# 2024 International Convention Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada June 22-26, 2024











Who doesn't have Niagara Falls on their bucket list?!

The local area attractions are second to none.

Host Area recommended <u>Tours</u>, <u>Attractions</u>, <u>and</u> <u>Experiences</u>

Niagara Falls Canada Tourism

The excitement is anxiously awaiting your arrival.



#### Why Attend – "What's in it for me?"



- ✓ Be Inspired Three Keynote Speakers
- ✓ Be Informed Officer Training and Workshops
- ✓ Fellowship Reconnect, Meet New & Socialize
- ✓ Celebrate 100 Years of Optimism in Canada
- ✓ Adventure Niagara Falls
- ✓ Your Voice Counts Annual Business Meeting
- ✓ Most of All Have Fun!



#### **Three Keynote Speakers!**



- ✓ <u>Sunjay Nath</u> Sunday, June 23
- ✓ Orlando Bowen Monday, June 24
- ✓ Rhonda Scharf

  Tuesday, June 25







✓ District Chair Training Sunday, June 23, 1:30-3:45 p.m.

\*Growth

Leadership Development

Member Engagement

Marketing

**District Secretary-Treasurers** 

\*1:30-2:30 p.m. Int'l Growth Committee, Regional Subcommittees & VPs

\*2:45-3:45 p.m. District Growth Chairs and Governors join







✓ Club Officer Training Sunday, June 23, 1:30-3:45 p.m.

President
Secretary / Treasurer
Foundation Representative
Other

\*\*1:30-2:30 p.m. Groups separated at round tables \*\*2:45-3:45 p.m. All together as one group







#### ✓ Preliminary Workshop Topics

Fundraising

Risk Management

**Effective Communication** 

**District Conferences and Conventions** 

Candidate Qualifications

Bylaws / Governance

Technology (cybersecurity, developing websites, data protection, etc.)

Leadership Skills

Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging







#### ✓ Preliminary Workshop Topics (continued)

Wellness and Healthy Living / Self Care

Personal and / or Professional Development

Community Engagement and Outreach

C.A.R.E. (Club Membership Retention Program)

The Power of Optimism, Gratitude, Positive Attitude, etc.

Grants / Foundations

**Project Planning** 

Community Service











#### TASTE OF CANADA Saturday, June 22, 5:30-7 p.m.

Advance ticket purchase required with Registration.

#### Menu:

- Poutine
- Haddock Fish Tacos
- Beef Sliders
- Butter Tarts
- Nanaimo Bars
- Cash bar

Early entry into Opening Ceremonies at 6:50 pm

# OPENING CEREMONY Canadian Centennial Celebration Saturday, June 22, 7:30 pm

**Emcee: Steve Bull – Water Ways TV Host** 

Parade of Flags \* US and Canada National Anthems

**Strong Water Singers** 

Mark Crampsie – East Coast Fiddler and Musician

Francophone entertainment

**DUNAI-Ukrainian Hopak Dancers** 

Shaylyn – Country Western Singer



#### **Youth Activities**



Sunday, June 23, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Walk Behind the Falls, Butterfly Conservatory

Monday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Clifton Hill Fun Pass

Monday night, June 24, 4 – 11 p.m.

Boston Pizza All You Can Eat Buffet, Bowling and Arcade, Arts & Crafts

Tuesday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Niagara Fury Imax







#### Sheraton Fallsview Hotel – currently sold out

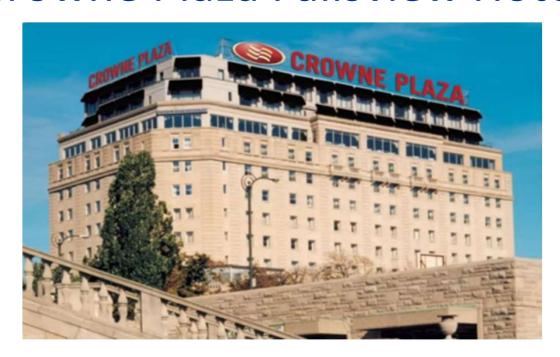








#### Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel

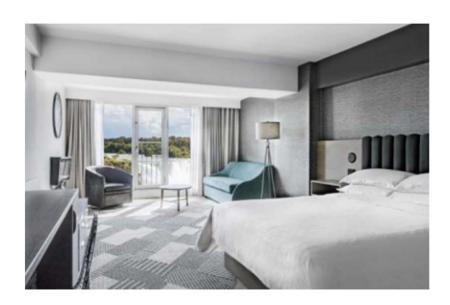








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- ✓ Room rates are \$179--\$219 CAD plus taxes and fees per night.
- ✓ May 20<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff
- ✓ Resort fee is waived/will be removed
- ✓ Credit card required
- ✓ Book online or call







#### Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel



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- ✓ Call to make reservation







#### **Getting to Niagara - Airports**





- ✓ Approximately 1.5-hour drive
- ✓ Rent a car
- ✓ Take shuttle



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- ✓ Take shuttle



- ✓ Approximately 1-hour drive
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- ✓ Take shuttle
- ✓ Need a passport to cross the border





#### **Airport Ground Transportation**













- ✓ Toronto & Hamilton-Niagara Airbus
- ✓ Book online at niagaraairbus.com
- ✓ Call 1-905-374-8111
- ✓ 30% discount and the code is 762
- √ Valid for travel from June 2 July 13
- ✓ Buffalo, NY-Buffalo Airport Shuttle
- Book online at <u>BuffaloAirportShuttle.com</u> or
- ✓ email <u>sales@buffaloairportshuttle.com</u>
- ✓ Call 1-716-685-2550 or 877-750-2550
- Mention code OIC or insert code online under special requests







- ✓ Online
- ✓ Convention page of the website
- ✓ Looks Who's Registered
- ✓ Early Bird: \$299 US/\$397.67 CAD
- ✓ Deadline: 11:59 p.m., April 30, 2024
- ✓ Regular: \$349 US/\$464.17 CAD
- ✓ Deadline: 11:59 p.m., June 16, 2024
- ✓ On-site: \$389 US/\$517.37 CAD







- ✓ Taste of Canada: \$50 US / \$67 CAD Celebrate 100 years of Optimism in Canada
- ✓ Heritage of Optimism Brunch: \$60 US/\$79.80 CAD Honor Past International Presidents & Partners
- ✓ President's Banquet: \$90 US/\$119.70 CAD Entertainment: The Madhatters (live band)
- ✓ President-Elect Breakfast: \$45 US/\$59.85 CAD Meet President-Elect Jan Oord Graves



# **NEW! To ALL Registrants First Timer Buddy System**



- ✓ A First Timer Buddy helps members navigate the Convention from A to Z!
- ✓ Are you a First Timer? Yes or No
- ✓ If you are a First Timer, do you have someone (a Buddy) to help you at Convention?
- ✓ Would you like to have a Convention Buddy?
- ✓ Would you like to be a Convention Buddy?
- ✓ If you have been to a convention before, but it has been a while, you are welcome to ask for a Buddy.





## Q&A



### See you in Niagara Falls!

