

**Rotary**



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*peace through service*

**The Rotary Club of Springfield**

**Peace Builders**

**Assembly**

**January 3, 2021**

# Our Peacebuilders Committee

**Bob Moore-Co-Chair**

**Vicki Megginson, Co-Chair**

**Jim Applegate**

**Kathryn Harris**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Dave Kromphardt**

**Naomi Lynn**

**Loretta Meeks**

**Justin Rose**

**Bill Sturm**

**Barry Tobias**

**Tony Williams**

# Initial Objectives, set in February 2021

**Reduce Systemic Racism.**

**Build community partnerships, fostering the collective impact of organizations**

**Attract new members who wish to be of service and are attracted to the 4-Way Test, and desire to build a more peaceful and civil community**

**Lay groundwork through conversations for further action and systemic change**

**Identify specific projects that move peace forward**

**Be realistic about our member's times, talents and financial resources so that our action steps are achievement**

**Work with organizations that work well with other local organizations**

# Organizations we met with since August 2020

**United Way of Central Illinois**

**Frontiers International**

**Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln**

**Delta Sigma Theta**

**School District 186**

**Dominican Sisters**

**Citizens Club**

**The Outlet**

# Our Recommendations for Action, Aug. 2021

1. We will create a financial literacy curriculum and conduct sessions at the Outlet and other local organizations, such as Delta, and Frontiers International
2. We will encourage Springfield Rotary Foundation to add to hunger and literacy, a third primary purpose: increasing civility and reducing racism.
3. We will encourage young adults of color to become community leaders by proposing to Springfield Rotary Foundation that it annually fund one or more applicants from local non-profit organizations to attend The Chamber Leadership Institute.
4. Along with hunger and literacy, we will seek District grant opportunities for reducing racism, increasing civility, and opportunities for those who have been marginalized.
5. We will promote Dismantling System Racism training through SCoDR for our members, other local rotary Clubs and Rotarians throughout the district.

# Recommendations, Continued

6. We will offer our assistance to the racism programs of the Citizens Club.
7. We will continue to encourage police department to identify an officer to apply for RI Peace Institute training.
8. We will continue to support funding for organizations, such as Frontiers, and programs, such as RYLA that serve our community.
9. In addition, the Rotary Club of Springfield will apply to become a Peacebuilders Club of the Rotary Action Group for Peace.
10. The Rotary Club of Springfield will establish a permanent Peacebuilders Committee and name a director to lead it.

# Action Progress Report

- Financial Literacy Curriculum created for The Outlet. Justin Rose has UIS students are testing the curriculum, students will help as trainers/mentors.
- Requested Springfield Rotary Foundation add Peace and Civility to Hunger and Literacy for grant funding priorities.
- In Conversation with Sister Marcelline, Dominican Sisters ScoDR about providing a workshop for our members. *Question: would you prefer workshop during an extended Monday evening meeting or a Saturday morning?*
- Learn more about becoming a designated Rotarian Action Group for Peace
- United Way would like to meet with us to hear our ideas on how they can better serve the needs of the community and address racial inequity. Jim Applegate is serving on the United Way ad-hoc committee to address United Way Worldwide (UWW) membership requirements on racism and diversity and serves on their Education Vision Council.

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Barbara Jones and Tim Barlett

Rotary Club of Urbana

A RAGFP



# The Silverwood Program: Urbana Rotary's Peace Initiative

Barbara M. Jones, Chair

Urbana Rotary Peacebuilding Committee

Autumn 2021

# History of Rotary's Focus on Peace: One of Six Areas of Focus

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development



# What is Rotary's definition of PEACE?

**Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.**



“By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.”

# How to Become a Peacebuilding Club

2018: Urbana became a Peacebuilding Club, the first in our district.

<https://search.yahoo.com/search?fr=mcffee&type=E211US1079G0&p=how+to+become+a+rotary+peacebuilding+club>

**PEACEBUILDER CLUB APPLICATION FORM**

The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby submits this application for District \_\_\_\_\_ Peacebuilder Club on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. We hereby agree to adhere to the criteria specified in the Peacebuilder Club Standards Document.

Our inaugural committee members are: (Min. 2 members)

	Name	Email address
1. Chair	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ committee is as follows

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**RAGFP Peacebuilder Club Standards**

**Purposes**

The purposes of qualifying your Rotary club as a Peacebuilder Club are to:

- More powerfully implement RI's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution area of focus in your club,
- Address the growing problem and danger of divisiveness and polarization that fractionalizes and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, and increases the potential for violence,
- Build stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world,
- Help Rotarians maximize the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all six areas of focus, and
- Assist in the accomplishment of Rotary's mission to "enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace."

