

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5240

## A PEACEBUILDER DISTRICT

### What Is A District 5240 PeaceBuilder Club

District 5240 has made a commitment to be a Rotary Peacebuilder District. We also made a commitment to wage peace wherever we can – in our local communities and in communities around the world.

The district established the Peacebuilder Club program designed to enhance Rotary's mission of *advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace* through the promotion of programs and projects aligning with the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation and in particular, **Peace, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution**.

What Is Peace? It is not just an absence of war. We have to think of the root causes of violence and conflict in the world:

- Constant internal civil wars and oppressive governments create an environment that engenders violence and unrest.
- Extreme poverty creates poor health, sickness, malnutrition, and disease.
- Injustice and inequality cause frustration and lack of trust in institutions.
- Pervasive hopelessness that things will not get better in the future causes civil strife.
- Limited access to clean water, adequate food, shelter, sanitation, and self-determination can and should be corrected.

A District 5240 Peacebuilder Club is a Rotary club that is dedicated to diminishing the root causes of conflict: the need for food, water, shelter, health care, literacy, jobs, and human rights. One that is dedicated to breaking this cycle of devastation and despair, and to helping create an environment of security through providing basic education, clean water, proper sanitation and hygiene, basic health-care and a chance at a decent future.

A Peacebuilder Club uses peace education and peace principles to guide the club's service and development projects.

In many ways, much of what we do as Rotarians to improve the human condition in our communities and internationally, supports peace. When you feed the hungry, improve educational opportunities for everyone or help create a climate for community economic development you are peace building. When you see injustices and assist in removing them, you are peace building. When you reach out a hand to people you don't know, you are peace building.

Your club can become a PeaceBuilder Club this year. Select a club Peace Chair. Hold a club program about Peace. Engage in a local program that promotes peace. Support an international program that supports peace. Report your activities to the district. Go to the [District 5240 Peace Page](#) on the District website for PeaceBuilder Club program qualifications and information or contact District 5240 Peacebuilder Club Chair PDG Nick Frankle (email: [nickdg1617@earthlink.net](mailto:nickdg1617@earthlink.net))