SUMMARY OF ROTARY ACTIVITIES PROMOTING WORLDWIDE PEACE

District 7210

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Dedicated to the millions of Rotarians from thousands of clubs worldwide who weekly ring their meeting bells that begin small acts of kindness between members spreading to community projects and global initiatives. This state of “being” Rotary and these actions enhance the trajectory of humanity toward prosperity, oneness and peace.

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Peace is in our Hands!
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Leads to Peace
Keeping Free of Political And Religious
Agendas Yet honoring the Dignity of Man
for Order and Prayer makes….

ROTARY - PEACE IN ACTION

As Rotary founder Paul Harris said:
"This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."
http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/library/music/peace.htm

"Why did Rotary come into being in the year of our Lord 1905? Social movements, like individuals, are subject to the laws of heredity and environment."
Paul Harris

"Rotary inherited the growing spirit of tolerance and the 'I WILL' spirit of Chicago...No president or officer of Rotary International, no district governor, no club president, has failed to leave his imprint, and as the individual member is in turn the product of heredity as well as environment, it is necessary to look far back into history to find the Why of the rise of Rotary in Chicago in 1905."

"The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action. Any person, any nation, can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment; they can find peace if they will." Paul P. Harris, January 1946
Peace Through Service
2012-13 International Theme
Why Now?

"The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness." Paul P. Harris From a recorded interview in Tuskegee, Alabama, USA in 1945

2012-13 is a synergistic moment in history and because of the Internet and the global conversations taking place, it is a moment where each of us can truly make a difference. We are entering this environment with cautious optimism, understanding the environmental, economic and military forces at play. Will we move through this time in a quiet evolution or a tumultuous revolution? Mankind is ready to make these positive changes for we have evolved to a higher state of consciousness knowing that what we have done in the past will not lead us to a better future. We must change course quickly to survive and prosper.

“Stronger than all the armies is an idea whose time has come.” Victor Hugo

Rotary, by reaching within to embrace humanity is joining to help move mankind from a culture of war to a culture of Peace!
Sakuji Tanaka
President of Rotary International 2012-2013

Major reasons he chose the theme of Peace Through Service is consistent with the Mission of the Foundation...
To enable Rotarians to advance World understanding, good will and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

- Born in the aftermath of the nuclear bombings and devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- He was one of 8 children
- Father of 3 children
- Grandfather of 5 grandchildren
- Chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee which sponsored the second Rotary World Peace Symposium. Tanaka states that “Peace is more than just the absence of war.”
Japan:
Birth of the Peace and Peace Bell Movements
A Moment of Synergy, Synchronicity and Synthesis

After the bombings and devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945, the genesis of the Peace Movement and Peace Bell Movement began in earnest. Many groups began working toward peace at this time especially after the Great War and then World War II. (In the US in the 1960s this became known as the “anti-war movement”).

Japan had to rebuild and needed to be at peace with itself and with the world. Bells, instruments of spiritual nourishment and gardens, places of spiritual beauty and physical nourishment, became more important than ever to the people, their culture and their cities. As a result, in 1952 the Japanese Peace Bell was cast (including were coins and metal from approximately 60 United Nations countries) and dedicated at the United Nations in New York City in 1954.

The Hiroshima Peace Gardens and Bell were dedicated in 1964 and in 1982 the World Peace Bell Association (WPBA) was founded in Japan and became an NGO of the United Nations, it purpose to put peace bells in every major capital of the World. The WPBA, has placed five World Peace Bells in Japan and one in each of fifteen other countries around the world. They can be seen at http://peace.maripo.comp_bells_wpb.htm.

Universal Peace Day, August 5th-August 6th in Japan commemorates the tragic loss of well over 200,000 people and, with after-effects of injuries, illness, and radiation the many more who died because of the bombing of those two cities. You are invited to join others on Universal Peace Day in reflection and ringing bells at 7:15 pm and 8:15 am in Japan.