**Organization and Training – Peacebuilder Committee.**

Every Rotary Peacebuilder Club shall have a Peacebuilding Committee made up of at least two club members.

Each member of the Committee is encouraged take 20-30 minutes to read *Your Piece of Peace – A Peacebuilding Primer for Rotarians*. (Go to [www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org](http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org) and click on "Peacebuilder") Members of the Committee are also encouraged to:

- Help build momentum and impact of peacebuilding in Rotary by joining and/or supporting the Rotarian Action Group For Peace.
- Complete online training in the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace available through The Rotary Peace Academy ([www.rotarypeaceacademy.org](http://www.rotarypeaceacademy.org)) and become familiar with other resources available on the Rotarian Action Group For Peace (RAGFP) website. ([www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org](http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org) – Click on "Resources")
- If your Rotary District has a District Peacebuilding Committee, at least one member of your club peacebuilding committee is encouraged to serve on the district committee, if possible. This connection is especially helpful in facilitating district and multi-district peacebuilding projects – which are highly encouraged by RI, often have substantially greater impact, and can qualify for TRF Global Grants. If your District does not have a Peacebuilder Committee, help create one.

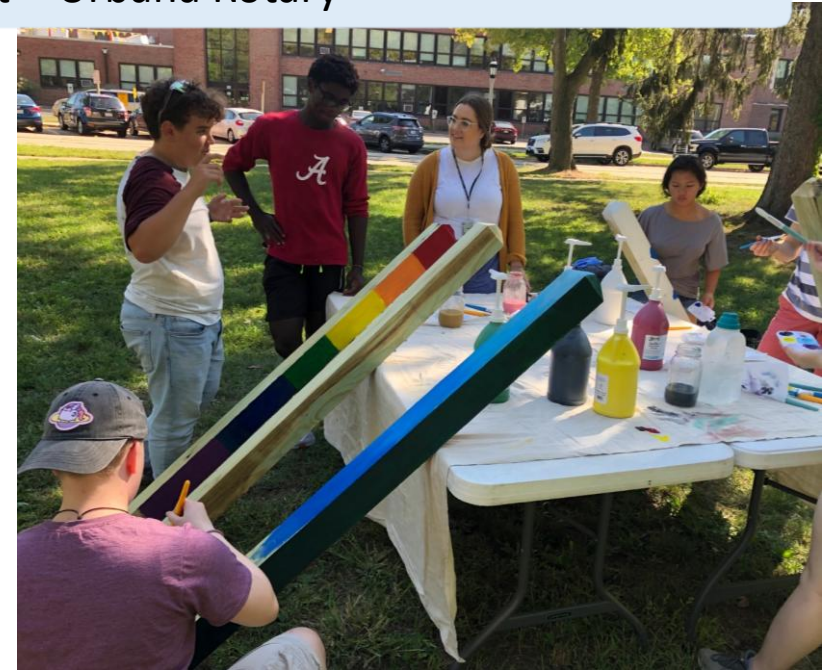
# Urbana's Experience Thus Far: PEACE POLES







Peace Pole Project – Urbana Rotary





# URBANA'S EXPERIENCE THUS FAR: SILVERWOOD PROJECT

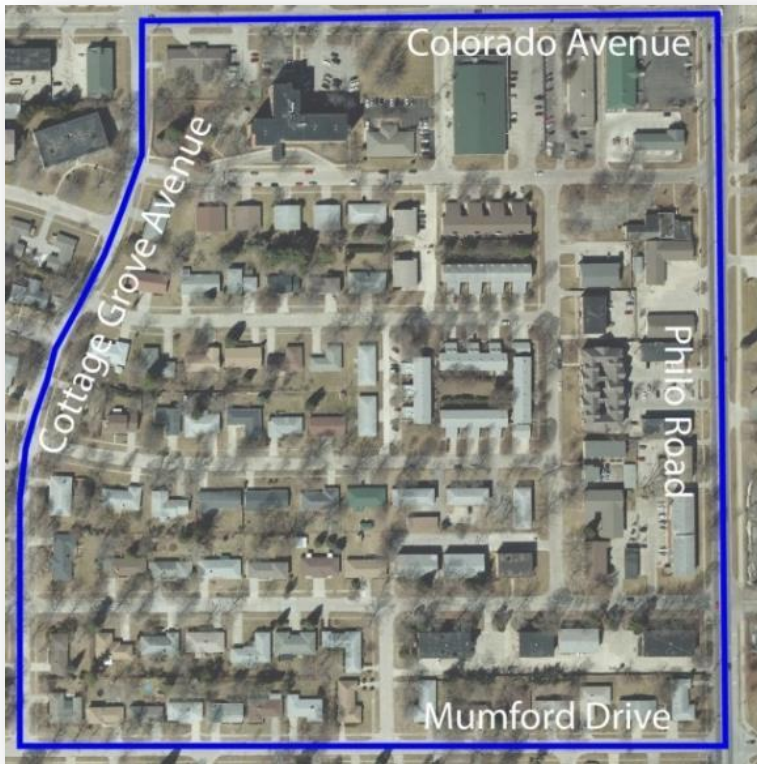
Where is Silverwood?

