

# HOUSING POLICIES

All Convention attendees are responsible for making their own housing arrangements and should contact the official Kiwanis Convention hotels and motels directly. Most facilities will need a credit card to guarantee the room. Most will also allow you to hold the reservations by sending a deposit equal to one night's lodging.

Please refer to the Convention Housing Information flyer for rates and contact information on our official convention hotels. Please identify yourself as a Kiwanis District Convention Attendee when you do make your reservation. **Housing reservations at the Marriott should be made by Friday - July 27th, and reservations at the Sheraton should be made by Thursday - August 2nd.** After that date, many of our convention room blocks will be released and convention reservations will then be subject to space and rate availability.

## WHY USE A KIWANIS CONVENTION HOTEL?

Conventions are booked and planned several years out. In order to make certain that there are enough rooms for everyone who wants to attend, it is necessary for the District to commit (guarantee) to a certain number of room nights with these facilities. This prevents another convention or sports activity from taking all of the available rooms in the convention city – leaving no place for our convention attendees to stay.

In addition, much of the extensive meeting room space that we use for convention is provided to us on a reduced or complimentary basis PROVIDED that we are able to meet our hotel room block commitments. Without the credit given to the district for filling hotel rooms, we would have to pay some hefty convention center rental fees – which would eventually translate into higher convention registration fees to all attendees.

**Further – when you book your room, please make certain to ask for the Kiwanis rate. It does the district absolutely no good if you are booked in an official district convention hotel but the credit is given to AAA, CAA, AARP, or some other organization of which you are a member.**

If the **ONLY** way in which you can get to the convention is to stay in another hotel or motel, by all means do so. We want to see you at convention! However, **staying at an Official Kiwanis Convention property helps keep everyone's convention expense affordable.**

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

\*\*\*Check these sites often for the latest information!\*\*\*

\*\*\*PNW District Convention Registration Materials\*\*\*  
[www.pnwkiwanis.org](http://www.pnwkiwanis.org)

\*\*\*Tacoma Convention Host Committee\*\*\*  
[www.kiwanisclubof.org/destinationtacoma2007.html](http://www.kiwanisclubof.org/destinationtacoma2007.html)

Tacoma Convention & Visitors Bureau  
[www.traveltacoma.com](http://www.traveltacoma.com)

Tacoma Chamber of Commerce  
[www.tacomachamber.org](http://www.tacomachamber.org)

Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center  
[www.tacomaconventioncenter.com](http://www.tacomaconventioncenter.com)

Transportation  
[www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)