

Rotary



Rotary and Peace

- What does Rotary?
- What can Rotarians do?
- What are we doing?

Peace stood
always in the
forefront of
Rotary's
objectives !

Paul Harris
said: "My hope
for the future
is that
Rotarians will
continue to be:

purveyors of
tolerance,
forbearance,
helpfulness,
kindliness,
neighbourliness,
and friendliness.

Ambassadors of
goodwill to all
races, to persons
of all religious
faiths, and to
members of all
political parties,

Through our world-
wide Rotary
fellowship we shall
ultimately achieve
**our goal of
international
understanding,
goodwill, and
PEACE."**

Peace is more than just the absence of violence. Peace is ensuring there is justice for all.



Eight factors leading to **Positive Peace**:

1. Low levels of corruption
2. Acceptance of rights of others
3. Free flow of information
4. Strong business environment
5. High levels of human capital
6. Equitable distribution of resources
7. Good relations with neighbours
8. Well-functioning government

What is
Rotary
international
doing?

1. Supports projects on PEACE AND
CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION by the
Rotary Foundation (TRF)



Rotary supports :

Training

Peace-building in
communities and
regions

Studies related to
peace and conflict
prevention/resolution

What is Rotary international doing?

2. Supports the training of Rotary Peace Fellows

Each year, Rotary awards up to 100 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our 6 peace centres:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, **USA**
- International Christian University, Tokyo, **Japan**
- University of Bradford, Bradford, **England**
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, **Australia**
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, **Sweden**
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, **Thailand**

1000+ Peace Fellows where trained until now

What is Rotary international doing?

3. Has created the Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP)

The RAGFP is:

an action-driven group of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and Rotaractors working together for the purpose of advancing peace and preventing wars throughout the world;

focused on **providing a network and resources to further the peace and conflict resolution** work of Rotarians around the globe;

an official entity of Rotary International that **empowers and supports the peace work of Rotarians** by offering structure, guidance and resources to further their peace efforts.

What is Rotary International doing?

4. Organizes regularly Peace Symposia and Conferences, e.g. :
- The Rotary International Day at UN/Geneva, November 2017, with theme: **“Peace – making a difference”**
 - The Peace Symposium in Hamburg, May 31 to June 1, with the theme: **“Sustaining Peace through Partnership”**.
 - In 25 breakout sessions we will discuss:
 - ❖ Economics and Peace
 - ❖ Mutual Respect and Peace
 - ❖ Education for Peace
 - ❖ Partnership for Peace
 - ❖ Experience and advice
 - ❖ How to ?

I hope you have registered for it !

What is Rotary International doing?



The Board of RI has decided that each District should have a Peace Chair or a Peace Group

Peace Chair District 1990 is Walter B. Gyger



The nomination of Zone Peace Chairs or Peace Groups is under consideration



The Rotarian Action Group for Peace has launched the idea of Peacebuilder Clubs

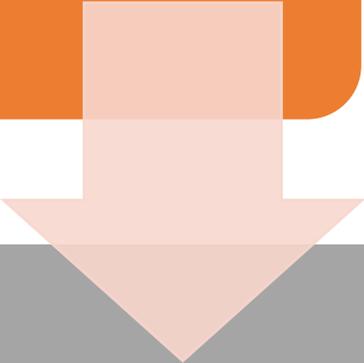
Rotarian Peacebuilder clubs commit to engage in dialogues and projects that promote positive peace in their communities and across the globe.



Why not our club? Why not us? Why not now? Join me for doing it !

What can Rotarians do?

Paul Harris said:



“Rotarians are much more favorably disposed toward action than they are toward words.”

What can
Rotarians do ?



**There are numerous examples
of Peace Projects, e.g. :**

The Human Rights Pocketbook
Project

International Training Institute to
strengthen Women Peacebuilders:
West Africa

Gaziantep Integrated Inclusion
Initiative, based on - Development,
Education, Peacebuilding

Warriors to Peace Guardians: Building
Inter-Ethnic Collaboration

Etc.....



**However: While it is recognized
that positive peace is a
condition to succeed any other
project, many agree that much
more could be done.**



**But they do
not know
what to do !**

What are we doing?

