

RAGFP Peacebuilder Club Standards

Purposes

The purposes of qualifying your Rotary club as a Peacebuilder Club are to:

- i. More powerfully implement RI's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution area of focus in your club,
- ii. Address the growing problem and danger of divisiveness and polarization that fractionalizes and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, and increases the potential for violence,
- iii. Build stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world,
- iv. Help Rotarians maximize the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all seven areas of focus, and
- v. Assist in the accomplishment of Rotary's mission to **"enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace."**

Organization and Training – Peacebuilder Committee.

Every Rotary Peacebuilder Club shall have a Peacebuilding Committee made up of at least two club members.

Each member of the Committee is encouraged take 20-30 minutes to read *Your Piece of Peace – A Peacebuilding Primer for Rotarians*. (Go to www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org and click on "Peacebuilder") Members of the Committee are also encouraged to:

- i. Help build momentum and impact of peacebuilding in Rotary by joining and/or supporting the Rotarian Action Group For Peace.
- ii. Complete online training in the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace available through The Rotary Peace Academy (www.rotarypeaceacademy.org) and become familiar with other resources available on the Rotarian Action Group For Peace (RAGFP) website. (www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org – Click on "Resources")
- iii. If your Rotary District has a District Peacebuilding Committee, at least one member of your club peacebuilding committee is encouraged to serve on the district committee, if possible. This connection is especially helpful in facilitating district and multi-district peacebuilding projects – which are highly encouraged by RI, often have substantially greater impact, and can qualify for TRF Global Grants. If your District does not have a Peacebuilder Committee, help create one.

Peacebuilder Committee – Basic Responsibilities.

Educate and empower Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and others in your area regarding peacebuilding principles and strategies and individual opportunities and responsibilities for peacebuilding by:

- i. Encouraging them to read the Primer,
- ii. Conducting brief trainings in club meetings at least twice per year regarding principles of peacebuilding utilizing principles from the Primer, The Rotary Peace Academy, and other sources.
- iii. Helping Rotarians to recognize that every Club project in all six areas of focus contributes to building community and peace and giving them the tools to maximize the community-building and peacebuilding impact of every project. (Some guidelines are in the Primer.)
- iv. Peace education conversations with individual Rotarians and/or
- v. Providing other training. (Like coordinating with your Rotary District's officers and other peacebuilder committees in your District to provide peacebuilder training at your District Conference.)

Engage Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows, Interactors, Rotaractors, and others in your area in peacebuilding action by:

- i. Sponsoring at least one club peacebuilding activity per year. RAGFP encourages projects that introduce peace curricula in local schools, clubs, and other child and/or youth groups. (Several examples are listed under "Resources" on RAGFP website). Other possibilities are projects to address (i) division and polarization and build civility and community, (ii) human trafficking, (iii) bullying, (iv) domestic violence, and (v) gang issues in your community. (The Primer has details and other suggestions.) To find Rotary Peace Fellows and other resources in your area see the RAGFP Peace Map. TRF Funding Guidelines for peace projects can be found at this [link](#).
- ii. Clubs are strongly encouraged to help plan and implement district and multi-district projects in the peace and conflict prevention/resolution area of focus. RAGFP stands ready to assist.

Raise the Profile by:

- i. At least once a year doing something to increase public awareness of Rotary's peacebuilding power and activities. (Such as planting a Peace Pole, sponsoring a student peace art or peace video competition, or sponsoring a community peace conference. See Primer for details and other suggestions.)

Support Rotary Peace Centers by:

- i. Increasing club awareness of Rotary Peace Centers and the Peace Fellow Program by making a presentation in a club meeting prior to the program application deadline each year. <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-peace-centers-program-guide-rotarians>
- ii. Becoming aware of Rotary Peace Fellows residing in your area by checking the Peace Map at www.rotariansforpeace.org and engaging them in Club presentations and projects. Encourage them to get involved with Rotary if they are not.
- iii. Engaging Club members in helping to find qualified candidates to nominate for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. Support candidates your club selects for nomination through the nomination process. Stay in touch with them.
- iv. If your Rotary District has made a commitment to financially support Rotary Peace Centers as a Peacebuilder District, help raise the funds to satisfy the District's commitment. Financially support TRF plans for new Rotary Peace Centers.