

District 7010 Peace Committee

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Why now?



Ukraine
Afghanistan
Myanmar
China
United States

Beaufort Sea

Closer to Home



Ottawa Protest
Residential Schools
Religious Intolerance
and Terrorist Acts
Gender
Discrimination

Are the Wheels
Falling Off?



What Can We Do??

District 7010– Peace Committee

The purpose of the Peace Committee is to build awareness of peace programs to fulfill Rotary's mission to empower and enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

We believe that positive peace embodies the attitudes, structures and institutes that support and sustain a peaceful society.

Through these actions we address the underlying causes of conflict which include:

poverty,
discrimination,
ethnic tension,
lack of access to education,
unequal distribution of resources



Building Peace



ROTARY'S
SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS



Rotary



Our members take action by:

- carrying out service projects,
- supporting peace fellowships and scholarships,
- promoting peace building initiatives.

Working together on service projects connects people and creates the potential of opportunities to build community and a sense of belonging and peace.



What is Peace?

Peace is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence. In a social sense, peace is commonly used to mean a lack of conflict (such as war) and freedom from fear of violence between individuals or groups.

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

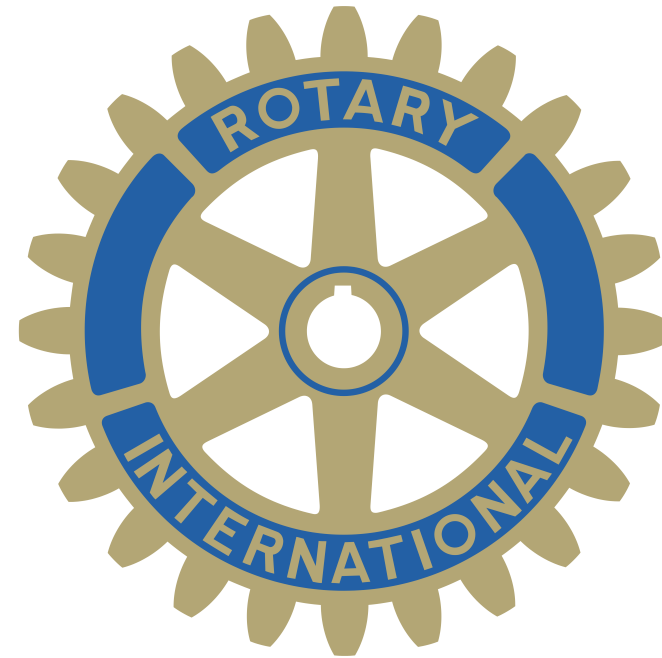
~ **John F. Kennedy**



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Rotary International Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance **world understanding, goodwill, and peace** through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



What's in our DNA?



District & Global Grants
Area of Focus Peace
PolioPlus
Rotary Action Group
Peacebuilding Districts
Peacebuilding Clubs

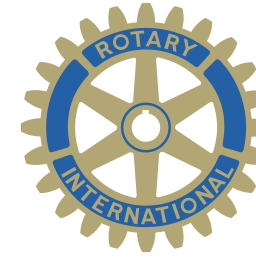
Rotary Peace Centres

Peace Online Course
Peace Facilitation Guides
United Nations & Rotary
Peace Partners

- Institute for Economics & Peace
- Mediators Beyond Borders



Rotary & Peace



1914	1921	1940	1942	1945	1958
Houston	Edinburgh	Havana	London	San Francisco	Paris
RI Convention				United Nations	
Delegates at the 5 th RI Convention resolved that Rotary should “lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world”	“To aid in the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service”. – Fourth Object of Rotary	Resolution calling for “freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word and respect for human rights”. Led to United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights	How to promote cross-cultural understanding to avoid future conflicts? Led to formation of UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.	49 Delegates at the charter signing were Rotarians! Some of original SG were Rotarians. Rotary was one of only two NGOs initially accredited to the UN Economic and Social Committee RI/UN Ambassadors Rotary Day at the UN	Ratification Universal Declaration of Human Rights