This peace movement is now reaching a crucial moment around the world.... We are at the beginning of that special evolution of which Victor Hugo and many others have written about.
Like bamboo, which depending on the species often takes several years to germinate in the ground before it then grows, sometimes over 4 inches in one day and 60-90 feet in a season, so it is with peace. These seeds of peace have been germinating for almost 70 years, during which time they were being fed with wars in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Now, with the birth and dynamic growth of the Internet they are ready to burst forth and blossom amid the current political and economic turmoil of today. So let us welcome this new consciousness we have been yearning for as we become one in a brave new world and continue this shift from a culture of war to a culture of peace. Rotary will continue to be one of this movement's most dynamic and historical leaders.
We must find a handful of Rotarians who will dedicate themselves to history so that thousands more might dedicate themselves to Rotary!

History is not the baggage of Rotary, but rather the blueprint of Rotary. This blueprint is what you need if you want to "remodel" the building. We can't live in the past, but we need to understand it to change the present. Have a say in history by joining RGHF.

Jack Selway
RGHF Founder and CEO
# The Rotary Foundation
## Future Vision Plan

### Purpose
- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission.
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians.
- Offer funding options to help achieve both global and local goals.
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts and their member clubs.
- Advance understanding of the Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image.

### Mission
The Mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance World understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

[www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision)

### Areas of Focus
- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
Is peace possible?
“Simply getting enemies to speak to each other is the first step of communication, the first step to mutual understanding.” Cyril Noirtin

“There is now a whole generation of new experts coming out full of knowledge and full of enthusiasm.” Jan Egeland

1901 the first Nobel Prizes named for the inventor of dynamite, Alfred Nobel, are awarded.

1914 The Rotary Club of Minneapolis, MN sends a proposal to the International Association of Rotary Clubs suggesting that all clubs become peace advocates in their communities.

1922 At the Rotary convention in Los Angeles, delegates resolve to establish international peace as part of the Object of Rotary and to change the name of the organization to Rotary International.

1940 At the RI Convention in Havana, delegates resolve that where freedom, justice, truth and sanctity of the pledged word and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live.

1942 London Rotarians convene a world peace conference attended by representatives of 21 governments. The leadership group that emerges from this event evolves into UNESCO.

1945 At the UN Charter Conference in San Francisco more than 40 Rotarians participate as delegates or consultants. US Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius declares the invitation is a “simple recognition of the practical part Rotary members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations.”
1981 At the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, the first Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace is given to Noburu Iwamura of Japan for his work with the sick and the poor in Nepal and throughout Asia.


1994 The Rotary club of Skoyen, Norway, establishes a peace project through which Israeli and Palestinian students attend an all-expense-paid summer study program in Oslo.

**Rotary Peace Symposiums**

2007 Rotary hosts its first Rotary World Peace Symposium, a preconvention opportunity for current and former Rotary World Peace Fellows and Rotarians to connect and exchange ideas. It draws nearly 400 participants.

2009 Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks at the second Rotary World Peace Symposium. The Rotary Centers program now has more than 400 alumni.

2012 Third Peace Symposium in Bangkok, Thailand, Former Sudanese soldier, Emmanuel Jal pumps up the volume and opens his keynote speech not by talking about peace but rather by singing about it.
Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. Fellows earn a master’s degrees at the following universities in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)
- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Peace Net Newsletter
The Peace Net newsletter is a forum for the Rotary Peace Centers community—a community that includes Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, center directors and staff, Rotarian sponsors, host area coordinators, donors, and Rotary Peace Centers committee members.
HISTORY OF THE ROTARY
PEACE CITIES AND ROTARY
PEACE SYMBOL PROJECTS

The Rotary Peace City Project and the Rotary Peace Symbol Project were introduced to the 1993 Melbourne World Rotary Convention by past president Tony Quinlivan. This program originally initiated out of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga - Kooringal D9700 in 1992, where the City in New South Wales, Australia, was the first declared Rotary Peace City in the world. There are now over sixty Rotary Peace Cities making the world a more peaceful place, one Rotary Peace School & Garden at a time, by Building Bridges one Rotary Peace City at a time.

The object of Peace Cities and Communities is to create awareness and intention that this is the path that these areas wish to travel and they will create & tend peace pole gardens as symbols of this effort.

