

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly 2016 Update



A Quick History



July 4, 1931, led by 15-member Rotary Club of Cardston:

100 Rotarians from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Montana met in Waterton

- **GOAL:**

Establish Waterton National and Glacier Parks as first permanent International Peace Park.

Peace – Important



- Many Rotarians ... WWI vets



...and already keenly feared a new war..



An unheard of feat...in three months...



- Rotarians inspired Canada and U.S.
- National bills passed making Waterton-Glacier the first transboundary International Peace Park.

Since then...



- “Hands Across The Border”- annual renewal of peace vow
- Held alternate years in Waterton and Glacier.
- (Only Depression, WWII prevented ceremonies)
- Now 138 international peace parks

2016... Glacier hosts 84th Assembly



Worthy of your attendance.

Purpose:



- Advance transboundary conservation/
international peace parks
- Recognize Rotary's environmental peacemaking
- Commemorate 100th anniversary of the U.S.
National Park Service

“Hands Across Borders” - Events



- **September 13-15 Practitioners' Workshop**
- **September 16-18 Rotary Peace Park Assembly and**
- **“Hands Across The Border” Ceremony in Glacier National Park, Montana**

Practitioner's Workshop - 3-days



49 practitioners

- 29 worldwide initiatives:
 - Conservation
 - Peace Park
 - Combination

...where...



Countries involved...



- Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, China, D.R. Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya...

...and...



- **Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, The Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe...**

...additional initiatives involve...



Assiniboine Tribes of Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Reservations, Australia, Belize, Blackfeet Nation, Blood Tribe, Canada, Confederated Salish and Kooteni Tribes, Costa Rica, El Salvadore, Equador, Finland, Greece, Grenada, Grenadines

...as well as...



- **Gros Ventre Tribe of Fort Belknap Reservation, Guatemala, Honduras, Macedonia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama Piikani Nation, Siksika Nation, Sioux Tribe of Fort Peck Reservation, St. Vincent, Tsuu T'ina Nation, United States**

... and bridge-building dialogues...



14 Transboundary river basins:

South America

Central America

Asia

Africa

The Rotary Part of “Hands Across Borders”



- **The 84th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly**
 - **September 16-18, 2016**
 - **Glacier Park Lodge**
 - **East Glacier, Montana**
- **Agenda adopted April 16, 2016 at Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association Mtg.**

Friday, September 16, 2016,



- Conference Registration 8:00-a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Golfing
- Hiking
- Boat rides
- Board meeting
- Reception and dinner 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. cash bar
- Attire: Casual
- Entertainment

Saturday, September 17..... Morning



- 8:30-9:50 General Session
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- Blackfeet blessing
- Talks by superintendents of Waterton Lakes and Glacier National Parks, Canada and USA

Saturday, September 17..... Morning



- Poster Talks - Three peace parks around the globe
- Panel discussions with national park representatives
- Luncheon speaker on climate change and impact on Waterton-Glacier National Parks

Saturday, September 17Afternoon



- Membership meetings
- Options of a short walk or 2-3 hr. hike with a Park Service interpreter
- Option of a boat trip on Medicine Lake with an Park Service interpreter, if there is enough interest

Saturday, September 17...Evening



- 6:00 p.m. Social hour (cash bar)
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. (Business casual)

Youth Flag Ceremony

National Anthems

Dinner

Program

Sunday, September 18



- 8:00 Breakfast and non-denominational service for those who register.
- 9:30 Buses (or personal vehicle) - one-hour drive to border for “Hands Across The Border” Ceremony.
- 11:30 “Hands Across The Border” Ceremony
- Most Canadians drive to the ceremony and leave for home from there.

If the ceremony is held at the border...



- Homeland Security: Canadians on their side; Americans on theirs
- A list of everyone participating in ceremony - submitted to Homeland Security 48-hours before
- Passports needed to enter U.S. and visa (for international students)

How to Register - Assembly



www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

- **Choose: Assembly/Conference**
- **(Starting May 1: Online Registration)**
- **Conference Only \$55/person**
- **Conference Registration and Meals \$155/person**
- **Meal deadline is August 15- Act fast!**

How to Register - Rooms at Glacier Park Lodge

- **Call Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier,
1-844-868-7474.**
- **Say, “Glacier E 16” as the group code**
- **Room price - \$179.67 US incl., taxes
about \$280 CA for room - one or two people**
- **Deadline: June 16...**
- **Act quickly .. 120 rooms blocked for the event.**

...OR...



- **After May 1, register for both Assembly and Lodge rooms through WGIPPA website:**
- **www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org**

Club Support - “Hands Across Borders” and “Hands Across The Border”



- 1. Make sure Club continues to identify Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly and “Hands Across the Border” as International Service projects.

...and...



- **2. Discuss potential for Club's sponsoring a practitioner for "Hands Across Borders," the 3-day, transboundary conservation and peace park workshop**
 - **\$1,500 - \$5,000 (U.S.) Or any Contribution**

YOU and 2016 Peace Park Assembly?



- **Be there!!!**

Be a gift to peace in the world!

Commit...



- **September 16-18, 2016**
- **Glacier Park Lodge**
- **East Glacier, Montana**



As Sandra Bullock's character, Gracie Hart...



...says in "Miss Congeniality,"

"I really do want world peace."

