



ROTARY DISTRICT 5240 PEACEBUILDER CLUB PROGRAM

A District 5240 Peacebuilder Club actively supports Rotary's mission of empowering Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the seven areas of focus, especially Peace and Conflict Resolution. Peacebuilder clubs engage in dialogues and projects that promote positive peace in their communities and around the globe.

What does it mean to be a Peacebuilder Club?

A Peacebuilder Club is committed to diminishing the root causes of conflict: the need for food, water, shelter, health care, literacy, economic opportunity, and human rights. A Peacebuilder Club engages in activities that break this cycle of devastation and despair. It helps create an environment of peace by supporting education and literacy, clean water, sanitation and hygiene, access to healthcare, protection of the environment, and community economic development. Peacebuilder clubs may engage in programs and projects that directly support peace and conflict resolution, including those that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and which promote anti-bullying and conflict resolution activities.

This Rotary Year the world is dealing with unprecedented conditions that challenge the establishment of peace in our communities and throughout the world. Show your commitment to peace by becoming a District 5240 Peacebuilder Club.

For more information, go to the [District 5240 Peace Page](#) on the District website or email the District Peacebuilder Club Team at peacebuilderclub@district5240.org

How do we become a Peacebuilder Club?

There are four categories of activities to complete to be designated a District 5240 Peacebuilder club:

1. Establish a Peacebuilder Club Committee (complete all criteria):

- Establish a Peacebuilder Committee with a Chair and consisting of at least two members.
- Update your list of officers in Clubrunner to include your Peacebuilder Committee Chair (if your club does not use Clubrunner, please email peacebuilderclub@district5240.org with the name and email address of your Peacebuilder Committee Chair).
- Train your Peacebuilder Committee:
 - Ask each committee member to read *Your Piece of Peace – A Peacebuilding Primer for Rotarians* – available from the District 5240 Website Peace Page.
 - Explore and consider joining the Rotarian Action Group For Peace.
 - Optional: Complete online training in the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace available through The Rotary Peace Academy (www.rotarypeaceacademy.org)

2. Present at least two Peacebuilder Education Programs to your Club:

At least twice a year, engage your club or group in a Peacebuilder Education Program.

Resources to assist in planning the program include:

- Peace Is – video available on the district website
- The Peace Project - youth peace advocacy: <http://www.rotarypeaceproject.com/>
- Peace Literacy: <http://peaceliteracy.org/>
- Non-Violent Communication <https://www.cnvc.org/>
- Rotarian Action Group for Peace: www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org
- Rotary Peace Academy: www.rotarypeaceacademy.org
- NewGen Peacebuilders: <http://www.motheringacrosscontinents.org/NewGenPeace>
- Invite a Rotary Peace Fellow to speak at your club. Check the Peace Map at www.rotariansforpeace.org
- Select or create another program about peace or that that informs your club about Rotary's role in building peace.

3. Engage in Peacebuilding Projects or Activities:

Plan and engage in at least **two** Peacebuilder projects or activities during the Rotary year.

Here are some suggestions, or create a program or activity of your own:

- Facilitate peace building activities in a local school or youth organization/group, such as your local YMCA or Boys & Girls Club.
- Offer a Peace conversation training to reduce division and polarization and build civility and community. Resources include:
 - Mediators Beyond Border Peace Conversation <https://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/>
 - Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Peace Literacy <https://www.wagingpeace.org/>
- Lead or participate in a project or activity related to the prevention and eradication of human trafficking. Resources include:
 - Rotary Action Group Against Slavery www.ragas.org
 - Million Kids (Opal Singleton) <https://www.millionkids.org/>
- Work with a school or youth organization to implement or support anti-bullying activities or education. Resources include: How to Prevent Bullying www.stopbullying.gov
- Implement or participate in a project or activities to combat domestic violence, or support a local organization in providing services to victims or domestic violence. Resources include: Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety <http://www.ragfamsafe.org>
- Create an activity or program that increases public awareness of Rotary's peacebuilding activities and programs.
- Get more project ideas at <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-clubs-2/>



4. **Support the Rotary International Peace Programs:**

- Education club members about the Rotary Peace Centers and Peace Fellow Program:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-peace-centers-program-guide-rotarians>
- Solicit ideas for possible Peace Fellow candidates from club members and/or community members. Assist qualified candidates in the application process as needed.
- Optional: Make a donation to a Rotary Peace Center.

How do we report our accomplishments?

Document and complete your Peacebuilder Club activities in the District 5240 Peacebuilder Club reporting form available at this link:

[Peacebuilder Club Report Form](#)

Email the completed form by June 1, 2021, to peacebuilderclubs@district5240.org

How will our club be recognized?

If your club qualifies as a Peacebuilder club, you will be recognized and receive a special banner at the District 5240 Awards celebration at the end of the Rotary year. Your club will be listed on the Peacebuilder Club list maintained by the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

What if I have questions or need ideas?

We welcome any questions and we are ready to help! Please email peacebuilderclubs@district5240.org and we will get right back to you.