New York-- Today



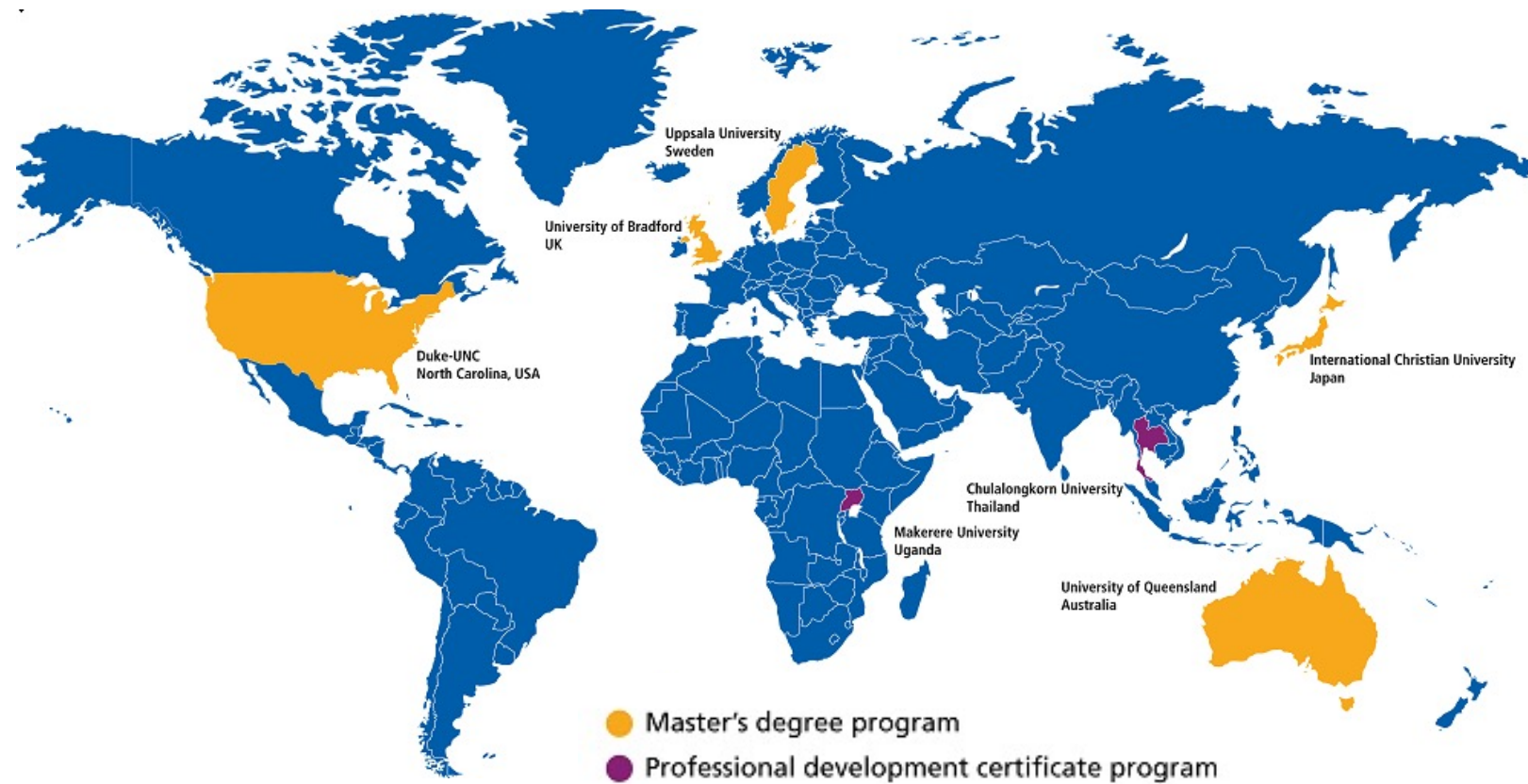
Continuing our relationship

PolioPlus



Since 1985 – Building Peace

Rotary Peace Centers



ROTARY PEACE CENTRE

MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA - MENA



- Trustees of the OFW Foundation are PDG Marty & Frank Helman
- Otto Walter was a Jewish lawyer displaced by WWII
- Established a law firm in USA & Europe
- Donating the bulk of the Foundation to establish a Peace Centre - \$15.5 million
- Fully funded
- To be operational by July 2026

Due to Rotary's Reputation!

Rotary Peace Centers - 2002



The Rotary Peace Centers program has a **vision of sustainable peace** — encompassing a network of peacebuilders and community leaders dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts around the globe.



