

PEACEBUILDER DISTRICT 5100 ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2010 (and before)

- **1921** -- At the 1921 RI Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotarians agreed to incorporate **Peacemaking** into Rotary's constitution and bylaws. The Rotary International president at that time was **Estes P. Snedecor** from the **Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon**.
- **1997 – 2002** Dr. Barbara Tint received a fellowship from Rotary International to study 'International Conflict Resolution' at the University of Melbourne. This was a precursor to what was to become The Rotary Peace Centers Peace & Conflict Resolution program – initiated in 2002
- 2011 -- Rotary District 5100 becomes a Peacebuilder District pledging \$25,000 DDF to The Rotary Peace Centers.
Taylor Cass Stevenson applies for the Rotary Peace Fellowship and is awarded the fellowship to study at ICU (International Christian University) in Tokyo, Japan
Dr. Warren Muir, director of the Cyprus Friendship Program, visited leadership members of D5100 for a discussion about the possibility of introducing the CFP to the greater Portland area via the Rotary district. This program continues to grow and flourish and since 2018, the US Director of Operations for CFP is a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Lewis river, Tammy Haas.
- **2011-2012** -- **Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.** The sponsors nine applicants for the Rotary Peace Fellowship and three are selected. **One to Uppsala University in Sweden, one to ICU in Tokyo, and one to the University of Queensland, Australia.**

The Rotarian Action Group For Peace was founded by Rotarians Al Jubitz, Dennis Wong, and Rotary Peace Fellow and first Executive Director Erin Thomas. This Rotarian Action Group immediately began its work of spreading the word about Rotary's Peace mission even before Rotary named it as one of its Areas of Focus. The RAGFP immediately demonstrated its purpose as a Rotary partner with a global vision and set about forming a Board of Directors not only global in its purpose and mission, but also in its make-up.

The Rotaract Club of Portland and the Rotary Club of Portland Pearl join to present a Rotary Peace Conference at Portland State University entitled. "Women leaders for Peace" The keynote speaker was Oregon's first woman governor, Barbara Roberts.

The cities of Battle Ground, Washington; Tigard, Oregon; Forest Grove, Oregon; and Newberg, Oregon, in a joint venture with their respective city governments, were entered on the **Rotary registry of Peace Communities.** The **Rotary Club of Portland** proclaimed a **Rotary Peace Day** christened such by then Mayor Sam Adams.

- **2012-2013 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed eight applicants and forwarded all eight for consideration for the fellowship – three were selected, two are members of the Portland Police department and studied for the Certificate program and the third studied for the master's degree at the University of Queensland in Australia.

Peace Village Inc., a 5-day summer camp program for young students ages 6 – 13 years began in the early 1990s in Lincoln City, Oregon. The organization reached out to the Newberg community in 2013 and with the cooperation of a local church and the Rotary Club of Newberg, the first of five successive and successful Peace Villages was born. In subsequent years, Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs

in Sherwood, McMinnville, Lake Oswego, Forest Grove, Beaverton, and other communities introduced the Peace Village model.

- **2013-2014 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed six Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all six, and three were selected.

Peacebuilder Clubs began its plans for expansion beyond the confines of District 5100 when **The Rotary Peace Centers** helped design a **Peacebuilder Clubs brochure** which was made available to Rotarians world-wide at numerous Rotary Institutes and International Conventions. Since that inception, Peacebuilder Club brochures are now available in six languages: English, Spanish, German, French, Russian, and Arabic.

Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs began planning and hosting events in conjunction with the **UN International Day of Peace (September 21)**.

- **2014-2015 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed seven Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all seven, and four were selected.

SE Portland region Peacebuilder Clubs begin first of three consecutive annual Peace Symposiums at Clackamas Community College.

RI Pre-Convention Peace Symposium in June 2015 in Sao Paulo, Brazil has exceptional District 5100 presence thanks to local Peace Fellow Erin Thomas and RAGFP sponsorship and organizational assistance.

Institute For Economics & Peace (IEP) begins partnership with RAGFP and subsequently Rotary International.

- **2015-2016 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed seven Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all seven, and four were selected.

25 Mandela Fellows attending sessions at PSU are hosted and introduced into Rotary by D5100 Peacebuilder Clubs. Two main events were a BBQ introduction gathering hosted at The Children's Museum in SW Portland and a Peace event hosted at The Evergreen Air & Space Museum in McMinnville. Relationships made during this summer are still maintained by district Rotarians.

2016 Rotary Global Peace Conference in Ontario, California coordinated by So. Calif. Rotary districts attracted some 800+ Rotarians from around the world and had substantial District 5100 Peacebuilder Club Rotarian presence.

Four new Peacebuilder Clubs added to District 5100 giving us 23 Peacebuilder Clubs.

Peace Village, Cyprus Friendship Program, RAGFP and Peacebuilder Clubs continue to grow & thrive.

- **2016-2017 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed seven Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all seven, and one was selected.

With major support from the RAGFP, the first Peacebuilder Clubs video was produced, paving the way for the beginning of Peacebuilder Clubs beyond the confines of District 5100.

The District 5100 Peacebuilder Clubs Chair was invited to Peace Conferences in two districts where Peacebuilder Clubs were established, District 7610 (Northern Virginia) and District 5230 (Central California). District 5030 (greater Seattle area) and District 5240 (Central California Coast) also established Peacebuilder Clubs during this time.

