

District 7690 Peace Building Resource Guide 2023-2024

Peace building is the essence of the work of Rotary. It is the core of Rotary’s mission to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance **world understanding, goodwill, and peace** through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.” Looking at Rotary’s seven areas of focus through the lens of peace, we see that successful service projects in any of these areas can promote peace by addressing the underlying causes of conflict, violence, and fear of violence. District 7690 takes action to support peace building in these ways:

Peace Centers

We are a [Peace Builder District](#). Our District provides financial support that sustains the seven Peace Centers around the world, and we have a special connection to the only center in the Western Hemisphere — a combined program at Duke/UNC-CH. Rotarians in our District attend the center’s annual conference in April to hear presentations of graduating scholars. Local scholars are invited to provide informational programs to clubs. Our clubs can assist them when they arrive in our country and host them in the District during their academic breaks.

Peace Fellows

Clubs look within their communities to identify and sponsor potential candidates for the 130 fully funded [Peace Fellowships](#) to study in Master’s degree or certificate programs for careers in peace and development. Club programs educate members about the [Role of Rotarians](#) in recruiting and supporting Fellows. Key dates are recruitment of candidates from February through May 15, with applications due to RI on May 15 and final selections made in November for study beginning the following academic year.

Global Grant Scholarship

Clubs have another opportunity to recruit applicants for a District-funded [Global Grant Scholarship](#) in the amount of \$30,000 to pursue international graduate-level coursework or research. Study may be in any of Rotary’s areas of focus, with the goal of a long-term commitment to working in the chosen area. Details are posted on the [District website](#).

Peacebuilder Clubs

Rotary service at the local level is enhanced when we look at it through the lens of peace building. Clubs can become part of the network of [Peacebuilder Clubs](#) and use the resources of [Rotarian Action Group For Peace](#) and the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#) to increase community engagement and the effectiveness of service projects. Details on applying for this status are found on the [RAGFP website](#).

Youth and Peace in Action

Clubs can engage high school students in their Interact or other community youth organizations, by connecting them with [YPA](#), the largest youth peacebuilding initiative in the United States and Caribbean Youth.

To receive and share information about peacebuilding in the district and connect with other clubs on peacebuilding initiatives, contact Peace Committee Chair Lynn Thompson at lynn.thompson.rotary@gmail.com.