Colorado Ave: N

Mumford Ave: S

Philo Road: E

Cottage Grove: W



# Ideas We Have Tried

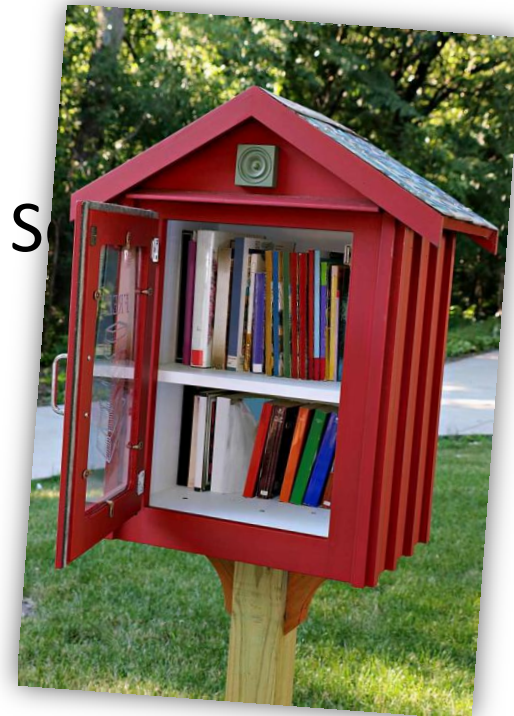
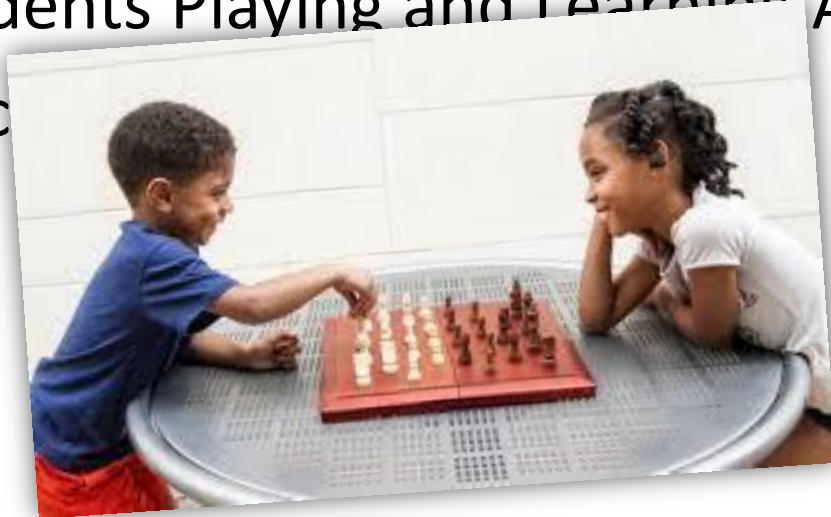
- August: Food packing and delivery to 150 homes. Included back to school coupons for students in each bag. (Thank you, Red Shoe Fund!)
- September: Food packing and delivery to 150 homes. Included packets on how to vote by mail.
- October: Halloween, Urbana Park District and Silver Hearts, October 17.
- November: Thanksgiving food and fresh produce for 100 families of four.
- December: Food and wrapped holiday gifts for parents and grandparents to give – enough for one per child.





# FUTURE Ideas

- Urbana Park District's Crestview Park – designate it and the garden as a Peace Site. It would become a location for events.
- Little Free Libraries
- SPLASH (Students Playing and Learning After School)
- School music



# CHALLENGES

- COVID
- What do the residents *WANT*?
- How much capacity does Rotary have?
- How many volunteers can we expect monthly?
- How should we organize this, in relation with other groups?
- Fundraising
- Getting more people of color involved



# Questions and Comments

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- Our Club's next step -
- Should we apply to become a Rotary Action Group for Peace Member (*designed Peace Builder's Club*)