



District 7390



Rotary's Positive Peace Program in D7390

District Learning Assembly

15 March 2025

at Messiah University, PA

PDG Fred Gellert
RC Carlise-Sunrise

- Rotary's Positive Peace Program
- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- Rotary Peace Activities
- D7390 Peace Activities
- Peacebuilding Project Group Exercise

D7390 is a Peacebuilding District

- Development of acquaintance as opportunity to serve
- High ethical standards and respect for all occupations
- Application of the ideal of service
- Advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace



Rotary's History of Peace Building

1921

- Rotary convention Edinburgh – 4th Object of Rotary “Peace & World Understanding”

1943

- UNESCO creation conference organized in London by Rotary Clubs of 21 countries

1945

- 49 Rotarians (observers) at UN Charter Session in San Francisco, largest non-Govt delegation; Now: 30 Rotarian Ambassadors to UN each year to consult with 22 UN organizations

1999

- Rotary Peace Centers – 1st graduate – 2004. Continuation of Peace Scholars Program (1947)

2017

- Partnership – Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP)

2025

- New (7th) Peace Center – opening in Istanbul

Rotary Rotary's Roles in Promoting Peace District 7390

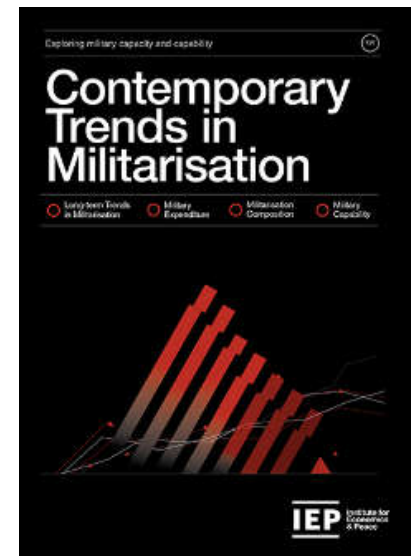
Rotary and its members are:

- **Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
- **Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.
- **Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.
- **Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

IEP established in 2007. Uses research to show that peace is a positive, achievable measure of well-being and development.

Analyzes the Concept of Positive Peace as more than the absence of conflict.

Reports findings and trends through the Global Peace Index, the Global Terrorism Index and the Ecological Threat Report



- “The attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies.” (IEP)
- A transformational concept with focus on economical, cultural, and social actions
- Advanced approach to removing threats and negative factors

Elements of Positive Peace

- Attitudes with less tolerance for violence and incivility
- Institutions that are more responsive to community needs
- Laws and Policies that address fairness, equity, and justice in society

- Empirical → Relies on statistical analysis
- Identifies → Common characteristics of peaceful and conflicted nations
- Provides → Metrics for measuring the factors that create positive peace

Critical factors for lasting, permanent peace:

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

IEP 2024 Peace Index Report

Measures:

- Societal safety and security
- Extent of conflict
- Degree of militarization





Rotary and IEP Partnership

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- Peace education (courses and workshops)
- Community-based peace programming
- Shift in attitudes to create meaningful change through understanding and goodwill
- Rotary Positive Peace Academy (<https://www.positivepeace.academy/rotary>)
- Ending War 101 Program (<https://www.WorldBeyondWar.org>)
- Peace on Earth by 2030 Program (<https://www.peace2030.earth>)
- Peace Pole Project (<https://www.Worldpeace.org>)
- Support to UN and its resolutions



Areas of Focus and Pillars of Peace

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From ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS

To the PILLARS OF POSITIVE PEACE



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



Well-functioning
government



Sound business
environment



Equitable
distribution
of resources



Acceptance of the
rights of others



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



Good relations
with neighbors



Free flow of
information



High levels of
human capital



Low levels
of corruption



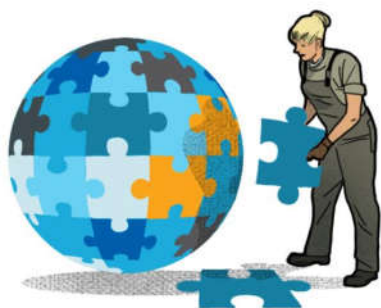
Australia clubs reduce domestic violence



