

# Rotary



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## **Guidelines for Rotarians concerning peace and conflict resolution**

As a non-partisan organization devoted to service and to truth, the Wilmington Rotary Club reminds its members: we all share an obligation to build good will and better friendships while we cope with the challenges of a frightening and divisive time.

### **Rotary is not a forum for members' political opinion.**

Since its earliest days, the world-wide Rotary movement has asked its members to refrain from endorsing, praising or criticizing candidates for elective office during Rotary meetings and events. The same prohibition applies to taking positions in favor or against any issue subject to a public referendum. Rotary clubs are permitted to educate themselves about competing candidates and the pros and cons of ballot issues.

### **The Four-Way Test should govern all our actions, especially within the club.**

Every member of this club is expected to treat our fellow Rotarians and guests according to Rotary's Four-Way Test: with concern for truth, for fairness, for goodwill and friendship, and for mutual benefit. Recognizing that most of us have strong opinions about important public issues, we all owe it to one another to listen and show respect to one another, and not to engage in political arguments during club meetings.

### **Peace, conflict prevention and resolution is one of Rotary's Areas of Focus**

Rotarians are encouraged to conduct conversations to help foster understanding within and across cultures. An understanding of the underlying causes of conflict has led us to work to alleviate poverty and discrimination, to improve access to education, and to create healthy environments in which all people can thrive.

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