INSTITUTE FOR

ECONOMICS

& PEACE

Rotary and the Institute for Economics & Peace:
A Strategic Partnership for Positive Peace

Negative Peace



Positive Peace

Humanity is nearing a tipping point and facing challenges unparalleled in its short history.

Global in nature, such as climate change, ever decreasing biodiversity, depletion of the earth's freshwater, and overpopulation.

Such global challenges call for global solutions and require cooperation on a scale unprecedented in human history. Peace is the prerequisite for the survival of humanity in the 21st century.

Without peace, it will not be possible to achieve the levels of trust, cooperation and inclusiveness necessary to solve these challenges, let alone empower international institutions and organisations necessary to address them.

In the past, peace may have been the domain of the altruistic; but in the current interconnected and highly mobile global society it is clearly in everyone's self-interest.



PEACE

Well functioning government

Equitable distribution of resources

Free flow of information

Good relations with neighbors

High levels of human capital

Acceptance of the rights of others

Low levels of corruption

Sound business environment

Rotary takes a performance-based approach to development, emphasizing accountability, measurable impact, and sustainability in its projects. Rotary's Four-Way Test — which asks if an action is true, is fair, builds goodwill and friendship, and benefits all — guides the organization's members. Rotary also promotes integrity in business environments through youth training and vocational service.
Sustainable Goal: 17

Rotary was instrumental in the creation of the UN and UNESCO. Five Rotary members have served as presidents of the UN General Assembly, and today Rotary holds top consultative status at ECOSOC.
Sustainable Goal: 16

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT:

Rotary is a partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Since 1988, the GPEI has reduced worldwide polio cases by 99.9 percent. More than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated against polio. Rotary has also boosted basic health services in thousands of communities.
Sustainable Goals: 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 17

WATER AND SANITATION:

Rotary has developed long-term relationships with the U.S. Agency for International Development, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector to improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services in communities around the world.
Sustainable Goals: 4, 5, 6

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Rotary develops opportunities for young and old to do productive work. It also supports entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished areas.
Sustainable Goals: 1, 8, 9, 10, 11

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH:

Rotary improves access to essential medical services, provides immunizations and antibiotics for babies, and supports trained health care providers.
Sustainable Goals: 3, 5, 10

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY:

Rotary projects train teachers, provide vocational training, supply low-cost textbooks, and integrate technology into curricula. The goal is to build communities' own capacity to support basic education, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.
Sustainable Goals: 1, 4, 5

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION:

Rotary Peace Fellowships and other initiatives train adults and young leaders to prevent and resolve conflict.
Sustainable Goals: 16, 17

District Goals - Create a District Peace Committee

- Provide resources and liase with Club Peace Builder Members
- Current Goal - 10 Peace Builder Clubs

How to Become A Peacebuilder Club

Choosing the designation of “Peacebuilder Club” begins with a declaration of commitment to promoting Rotary’s focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.

Peace Builder Clubs’ Commitments

- Designate at least two members (one to serve as Chair) who will coordinate the club’s peace-related activities and programs.
- This person will serve as club’s contact person for Peace related communications
- Ensure that at least one Club program/education is Peace-focused
- Involve Youth in Peace-focused activities
- Promote Rotary Peace Centre and Scholarships
- Promote with your community your Club’s commitment to Peace, Goodwill and Understanding (Peace Poles)



Rotary Peace Committees

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Peace is part of the fabric of Rotary. We are dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives and move toward a more equitable, peaceful world. Now more than ever our world needs ambassadors for peace. Peace committees help to frame our efforts and energies and highlight our commitment to peace, - not only to ourselves but to the communities we serve. S.D.

I was a child during the Second World War and a teenager during the Hungarian Revolution. I had seen dead people and knew people, some relatives, who got killed. My wife and I also worked in the Ukraine and are anxious to know what is happening to members of the family whose meal, home and activities we shared. Wars are terrible. S.H.

In today's world there seems to be too much volatility whether it's race related, religion related or caused by some crazy person who wants to take over the world. My parents served in WW2 and my grandfather died in Belgium in the First World War. I've never served in the way they have but being somehow involved in this capacity is the least I can do. Everyone needs to do something! K.M.

What is your reason?

