

# **Rotary Peace Ceremony Example**

**(Modify for your own use)**

Rotary Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony- Spencerport, NY, Tuesday, November 12  
@ 2:00 pm

Agenda for peace pole ceremony- Play “We Are the World” before ceremony.

1. Welcome to dedication- Ann/Jeff
2. Mayor -Gary Penders
3. Travis gray- police chief
4. Mike Zale-Town Supervisor
5. Governor Dave
6. Peace Pole committee
7. Play “Let there be peace on earth.”

Have music for “We Are The World.” and “Let There be Peace on Earth.”

**Rotary speaks first-** Thank you everyone for joining us today as we celebrate the dedication of our peace pole. We come together today to dedicate this Peace Pole and now one of more than 200,000 in 180 countries. A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth.

This idea began with Mr. Masahisa Goi after World War II and the dropping of the atomic bombs. Mr. Goi came to understand that words, thoughts, and intentions carry energy strong enough to influence the destiny of all living beings and by speaking, acting, and living in the spirit of the prayer, May Peace Prevail on Earth, the energy field of love and harmony would radiate forth to all of creation. The four languages on this pole –Arabic, Spanish, English, and Hebrew – unite us with our sisters around the world. In 1985 “we are the world” recorded the world must come together as one it is time to lend a hand to life the greatest gift of all.

**2<sup>nd</sup> peace pole committee member-**The poles are intended to inspire unity among people of all backgrounds and cultures, and to serve as a silent prayer

for peace. Rotary Peace Poles are part of Rotary's focus on peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Rotarian-**Peace starts with each one of us. Spreads out to our clubs. Eventually it reaches out to zones and the world clubs. Peace is the best way to lead. To lead your life in peace and inspire others. Perceive rotary as an institution that preaches and practices peace. Peace pole invitation extended to each one of you to join a movement across borders to support positive peace action in our back yard and across our communities. We are building a story, weaving our individual threads into a tapestry to build our own stories create hope and actions for peace.  
Caring is the foundation of peace. Taking care of people, family members, neighbor next door, community, taking care of people in our next-door country and other Rotarians.

Mayor speaks  
Travis Gray  
Mike Zale

**Governor Dave-** Peace is service. Rotary supports peace in service- we are people of action.  
Literacy, clean water disease prevention are all areas of rotary focus. It lays the foundations for sustainable peace. Recognize peace doesn't just happen, it only takes root when you have the eight pillars of positive peace;  
well-functioning government  
sound business environment  
acceptance of the rights of others  
good relations with neighbors  
free flow of information

high levels of human capital  
low levels of corruption  
equitable distribution of resources

**Peace Pole Committee-** peace will take more than one lifetime to achieve.  
Larger than us all. Never be discouraged by the pathways it takes to achieve  
peace.

Peace pole is a symbol for us quiet reflection, conversation, meditation and a  
gathering place for friendship invitation to join a movement. Many layers, many  
faucets. It is a Symbol to go forth and be peaceful. To Share with everyone in  
our community. what brings us together is more important than what brings us  
apart. Whoever we are where ever we are the pathway to peace must begin with  
me.

Play “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”