

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5240

## A PEACEBULDIER 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 build peace wherever we can – in our local communities and in communities around the world.

The district established the Peacebuilder Club program within District 5240 to support 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, especially Peace and Conflict Prevention.

**Peace is not just an absence of conflict.** The root causes of violence and conflict in the world include:

- Constant internal conflicts and oppressive governments create an environment that engenders violence and unrest.
- Extreme poverty resulting in 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 committed to diminishing the root causes of conflict: the need for food, water, shelter, health care, literacy, jobs, and human rights. A Peacebuilder Club engages in activities that are breaking this cycle of devastation and despair and helping to create an environment of peace by supporting education and literacy, clean water, sanitation and hygiene, access to healthcare and community economic development.

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

Everything we do as Rotarians to improve the human condition in the global community builds peace. When you feed the hungry, improve educational opportunities for everyone or help create a climate for community economic development you are building peace. When you see injustices and assist in removing them, you are building peace. When you work to improve the environment around us, you are building peace. When you reach out a hand to people you don't know and who will not know you, you are building peace.

**Your club can become a Peacebuilder Club this Rotary year.**

Select a club Peace Chair. Hold a club program about Peace. Engage in TWO projects – local or international – that build peace. Report your activities to the district.

For more information, go to the [District 5240 Peace Page](#) on the District website or Email the District Peacebuilder Club Team at [peacebuilderclubs@disrict5240.org](mailto:peacebuilderclubs@disrict5240.org)