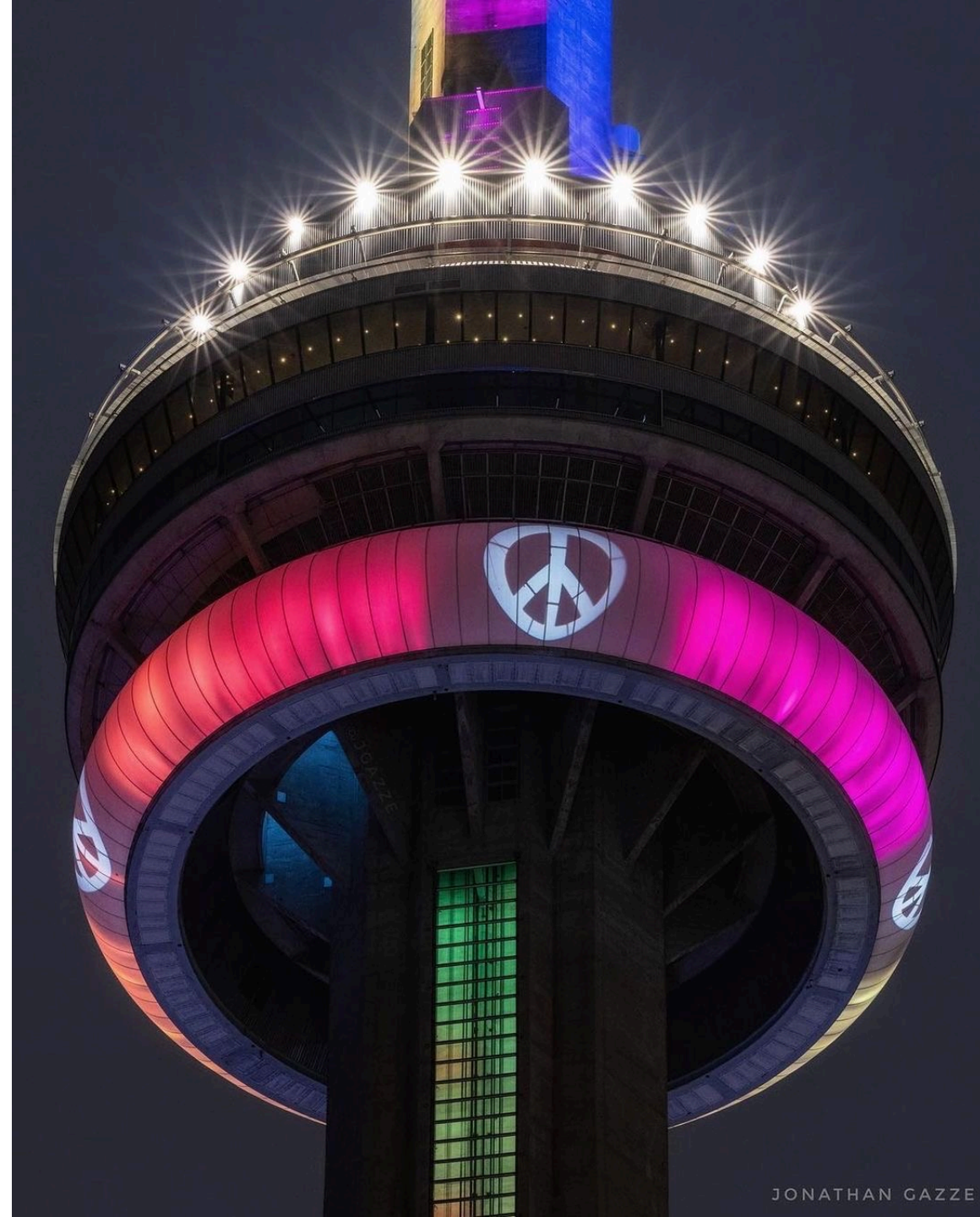
From Bryn Styles:

Peace will not happen in the abstract. I firmly believe for peace to happen, it has to start in our communities. Rotarians and Rotary clubs are in a unique position. They are engaged in their communities on many levels. Rotarians may not know it, but they are already peacebuilders. Every project we do in our communities helps to promote peace. By following the 4 Way Test, we promote a peaceful solution.

But with the polarization that is occurring in our communities, in our country and worldwide, we need to be more aggressive and organized in being peacebuilders. Rotary clubs need to have a focused direction on how they can work within their communities and externally in not only promoting peace but providing tools so peaceful solutions can be found.

The resources are available to do this.

We just need the direction to make it happen. B.S.



Margaret Meade

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



Goalcast



All we are saying.....



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