

Discover Your Piece of Peace



Peace has been a fundamental component of Rotary International since it was first established in 1905.

The fourth guiding principle of Rotary informs us that Rotary is dedicated to "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

- In 1917, the Rotary Foundation was created with the purpose of doing good in the world. The mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.
- In 1921, the Rotary by-laws were modified to include the statement. "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship..."
- In 1940, at the Havana Convention, Rotary adopted a resolution calling for "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights.
- In 1942, Rotary Clubs from 21 nations organized a conference that was a precursor to the creation of UNESCO.
- In 1945, Rotary was at the forefront of finalizing the United Nations Charter at a meeting in San Francisco. Rotary provided 11 official observers for the US delegation.

The Rotary Peace Centers were established in 1999. To date, over 1,700 Peace Fellows have been trained through the program and each year an additional 130 Peace Fellows attend one of seven universities throughout the world learning about Peacebuilding.

Would you like to become do your part in moving the Peacebuilding efforts of Rotary International forward?

Take a bold step. Learn about Peacebuilding by attending a free, online course through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.

It is easy. It is painless. And you learn so much about the potential for yourself, your club, and your community to make a real difference in the world.

Learn more about how you can discover your Piece of Peace with the [Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#).



Peace
Committee

Please feel free to contact the District 5080 Peace Committee to have a discussion about how you can expand your insights and knowledge in Peacebuilding.

The District 5080 Peace Committee, through its Peace Academy, offers a Speakers Bureau where we present short programs for your club or community on Peacebuilding. We also participate in the District Spring and Fall Assemblies to help transform existing and emerging Rotary Leaders into Peacebuilders. We also offer our Peacebuilders in Action Summits in collaboration with the Annual District Conference. These internationally recognized programs support our ongoing efforts to expand our reach in the area of Peacebuilder education, global understanding and healthy conversations.

Please go to the District 5080 website [Peacebuilder pages](#) to learn about the many projects and resources available through the District 5080 Peace Committee and the growing number of Peacebuilder Clubs in our District.