After the Rotary International Day at UN/Geneva in 2017 some Rotarians from Switzerland have created a group with Rotary Peace Fellows to reflect on possible actions:

The following proposal is on the table:

The creation of a Swiss/Liechtenstein Rotarian Action Group for Peace

Actions under consideration:

- The Balkan Peace Project
- The Afghanistan Peace Project
- The Swiss Peace Project
- The Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum

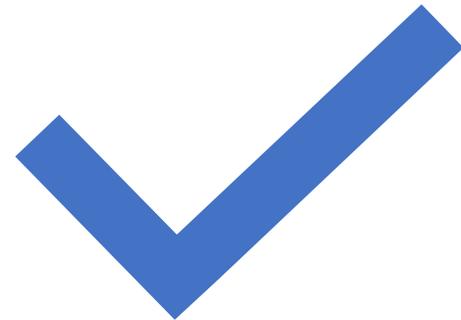
Swiss/Liechtenstein
Rotarian Action
Group for Peace
OBJECTIVES:

- **Encourage** Rotary Clubs and Districts to develop and implement service projects in the focus area Peace, Conflict prevention/resolution
- **Empower and support**
 - ❖ Training;
 - ❖ Peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflicts;
 - ❖ Studies related to Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution.
- **Promote** exchanges of knowledge and experiences
- **Facilitate** coordination efforts among them and new projects
- **Facilitate** building bridges between existing and planned Rotary peace programs and Rotary Peace Fellows
- **Promote** collaboration and exchange of knowledge and experiences of Rotary related Persons and institutions with other Peace-Actors by organizing joint meetings and conferences (e.g. a Rotary Geneva Peace Forum).

Swiss/Liechtenstein Action Group for Peace

WHO IS SUPPORTING THIS IDEA?

- The **Governors of the three Rotary Districts in Switzerland and Liechtenstein** have been consulted and have accepted the idea
- The **Directors of Rotary Zones in Europe** have been consulted. They are not only supportive but have suggested
 - To create a European Action Group for Peace
 - To nominate Peace Chairs for each zone
- The **Rotarian Action Group for Peace** is ready to collaborate and to accept the Swiss Group as part of the global structure



Swiss/Liechtenstein Rotarian Action Group for Peace NEXT STEPS:



Form the Executive Committee

President: Walter B. Gyger
Vice-President: To be
nominated (we are looking
for a member of a Rotaract
Club
General Secretary: Sibylle
Rupprecht
Treasurer: xxx, Peace Fellow
Communication: to be
nominated
Representative of District
1980: Urs Klemm
Representative of District
2000: to be nominated



