Draft of Suggested Message from Governor to Clubs

(Via DG eMail, Newsletter and District Website)

Mr John Smith, President Rotary Club of Yourtown, State

Dear John:

Re: 'Rotary Peace Community' Declaration

As you know, one of the main objects of Rotary International is promoting world peace through good will and better international understanding. Many of our Rotary programs promote this goal and in April 2008, RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be hosting a Rotary Peace Summit in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

This event will showcase all we do as Rotarians to foster world peace through understanding. Highlights include participation of senior Rotary and Global Peace leaders and a recognition of Peace Communities, with several unique peace related presentations and activities.

"Peace begins as home" in every family and community in which we live. For peace to exist in our world, we need awareness and peace in every street and place within each community. That is why this Presidential Conference will encourage the declaration or re-affirmation of current Peace Cities and Communities in all parts of our world.

As part of this global initiative, we encourage you to have your 'Community Service' committee join with other Rotary clubs in your municipality to meet with and promote the concept with community officials. Please work to elevate both the image of Rotary and awareness of both local and global community peace in our world.

To help you do this a 'Planning Kit' with suggestions and templates will soon be available at www.rotarypeacesummit.org to show how your club can get involved.

A workshop is being planned at the summit and a special ceremony with President Wilf will recognize Mayors and Rotary Clubs from Peace Communities in attendance. Your participation at this event is welcomed along with the Mayors or representatives of current or future peace communities.

I look forward to hearing about your peace community activity, working to bring Rotary's goal of understanding and world peace to the forefront in your local area.

Yours in Rotary

Governor's Name/Signature