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Hello Members and Friends of IFRR,

INTRODUCTION

I hope that you are in a location where you have access to train activities. Here, around the Twin Cities of Minnesota, there is much available activity: model layouts to visit, swap meets to buy and sell train items, excursions behind steam or diesel, rail fan locations, streetcar rides, light rail, etc.



This issue will be all about preparations for activities of IFRR at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA June 10-14 2017.

BOOTH

IFRR has Booth #2934 reserved in The House of Friendship to promote membership and activity in our Fellowship. We should have the Booth open and manned for nine hours each day Saturday through Wednesday. There are these important items to complete before the opening.

I have some posters, handouts, and photos for display. If any of you have something that would be interesting and available, please let me know. Curtis and I will set-up the Booth Friday afternoon and man it the first session on Saturday morning and last on Wednesday afternoon.

One of you mentioned that you could bring a train to display. Amongst my many emails and papers I have lost who made this offer: Please come forward.

Immediately below is a link to an online schedule where you can sign up for one or more three hour booth shifts. We need one, but better two booth staffers, at each shift. Merely type in your name in the left hand column (+ Participant) and click which ever booth slots you can fill. We can all access and change this calendar so please only sign up on the times you can fill and be careful not to delete any existing check marks! Everyone planning to attend the lunch should add your name and click the Tuesday 12:00-3:00 PM time slot. After you have added your name and clicked the appropriate sign up boxes you need to click "Done" in the bottom right corner of the calendar to save your information.

<https://beta.doodle.com/poll/6rx4vumz5nhm3b5m#table> (You might have to click the blue right arrow (>) to expand the calendar to show all days.)

Earlier these members informed Don Schiller that they would be willing to help: Mack Barnes, Bruce McNaught, Casey Scharven, Richard Green, Patricia Post, Chuck Hiller, Richard Cunningham, PDG Dave Robinson, Dave Flinn, Dick Galitz, Dave Ring, Don Bell, Ian Jenner, Robert Preston, and Bill Muller.

LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING

As we did in Lisbon, we'll meet for a Dutch Treat lunch and the Annual Meeting immediately after the Plenary Session on Tuesday. Stop by the IFRR Booth #2934 earlier for the location. The tentative agenda for the meeting:

Introductions
Minutes of the 2013 meeting
Future Visions Task Force report by Chairman Don Bell
Discussion and action on the future of IFRR
Discuss IFRR and Rotary Discussion Groups
Election of Officers. These are nominees:

President: Robert Bracegirdle
Vice-President: Curtis Reinhardt
Secretary: Bill Muller
Treasurer: John Evans

EXCURSION

Immediately after the meeting we plan to climb onto MARTA (light rail) and travel to the local headquarters of Norfolk Southern Corporation for a guided tour and video.

There is also a streetcar loop which circles the Downtown Atlanta area that can be ridden at anytime.

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