First Registered Peace Communities.  
http://www.rotarypeacecities.info/

Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650, Australia (First Peace City in the World) 23/2/1993.
Manila, Philippines. (First Peace City in Asia) 22/6/1994
Port Washington. Wisconsin, USA (First Peace City in USA) 15/8/1995
Kobe, Japan (First Peace City in Japan) 23/11/1995
East London (First Peace City in South Africa) 23/2/1996
Honolulu, Hawaii USA (First Peace City in the Pacific) 23/2/1996
Cannes, France.(First Peace City in France & Europe) 5/6/1996
Milledgeville & Baldwin County, Georgia, USA. (First Peace County in USA) 18/7/1996
Zamboanga City, Philippines, (First Peace City in Mindanao) 9/10/1997
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (First Peace City in Mexico) 1996
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Parksville, British Columbia, Canada (First Peace City in Canada) 19/12/1997
Yokneam, Israel, (First Peace City in the Middle East), 6/6/99
Lusaka, Zambia (First Peace City in Zambia), June 1999.
Chennai Kilpauk City, Tamil Nadu, India. (First Peace City in India). 20/12/99
San Juan Province & San Juan City, Argentina. 06/04/01 (First Peace Province)
Samui Island, Thailand (First Peace City in Thailand 2009)

Banner Exchange with Rotary Sister Clubs, newest Rotary Peace Cities,
Schools and Gardens.... January 2008

Rotary Peace Cities building Goodwill and Better Friendships
It was a passion of Rotary International Founder Paul P. Harris to convey the worth of promoting world peace. These monuments are Rotary's effort to visualize that promise. This page is dedicated to Rotary Peace Monuments and the desire of those who created them to move mankind toward world peace.

worldpeaceandunderstanding.org
over 500 sites worldwide
Rotary Peace Monuments from around the world

Edward W. (Ted) Lollis, Knoxville, USA began this portion of our history website, the work is continued by Germán Sintes Lluch, RGHF member from Rotary Club De Mahon-Mo, Menorca-Espana, District 2203.

Photo: Ted reading during a ceremony at the International Friendship Bell in Oak Ridge, TN, made Aug. 9, 2005, the 60th anniversary of the Nagasaki bombing.
The Internet:
Makes it possible for Clubs and Districts to exchange and share ideas, and collaborate.
Helps Rotarians see what other service groups are doing in their district and around the world.
Enables all to discover other sites moving the world toward peace. (International Cities of Peace i.e.)

At the Second Rotary World Peace Symposium  Birmingham, England 2009,
former U.N. Special Adviser Jan Egeland praised the work of Rotary International by stating:

“Rotary is a Western Creation, however, in less than 25 years the world has moved from a Bi-Polar World: Russia vs the United States:
To a Uni-Polar World The United States;
to now: A Multi –Polar Global World,
where each country has responsibilities toward Peace and where Rotary is in most Countries.”

Small sample of Peace-Promoting Web Sites:
we.net
PeaceOneDay.org
CultureofPeace.org
thePeaceAlliance.org
Theshiftnetwork.com
10millionclicksforpeace.org
InternationalCitiesofPeace.org
WorldWidePeaceBellFoundation.org
Rotary Youth Work: New Generation Humanity’s Future-Rotary’s Future

Interact Club high school membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill.

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is an international program that was created by Rotary International to encourage strong leadership in youth.
Rotaract is an international program for adults ages 18 to 30. Founded in 1968 by Rotary International as an association of clubs made up of young service-minded business and professional leaders. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they’re sponsored by a local Rotary club making them "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary. They are one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries and geographical areas. All Rotaract efforts begin at the local, grassroots level, with members addressing their communities’ physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

Rotaract builds leaders, and leaders build strong clubs with effective programs:

* Communication and public speaking seminars
* Training programs for club officers
* Workshops to organize and promote projects
* Informational sessions about Rotary

Early career decisions are critical ones. To help their members make informed choices Rotaract clubs hold:

* Marketing and management seminars
* Conferences on business ethics
* Vocational and career planning counseling
* Business technology updates

Rotaract does a world of good. Clubs carry out at least one community service project and one international service project each year. Among myriad activities of their own choice, clubs:

* Mentor and tutor children and collect donated books
* Organize camps and outings for people with disabilities
* Raise funds for medical equipment and disaster relief
* Create awareness of AIDS, drug abuse, and other issues
Rotary Youth Exchange (YEP) is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, Rotary International has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary clubs every year. Typically, students are sent to another country for a year-long stay, generally living with multiple host families during the year and being expected to perform daily tasks within the household as well as attend school in the host country. Short term exchange programs are also quite common. These typically involve direct student exchanges between two families arranged through Rotary to coincide with major school holiday periods.