Peace Poles
"May Peace Prevail on Earth"



TRF Area of Focus:
Peacebuilding and
Conflict Resolution



8 Rotary Peace
Centers for Peace
Fellowships

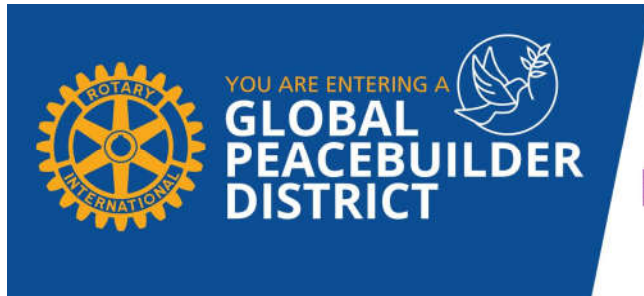


Peacebuilder clubs



Peacebuilding in D7390

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Join the Movement at Rotary7390.org

Rotary Peacebuilder District designation 2024



PDG Hector Ortiz Positive Peace Activator trained



Rebecca Zalit

Rotary Club District Governor Nominee

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PEACE INITIATIVE



Rebecca Zalit, District Governor Nominee of Rotary District 7390, is an educator with Catherine Hershey Schools and a champion for Positive Peace. With a Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Pedagogy, she combines her expertise in education with a commitment to fostering harmony and community well-being.



254 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17101

DGN Rebecca presents to World Affairs Council Harrisburg



Peace speakers at multi-district conference in April



New Years Day 2025 Peace Walk in Harrisburg



Peace Community Workshop

District 7390

May 31st
8:30 AM – 12 PM at
Central Penn College

Rotarians and non-
Rotarians talk about
what we can do
together

Free to attend, but
registration required



Rotary District 7390 cordially invites YOU to the

Positive Peace Community Partnership: An Approach to Build Positive Peace in Our Communities

At Central Penn College Capital Blue Cross Theatre (600 Valley Road, Summerdale, PA 17093)

Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 8:30 am to 12 pm.

Light breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am.

Join us for an opportunity to learn, share and act in creating positive peace in ourselves, in our communities and in the world.

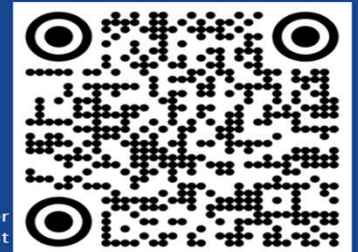
Positive Peace in Action Workshop and Action Plan Learning Objectives:

- Learn what positive peace is and why it matters
- Understand Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus
- Recognize the eight pillars of positive peace
- Plan action steps to create positive peace in our communities



Facilitator: Dr. Hector R. Ortiz, Positive Peace Activator, North American and the Caribbean. Rotary and the Institute for Economic and Peace Partnership

Scan me to register
This is a **FREE** event



- (1) Organize into groups of 4-6 people. Pick a spokesperson.
- (2) Discuss a project your club or group of clubs might do to promote peacebuilding and/or conflict resolution in your community.
- (3) Questions to discuss:
 - What is a short description of the project?
 - What challenge will this project address locally and more broadly?
 - Which one of Rotary's 7 areas of focus and IEP's 8 pillars is this project related?
 - What non-Rotary groups should you partner with for this project?
- (4) Provide a 2-minute summary of your discussion.

- Rotarians, clubs, and our district can and should work on peace-related efforts. We will all benefit.
- Rotary service work is already related to peacebuilding and conflict resolution factors. Promote the peace aspects as part of measuring and celebrating our efforts.
- There is lots of help available to increase peace knowledge, service, and results.

