*Sent to all Members*

January 2, 2024

Dear {%FName%},

Rotary Foundation Minutes are provided by District 6220 Governor-Elect and Paul Harris Society Coordinator Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er). Please read at weekly meetings, post on social media and share in club newsletters

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“This is a Rotary Foundation Minute.

One of Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus…one of seven major priorities…and one of seven challenges that qualify for Rotary Foundation grant funding is “Fostering Peace and Conflict Resolution.”

As I approach the start of my year of leadership in District 6220, I can think of no place more appropriate to foster peace and conflict resolution than with our Native American neighbors.

Every Rotary Club in the United States meets on land formerly owned by our First Nation neighbors.

Our nation’s history of treatment of Native Americans is replete with missed opportunity.

This Thursday, January 4th at 5:00 PM we start an initiative to promote peace and conflict resolution by listening to a Native American and learning with respect.

Our speaker is Biskakone, a member of the Lac du Flambeau tribe of Lake Superior Ojibwe.  Biskakone’s colonial name is Greg Johnson.

Biskakone is a journalist, artist, story-teller and teacher of Native American language and culture. Please join us using the link below as he shares his experience with us.

***Join Zoom Meeting***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89552494495?pwd=a2JiWG5oUDNEZE5ncXM4amJBV3lGdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 895 5249 4495

**Passcode:** 461046

May we respond with civility and respect, which is essential for fostering peace and resolving conflict.

This has been a Rotary Foundation Minute.”

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