Participants in Rotary’s long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, will learn a new way of living, a great deal about themselves, and maybe even a new language. They will be an ambassador, teaching people they meet about their country, culture, and ideas. They can help bring the world closer, more peaceful – and make some good friends in the process.
What is a Rotaplast

Needed Services, Education and Care
Clefts of the lip and palate are among the most common of all birth defects. However in some areas of the world treatment is not common. Untreated, these children are ridiculed, rejected from society, and often deprived of an education. They are prone to serious upper respiratory problems, hearing loss, speech and dental problems. Rotaplast works locally to educate families and communities and to provide free operations and therapeutic follow-up care for patients.

Dr. Manoj Abraham (plastic surgeon), with Dana Buffin (New Milford, CT Rotary), Executive Director of Healing the Children, and Kathy Kruger, RN, (Rotary District 7210’s Rotaplast Chair, Pleasant Valley Rotary), tell the uplifting stories of how children and adults are helped by corrective surgery performed by volunteers who donate their time, skills, and finances. These medical teams set up an operating room abroad or in the United States where they can correct cleft palates and other disfiguring conditions in children as young as 2 months old and people as old as 70+ who either don’t have access to or cannot afford treatment.
SHELTERBOXES

The Mission of ShelterBox is to provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, warmth and dignity for people displaced by natural and other disasters. Starting as the brainchild of one Rotarian with the support of his Rotary club in 2000 — ShelterBox has grown to become the largest Rotary Club project in the 100-year history of the organization. In March of 2012 ShelterBox established the first Rotary Project Partner agreement. ShelterBoxes have been provided to more than 122,000 survivors of over 180 disasters in more than 75 countries since it formation.* Rotarians have been the eyes and ears during on the ground deployments providing logistics, accommodation and translation services to the pitching of tents.

District 7210 Hosts ShelterBox Hero Pilot Program

ShelterBox USA has agreed to allow District 7210 to serve as the exclusive Pilot Program. Any Club or individual that makes a significant commitment to support ShelterBox with a single donation of $3000 or a 3 year/$1000 a year agreement will be named a ShelterBox Hero and will be recognized annually at the District 7210 Conference. SB sponsorship makes a great International Project for Rotary Clubs.

* Shelter boxes were deployed in 24 world locations in 2011
Spring Valley Rotary
Schools To End Poverty
(STEP) Inc.
http://schoolstoendpoverty.org/home
A SPECIAL DISTRICT 7210 INITIATIVE

MISSION STATEMENT

Schools To End Poverty, sponsored by the Spring Valley Rotary Club, recognizes children as our most precious resource and the planet's future leaders. Our primary mission is to provide children of the world with an opportunity to obtain an education. To achieve this goal, we will assist in building schools, help provide basic school supplies and classroom aids, insure a safe and clean school environment and provide clean drinking water for students while at school.

We shall offer grants and scholarships to orphans, street kids and the less fortunate, thus enabling each child to become a productive member of society.
End Notes:

Is It Possible:
To Make the Hudson Valley the
First Registered Peace Valley in
the World?

"The period between 1945 and 2045 will be the
century where we will have to learn to live with the
ability to destroy ourselves," said Paul Rogers, a
professor of peace studies at the University of Bradford, home to one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu's keynote address:

During his keynote address Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Tutu shared how he envisions God looking down on His creation and crying when He sees all the bad things His children are doing to each other. But, Tutu said, then God looks again and sees Rotary. "God begins to smile through His tears, and the sun shines through. God says that is exactly why I created them, for goodness," Tutu said. "You and I are created for goodness. You are helping wipe the tears from God's eyes."

We are truly blessed to be celebrating and practicing
SERVICE ABOVE SELF!