



## Peacebuilder Clubs FACT SHEET

### Why Become a Peacebuilder Club?

Consider becoming a Peacebuilder Club if you want to:

- Be connected with resources for your clubs to consider
- Learn about the rich opportunities for Peacebuilding through Rotary
- Promote education and skill-building in peace and conflict prevention/resolution to our youth
- Help identify and encourage Rotary Peace Fellowships
- Raise community awareness about Rotary's peacebuilding work
- Take action to reduce the many facets of conflict in our communities



### Why Peacebuilder Clubs Now

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Bullying, domestic abuse, gang violence, suicide, terrorism, wars, poverty, injustice...the types of violence are many, and the need for education and action is great. The vision for the District 5500 Peacebuilder Club program is to maximize Rotary as an agent for peace and to connect service to Peace. Rotarians are "people of action" who want to do something-- not just talk-- about creating a safer, more secure world.

### How to Become a Peacebuilder Club

*The designation of "Peacebuilder Club" is a choice that begins with a simple declaration of commitment to promote Rotary's focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.*

#### Peacebuilder Clubs' Responsibilities

- Adopt the District 5500 Peacebuilder Club Standards
- Form a Peace Committee with a Chair who will coordinate the club's peace-related activities and programs.
- Ensure the club is represented in the District 5500 Peacebuilder Network
- Conduct at least one peacebuilding activity every year
- Ensure at least one Club program/education session is Peace-focused
- Let the community know about your club's commitment to peace, goodwill and understanding

- Promote Rotary Peace Centers/Peace Fellowships
- Promote attendance at District 5500 peace related efforts such as Peace Conferences



## **PEACEBUILDER CLUB**

### **So Many Possibilities...Be Creative!**

Peacebuilder Clubs show their dedication to creating a less-violent world in many ways. Some suggestions:

- Partner on international grants dedicated to diminishing the root causes of conflict, such as the need for food, clean water and health services
- Plant a "Peace Pole" to serve as a reminder to strive for peace and of the sobering, high costs of violence
- Host international exchange students
- Integrate peace into a club service project
- Promote school-based efforts such as anti-bullying programs and conflict skills education
- Find and submit a prospective candidate to receive a Rotary Peace Fellow scholarship and education
- Organize peace conferences/symposiums
- Support projects that aid humanitarian efforts in violence-torn areas
- Partner with local organizations on peace-related events, such as International Day of Peace, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, or Earth Day
- Host classes on the environment or social justice issues
- Create a peace pavilion, park or memorial
- Host a community or neighborhood event

### **For Information or To Apply**

To apply, contact the District 5500 Peace Committee Chair: [ellie.patterson1@outlook.com](mailto:ellie.patterson1@outlook.com)

For training, ideas, and resources, visit The Rotarian Action Group for Peace at:

[www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org](http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org)

***Join today!***  
**Become a Peacebuilder Club**  
**and help build a culture of peace**