淋漓盡致，而且當扶輪社員結交來自遠方的新朋友時，國際服務也真正提升加強。因此瞭解及欣賞扶輪年會的最佳方式是出席紐奧良年會的傑出活動。我保證它將是有史以來最棒的國際扶輪年會之一！

請來和我們一起出席紐奧良年會，一起致力於使世界成為更美好的地方。一走在街道上，你將會聽到紐奧良特有的哼唱聲、打拍子聲、以及節奏。這裡是爵士樂的發祥地！如同紐奧良人所說的，讓歡樂時光再度搖個不停吧。



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## “Way Down Yonder in New Orleans”



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There have been many songs written about New Orleans due to its history and heritage as one of the music capitals of the world. I particularly like the happy sound of “Way Down Yonder in New Orleans,” whose lyrics now beckon us as we think about the 2011 RI Convention in that unique city on 21-25 May – a full month earlier than the RI conventions in recent years!

The New Orleans convention will officially start on Saturday – not on Sunday as it has for the past few years. The House of Friendship, the showplace of our annual conventions, will open on Saturday morning, and all preconvention meetings will end at noon on Saturday, to allow Rotarians and their guests to spend more time there before the plenary sessions start on Sunday.

Additional good news is that the House of Friendship will be located right next door to the plenary session hall in the convention center, and the hours of operation will be extended to permit more fellowship and networking time for our visitors from around the Rotary world. It will be the place to be for Rotarians and their families!

How does one adequately describe the magic, the vibrancy, and the inspiration of a Rotary convention? Our conventions almost defy description because they are so diverse in their appeal. Rotary fellowship and networking are at their best as we meet our fellow Rotarians from around the globe, and international service is truly enhanced as Rotarians make new friends from faraway places. So the best way to understand and appreciate a Rotary convention is to attend the outstanding event being planned for New Orleans. It will be one of the best RI conventions ever! I guarantee it!

Come join us in New Orleans as we work together to make the world a better place. Walk the streets, and you will hear the hum – the beat – the rhythm that is New Orleans. The birthplace of jazz! And as they say in Cajun Country, Let the Good Times Roll ... Again! *Laissez les bon temps rouler ... encore!*

  
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