*Sent to all Members*

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Dear {%FName%},

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

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“This is a Rotary Foundation Minute. Never in my more than forty years in Rotary has the need for peace and conflict resolution been greater.

Rotary International is distinguished from other service organizations by its commitment to promote peace and understanding throughout the world by offering advanced-degree scholarships to up to ninety students a year who major in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution.

The $30,000 annual scholarships allow students to study at Rotary Peace Centers associated with eight major universities throughout the world.

The U.S. Congress is paralyzed by conflict. Peace is threatened by violence in the Middle East, Ukraine, and many other places. Civility is the missing ingredient in civic discourse, damaging the ability of civic organizations, service clubs, faith communities, city councils, school boards, state legislators and our U.S. Congress to function appropriately in service to the common good.

Now is our opportunity for Rotary International to enhance its role promoting peace and conflict resolution throughout the world. Few organizations do more placing graduates in non-governmental organizations, The United Nations, World Bank and non-profits that work for peace than Rotary.

May we work together to model civility in our clubs. May we make Rotary a safe place to discuss important issues with respect and civility. And may we continue to support the Rotary Foundation that funds 90 student scholarships a year at Rotary Peace Centers throughout the world.

This has been a Rotary Foundation Minute”

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