The District 5100 Peace Pole Project was initiated in April of 2017 when, on or around the week of April 22, (Earth Day) more than

125 Peace Poles were planted primarily by D5100 Peacebuilder Clubs. This number has since grown to more than 360 Peace in our district as well as many hundreds of Peace Poles planted (with Dist. 5100 cooperation) across the country and around the world.

- **2017-2018 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed ten Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all ten, and one was selected.

RI President Ian Riseley announces the convening of 6 Global Peace Conferences around the world centering around Rotary's Areas Of Focus. **The first conference 'Peace & the Environment', held in Vancouver, BC and the second, 'Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, and Peace', held in Beirut, Lebanon, were attended by Rotarians from District 5100.**

Rotary Peace Fellow Taylor Talbot was one of six Rotary Peace Fellows/Rotarian "People of Action" award recipients at Rotary Day at the UN in Geneva, Switzerland.

Peacebuilder Clubs in District 5100 grows to 25 Clubs.

In accordance with the suggestion by the DG leadership committee and the TRF Chair, it was put to a vote at the August 2017, Peacebuilder Clubs meeting that a Peacebuilder Clubs annual dues fee would be assessed to all Peacebuilder Clubs based on the club size at a rate of \$2.50 per club member per club. These funds are to be dedicated solely to the support of the Peacebuilder District membership of District 5100 which is \$25,000 per annum. Initially, this fee amounted to a total of approximately \$3,000. Currently, with the constant growth of Peacebuilder Clubs this fee amounts to about \$5,000 per year raised.

The Rotary Club of Portland announced that it was planning on writing a Global Grant for Peace to fund the convening of a Peace Symposium in Bogota, Colombia to support that country's

leadership in supporting the newly announced Peace accord between the Government of Colombia and the FARC rebels after decades of violence in that country. This would become the first Global Grant for Peace which was to find support not only from D5100 Peacebuilder Clubs but also from Peacebuilder Clubs as far away as District 7610 in Virginia and other Peacebuilder Clubs across the country.

- **2018-2019 --- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed nine Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded all nine, and three were selected.

Peace Village Tripoli, Lebanon was conducted in February of 2019 as a result of the Rotarian follow-up following the 2018 “Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, and Peace” Symposium held in Beirut. Visits with Rotarians in various Clubs resulted in Peace Village interest and following the event, Lebanese Rotarians were hopeful of additional, multiple Peace Villages in following years.

Unfortunately, a nation-wide economic crisis followed by the Covid pandemic put these plans on hold.

The RAGFP was successful in attracting literally hundreds of Peacebuilder Club applications both across the country and around the world through its information booth at the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto, Ontario. The number of Peacebuilder Clubs globally currently stands at more than 360 clubs world-wide.

Dr, Fergal McCarthy began his position as Rotary International’s first Peace Programs Manager in March of 2019. Dr McCarthy has the daunting job of coordinating and assisting in the communication and program management at RI of virtually all things Peace!

- **2019-20 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed two Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded both and one was selected.

Rotarians Natalia Verdyan and her husband Vic travelled back to their home country of Armenia as well as to Russia and not only planted seeds for the promotion of peace Poles and Peacebuilder Clubs in Armenia and Russia, but they also actually planted Peace Poles in Armenia and in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg in Russia.

Peace Pole plantings continued to expand in several communities where Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs are located.

In January of 2020, the second Rotary Global Peace Conference in Ontario, California coordinated once again by So. Calif. Rotary Districts once again attracted some 800+ Rotarians from around the world and had substantial District 5100 Peacebuilder Club Rotarian presence. Both of these Peace conferences were attended by the then Rotary International President.

- **2020-21 -- Rotary District 5100 continues its support of The Rotary Peace Centers as a participating Peacebuilder District.**

The district committee interviewed five Rotary Peace Fellow applicants, forwarded four, and are awaiting the results which will be announced in October. 2021.

Peacebuilder Clubs continued their growth in this Rotary year to 35 Peacebuilder Clubs including two Interact Peacebuilder Clubs and one Rotaract Peacebuilder Club.

The Rotary Action Group for Peace continued its work of growing Peacebuilder Clubs world-wide exceeding 350 PB Clubs around the world.

District 5100 became an active member of the Russia-USA Intercountry Committee (ICC) with District Governor Jo Crenshaw appointing Beaverton Rotarian Natalia Verdyan as our representative

- **2021-22**

With strong support from the Jubitz Family Foundation, District 5100 will be responsible, both inside and outside of our District, for no less than five hundred Peace Poles since the program's inception!

Through the efforts of Beaverton Rotarian Natalia Verdyan, her partner Vic, and her work with the Russia-USA Intercountry Committee, there are plans for simultaneous plantings of seven Peace Poles at various places on the Washington, DC Mall along with several Peace Poles in the Moscow area. Natalia's two-month trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg from August to October 2021 will also include efforts in working with the RC of Vladivostok (Russia's first Peacebuilder Club) to plant Peace Poles in China and N. Korea with a particular emphasis on planting a Peace Pole at a spot near the borders of China, Russia, and North Korea.

And our work continues.....