



CONNECTIONS
District Conference Agenda
April 25-26, 2025
Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center



Friday, April 25 – Golf, Tour Odessa & Governor’s Gala

- 8:00 am Golf Tournament (contact: nightlightning46@yahoo.com)
- 9:00 am Registration opens (all day)
Project Fair setup – Individual clubs (all day)
Silent Auction setup – as clubs arrive (all day)
- 12:45 pm–4:00 pm Discover Odessa Bus Tour
- 5:00 pm Registration, District Reception & Cash Bar – After Five Attire
- 6:00 pm Celebration Dinner
- 7:00 pm Featured Speaker: Michael Angelo Caruso - Rotarian, Sales Trainer,
Ted Talk, Author, and International Keynote Speaker
Topic: *Run Amazing Meetings*
- 7:45 pm Foundation Awards & International Project View
- 8:00 pm Live Auction
- 8:30 pm Governor’s Dance – Tony Barker Band
- 10:00 pm Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, April 26 – District Conference

- 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 am Conference Begins
- 9:30 am Speaker: Rene Caruso - Health & Wellness Coach, Author
Topic: *Helping Clients Find Their Health Again*
- 10:15 am Awards/Recognitions
- 10:30 am Speaker: Tony Barker - Musician, Songwriter, Author
Topic: *Civility in the Workplace with Connections*
- 11:00 am Project Fair/Silent Auction
- 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch
Speaker: Coach Franqua Bedell aka “Coach Q” - Odessa College
Women’s Basketball Coach, Inspirational Leader
- 1:30 pm Live Auction
- 1:45 pm *Celebration of Life*
- 2:00 pm Youth Services
District Business Meeting
Council on Legislation
Project Fair Announcements
- 3:00 pm District Drawing
Closing Comments – Geron Scates
- 3:30 pm Hands-on Service Project at the Hotel
- 5:30 pm Friendship Dinner – *Homemade Wines Downtown Bistro*
- 8:30 pm After Dinner: Hospitality Suite Open