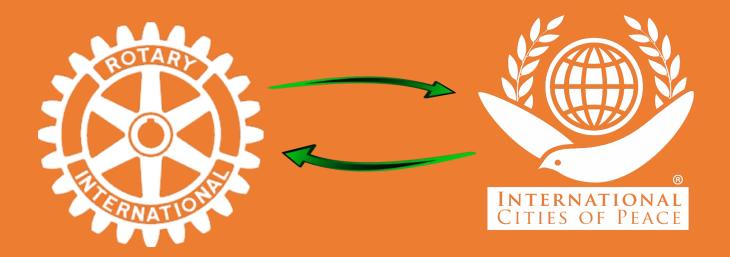
# Rotary Clubs are Inspiring Peaceful Communities around the Globe



Case Studies on how Rotarians are making a positive difference for the safety, prosperity, and quality of life of families in dozens of countries, worldwide.

### Six Cities of Peace on the Danube





#### **Global Rotarians in Serbia**

Organized as a Pan-Serbian Rotary initiative, there are now six "DANUBE FOR PEACE" CITIES OF PEACE in this Balkan state and more along the Danube River are coming onboard. Cities so far, as follows:

- Sombor, Serbia: City of Peace
- Stari Becej, Serbia: City of Peace
- Novi Sad, Serbia: City of Peace
- Veliko Gradiste, Serbia: City of Peace
  - Belgrade, Serbia: City of Peace
  - Subotica, Serbia: City of Peace
    - More on the way!







# Elgin, Illinois: City of Peace



Rotarian Gregory Carr, Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club and a metal fabricator -- coordinated with the Elgin City of Peace Committee— to build a unique metal Peace Pole for the Gale Borden Library.

#### **Peace Day Collaboration**

"I was grateful to bring together people from so many different factions of society to help us explore the meaning of peace," said Rotarian Alan Kirk. "Next year we hope to introduce local discussion groups to help facilitate peaceful change within our communities. Eventually we would like to expand our event to neighboring cities and further." Alan and son Aaron continue to coordinate events for intetnational Day of Peace.







# Ojai, California: City of Peace





#### **District Governor Participation**

The Rotary Club of Ojai is a sponsor of Ojai's International City of Peace annual Community Celebration for the United Nations' International Day of Peace. Photo below: Rotarians in Ojai presenting their Junior High Peace Pavilion to Savi Bhim, District Governor #5240, as she receives an Ojai International City of Peace T-shirt. Ojai was the 99th City of Peace in the global association.







### Lubumbashi, D.R. Congo: City of Peace





#### A Story of 10,000 Bricks

Where 15 million people were killed in a civil war, this City of Peace group is taking care of over 300 orphans. In a meeting with Rotary and the local Chieftan near Kolwezi, Liaison John Mukhuta Muhiana envisioned a school for victims of war. The result was a substantial donation of 10,000 bricks to start the building effort.







# Rockford, Illinois: City of Peace



The Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza as a park to assist and remind all of peace and tranquility through diversity and heritage.

#### **Direct Rotary Sponsorship**

According to Rockford Rotary President Nancy Kalchbrenner and Elise Cadigan, past governor of Rotary District 6420n, "The Rockford Rotary Club, in collaboration with surrounding Rotary clubs, our city Mayor and City Council, the members of the Peace Coalition, a culturally diverse network of over 40 individuals and groups working toward providing peace-related activities across the community throughout the year, is proud and honored to serve as sponsor for the application to become an International City of Peace."







### Ashland, Oregon: City of Peace





#### **Official Proclamations for Peace**

Members of the two Rotary Clubs of Ashland joined the Ashland City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Ashland community to celebrate becoming an International City of Peace. The Proclamation was signed in March, 2015. Co-founder of Ashland initiative, David Wick, is the current leader of the Rotary E-Club of World Peace. Ashland was #163. Now there are over 300 Cities of Peace!







### Kabernet, Kenya: City of Peace





#### 1st Peace School in Kenya

John Tilji Menjo, Liaison for the City of Peace in Kabernet, runs a program of education, art, and play for children tramatized by conflict. The Innovation School provides art programs and workshops for students. The group has distributed books to children and food for atrisk communities in coordination with Rotary groups around the world.







### Westerly/Pawcatuck, CT/RI: City of Peace



Frank Thaacker, Liaison for Westerly, Pawcatuck, CT/RI City of Peace has started a website called "The Daily Peacemaker".

#### **Bottom-Up Change**

In an article in the Westerly Sun, as quoted by the local Rotary Club in Westerly, City of Peace, ICP Liaison Frank Thacker said, "One of the foundational beliefs in becoming a City of Peace is that change needs to come from the bottom up." Becoming a City of Peace can be the "first step in an ongoing process of promoting peace by recognizing past achievements, encouraging peace-oriented initiatives, inspiring future generations for practical peace building."







### Join the Inspire Peace<sup>TM</sup> Member Circle



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# **Create a Rotary City of Peace or Donate to provide support**

By forming a Rotary City of Peace Committee, the good work already being done by local Clubs can inspire great actions for the entire community.

- 1. Build Club Membership
- 2. Provide a way for everyone to partiipate in Rotary actions
- 3. Inspire volunteers and donors to make a huge difference for the safety, prosperity, and quality of life for all in the community.

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