Organize the Founding Assembly

In Spring 2019

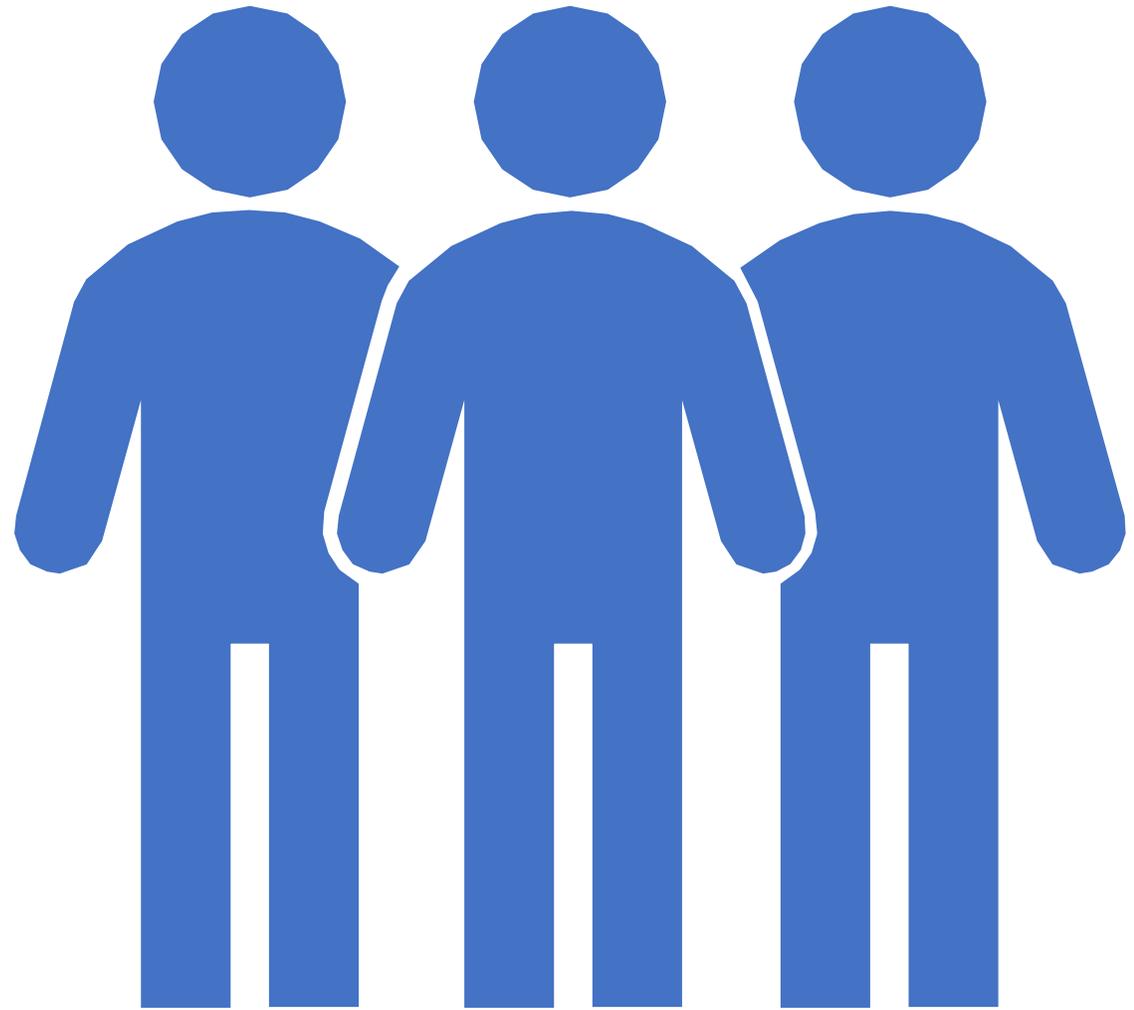


Start to work !

**We need
more
helpers !**

Swiss/Liechtenstein
Rotarian Action
Group for Peace
WHAT DO WE
NEED:

Looking for
enthusiastic
friends ready to
work with us !





Swiss Liechtenstein Action Group for Peace

Balkan Peace Project

Leadership: Sanela Music

Objective:

- Organizing in the Western Balkan Region inter-ethnic “Train the Trainer –Summer Camps” to promote a tolerance, forbearance, helpfulness, kindness, neighbourliness, and friendliness

Where do we stand:

- Global Grant is under preparation
- First Partners are identified (RC Sarajevo, RC Belgrade)
- Planning of the event has started. Sanela hopes to start 2020
- Reflection for fundraising has started

What do we need:

- **Give us a hand for fundraising**



Swiss/Liechtenstein Action Group for Peace

Afghanistan Peace Project

Leadership: Rotary Club Neuchâtel Lac

Objective:

- Support the economic and social reintegration of mine victims in Afghanistan

Where do we stand:

- We are at the beginning
- First Partners are identified (RC Kabul and Swiss Foundation for Mine Action – Hansjörg Eberle)

What do we need:

- **The RC Neuchâtel Lac may need some help to prepare the Global Grant and organize the fundraising**



Swiss/Liechtenstein Action Group for Peace

Swiss Peace Project

Leadership: open

Objective:

- Train teachers and Social Workers in Switzerland and Liechtenstein in Peace Education

Where do we stand:

- Several persons from Districts 1980 and 2000 have shown interest to participate and contribute to such a project.

What do we need:

- **We need to find a leader!!!**

Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen links and facilitate synergies between Rotary peace activities and Geneva based peace activities,
- Learn from past activities, programs and projects
- Further exchanges including from peer to peer among Rotary Peace Fellows, other peace-professionals and peace institutes,
- Make the knowledge and experience in peace and conflict prevention/resolution available to Rotarians and a broader public,
- Encourage coordination and actions,
- Establish a mid-term perspective and make recommendations for activities on peace and conflict prevention/resolution.



Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum

PARTNERS:

Geneva Center for Security Policy

Rotary Peace Centres

Alumni Rotary Peace Fellows and Rotary Peace
Fellows in Training

Rotarian Action Group for Peace



Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum FUNDING:

The District 21980 has agreed to organize in 2020 a concert at the KKL in Luzern. Part of the benefit will be offered to organize the first Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum

Participants will have to pay a contribution

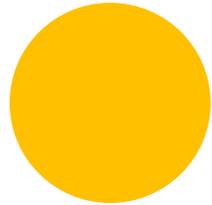
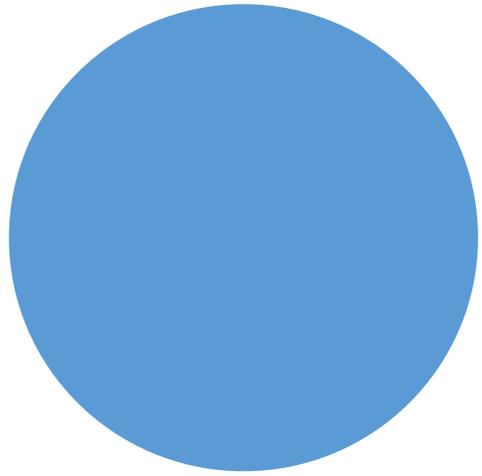
No funds are available at the moment !





Rotary Geneva International Peace Forum
WHAT DO WE NEED

We are looking for:
enthusiastic friends
interested to work
with Sibylle and
Walter to make this
Forum a success !



Hamburg Peace Symposium and Rotary Convention

These ideas will be
presented at the
Hamburg Peace
Symposium and the
Rotary Convention



Interested?
Ready to join?

Contact Sibylle or Walter

Thank you