

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





Location, Location, Location

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

The local area attractions are second to none.

Host Area recommended [Tours, Attractions, and Experiences](#)

[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!

- ✓ Sunjay Nath
Sunday, June 23
- ✓ Orlando Bowen
Monday, June 24
- ✓ Rhonda Scharf
Tuesday, June 25





Leadership Development

- ✓ 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





Leadership Development

- ✓ 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





Leadership Development

✓ 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





Leadership Development

- ✓ 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



Canadian International Centennial



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





Housing and Event Venue

Sheraton Fallsview Hotel – currently sold out





Overflow Housing

Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel





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Sheraton Fallsview Hotel – currently sold out



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





Overflow Housing

Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel



- ✓ Room rates are \$149--\$189 CAD plus taxes and fees per night.
- ✓ May 20th is the cutoff
- ✓ Resort fee is waived/will be removed
- ✓ Credit card required
- ✓ Call to make reservation





Getting to Niagara - Airports



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



- ✓ Approximately 1-hour drive
- ✓ Rent a car
- ✓ Take shuttle



- ✓ Approximately 1-hour drive
- ✓ Rent a car
- ✓ 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 BuffaloAirportShuttle.com or
- ✓ email sales@buffaloairportshuttle.com
- ✓ Call 1-716-685-2550 or 877-750-2550
- ✓ Mention code OIC or insert code online under special requests





2024 Convention Registration

- ✓ 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





2024 Convention Optional Meals

- ✓ 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!

