

Monday with Mikey: August 22, 2016



I received this email last Friday, and I am excited to share it with you:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we introduce to you the Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP). Launched in 2012, the organization has assumed a leadership role in Rotary's service around the world, namely in the field of Peace, Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a key area of focus of Rotary International. The organization's operations are focused on engaging, educating, and empowering Rotarians to participate in peace initiatives around the world.

The **RAGFP** was established to achieve the following objectives:

- To advance the Object of Rotary by providing assistance and support to Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts in planning and implementing peace projects
- To educate Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts on the value of initiatives aimed at encouraging and supporting peace
- To raise the profile of peace within Rotary International and the general public

To meet its objectives, the RAGFP has developed a platform aimed at disseminating information, enhancing connectivity and providing facilitation and assistance to Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to participate in the field of peace. Participation can manifest in various forms, including:

- Establishing new or joining existing peace projects
- Participating in peace events
- Reaching out to fellow Rotarians, with a similar passion for peace
- Organizing social events to discuss and encourage involvement in the peace field
- Assisting with the recruiting of Rotary Peace Fellows
- Sharing their creative ideas about peace with the RAGFP
- Interacting with educational peace resources
- Inspiring their communities to contribute to peace

The PeaceMap

The PeaceMap is an interactive mapping system developed to help Rotarians connect with:

- Rotary Peace Centers
- Rotary Peace Fellows
- Peace organizations
- Educational institutions with peace programs
- Peace Projects around the world

By connecting to the aforementioned peace entities, Rotarians can become involved in peace activities and contribute in the endeavor of making peace a global phenomenon. The RAGFP PeaceMap can be found by visiting the organization's homepage at: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/>

Rotary Foundation Global Grants Guide

The RAGFP has developed a detailed guide to assist Rotarians and Peace Fellows in applying for Rotary Foundation Global Grants. The purpose Global Grants is to support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in one of Rotary's areas of focus. Rotarians and Rotary Peace Fellows can apply for Global Grants to fund their projects and activities in the field of peace, one of Rotary's areas of focus. In addition to the detailed guide that the RAGFP has developed, it can also provide assistance to applying individuals and clubs if needed. To access the Global Grant guide visit: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/grants/>.

Peacebuilder Guide

The RAGFP offers a guide on "How to Become an Active Peacebuilder", a step-by-step collection of directives to assist Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts become actively engaged in the area of peace. The RAGFP also provides assistance and advice to interested Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts in their efforts to become Peacebuilders and be effective in their activities. To access the RAGFP Peacebuilder Guide visit: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/how-to-become-an-active-peacebuilder-club/>.

Informational Material

The RAGFP, in collaboration with the War Prevention Initiative, offers Rotarians the *Peace Science Digest*, a publication which summarizes, condenses and crystallizes the key ideas, strategies and best practices from the field of Peace Science. The RAGFP also distributes to its members a biweekly newsletter, covering current news and announcement relevant to the field of peace. The RAGFP is building its work on Rotary's track record of peace initiatives and fostering of world understanding. As you know Rotary has a long history of contributions to building peace and understanding through its service. You may read about Rotary's contribution to peace on the RAGFP website [here](#).

The RAGFP would like to invite you and the Rotarians in your district, to become active participants in this great Rotary tradition. We invite you to take the first step by joining the RAGFP and encouraging Rotarians in your district to do the same. You can join the RAGFP by clicking [here](#). We also encourage you to add to your agenda a peace initiatives component, as part of your leadership a service to Rotary. In the occasion that you need any further assistance, the RAGFP is ready to answer any of your questions and offer its full support and assistance to your peace initiatives and involvement. Please feel free to contact us at contact@rotariansforpeace.org.

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"All we are saying - is give PEACE a chance!" John Lennon

Until next Monday, keep **"Doing Good, Having Fun!"**

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