



6th Annual Conference and Reception

February 7-10, 2002
Washington, D.C.

Why attend this conference?

Attending the conference will give you an opportunity to hear leading medical/Russian experts, and Rotarians with hands-on experience in Russia, talk about the ongoing needs to improve the state of the Russian health care system. This conference will build a better understanding of Russia's relations with the world and the United States and provide/develop future approaches to help.

Great ideas often start simple. As was the case with the first Rotarians to visit Russia after the Cold War and to start a club there in 1990. A reliable health-care system is a vital part of communities and almost immediately Rotary International initiated and supported programs for healthcare relief in Russia. The Cold War left many open wounds. Russia's health problems remain extremely grave. And Russia's declining population has been identified by President Putin as its No. 1 security problem.

This conference, the sixth in a series that began in 1997, will focus on "ColdWar Healing" to enable and develop new partnerships between Rotarians and individuals from other public and private organizations, in Russia, the United States and other countries. As a Rotarian, YOU can participate, within your own club or district, to address the continuing human devastation resulting from the end of the Cold War.

Three organizations: Rotary International, Project Hope, and the Institute for Health Policy Analysis have agreed to join together in a coalition with the common goals of assistance to the Russian health sector and of improving Russian's health. The effort will be a cooperative partnership with leaders of the Russian academic and medical professions, with

community groups, and with regional and federal governments. This extraordinary initiative will be a sustained effort with special reliance on an unusual combination of private and public financial support. It is a clarion call of inspired humanitarian leadership to enable world peace and to develop international understanding.

To enhance community building in Russia, the conference will:

- Focus on major, serious diseases
- Concentrate on opportunities for prevention of life-threatening and life-shortening diseases
- Encourage coalitions and partnerships nationally and internationally in order to enhance the effectiveness of efforts
- Be designed to be a sustainable, long-term and cost-effective program

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Reception: On February 7, 2002, prior to the conference, a Congressional reception for Rotarians will be held in the Library of Congress. Register now and don't miss this unique event!

Location: The Hotel Washington, located at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in the heart of Washington, DC will be the headquarters hotel for this conference and offers exceptional reduced rates for conference goers.

Registration: Additional information and a registration form can be found at: www.rotary7620.org

Mankind is our business.

-President Rick King

And now YOU can play a role by building better communities.

-District Governor Andy Baum