

From the editor

By Lynn Theresa O'Connor

This one's pretty light, folks! I got hurt (not badly, so no need to worry), and I'm in healing mode, so I'm taking it easy. I know you understand!

There Will Be Door Prizes!!!!

By Doreen Fox Kelsey on Thursday, September 5, 2024



The Fall Assembly and Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held at two separate venues during the weekend of October 19-20, 2024.

On Saturday, October 19, the Fall Assembly will convene at Spokane Valley Tech, located at 115 S. University Road, Spokane Valley from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, October 20, the Fall Assembly will convene at the Creston & District Community Complex located at 312 19th Avenue N., Creston on the same schedule.

A continental breakfast including muffins, coffee, and tea will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m., and registration includes a catered lunch of sandwiches, soup, and salad, including vegetarian options.

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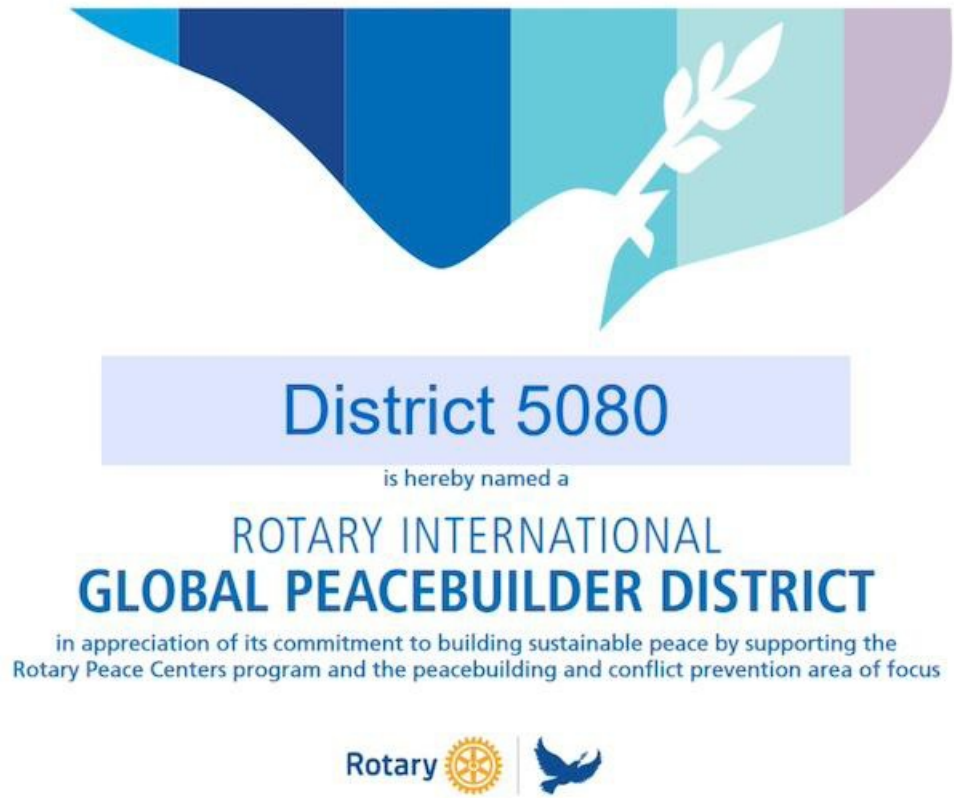
District 5080 is a Global Peacebuilder District!

By Doreen Fox Kelsey on Thursday, September 5, 2024

Recently, Rotary District 5080 received the following announcement from the Rotary Foundation:

Congratulations on earning Global Peacebuilder recognition for your district! You™ve achieved this distinction by contributing District Designated Funds or district cash during Rotary year 2023-24 to support Rotary Peace Centers and the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus.

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The Peace Alliance - Peace and Nonviolence Months Events

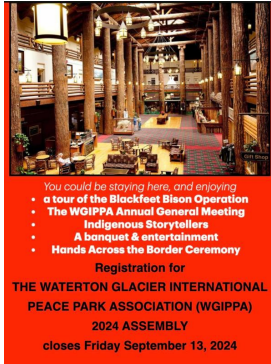


Peace & Nonviolence Months INSPIRING UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPT. & OCT.

September is peace month and includes a celebration of International Day of Peace (9/21/24). October begins with International Day of Nonviolence, i.e. the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi (10/02/24). **As we move through September and October, please join the Peace Alliance Department of Peacebuilding Campaign (DoP) for the following special events:**

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Registration for the WGIPPA will close on Sept 13



This year's Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly will be held at the Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier, MT, September 19 - 22, 2024.

GLACIER PARK LODGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 9/20 & 9/22, contact Central Reservations and ask for the WGIPPA room block by phone only, (406) 892-2525. The room block expires on August 21, so reserve soon. Other lodging is also available in the village of East Glacier, MT.

ONLINE ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION can be done via the following link prior to September 13, 2024. (Note, to register, everyone must click on guest registration, and spouses must be registered separately.)

<https://eMembersDB.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=9455>

If you are not able to attend, but would still like to support the Assembly, you may do so with a donation to offset costs including arrangements, venue, speakers, and youth attendance, as follows:

1. Donate to the Assembly's GoFundMe site by following this link: <https://gofund.me/678ce09f> or,
2. Donate directly by check to: "The Rotary Club of Helena - WGIPPA 2024". Mail to the following address:

Rotary Club of Helena, P.O. Box 333 , Helena, MT 59624

International Day of Peace - 21 September 2024



This year marks the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the [Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace](#).

In that declaration, the United Nations' most inclusive body recognized that peace

is not only the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation. The Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([UNESCO](#)) starts with the notion that "wars begin in the minds of men so it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed". It is this notion that framed the theme and logo of this year's observance of the International Day of Peace. The ideas of peace, the culture of peace, need to be cultivated in the minds of children and communities through formal and informal education, across countries and generations.

The International Day of Peace has always been a time to lay down weapons and observe ceasefires. But it now must also be a time for people to see each other's humanity. Our survival as a global community depends on that.

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Fast Facts from the UN - Impact of Climate Change on World Societies



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in Tonga/Kiara Worth

“Sea levels are rising at a rate not seen in at least 3,000 years. If we don’t reverse these climate change trends, we will see this tragedy in other coastal areas globally.”

[United Nations](#) Secretary-General [@antonio-guterres](#) has issued a stark warning during his visit to Pacific island nations.

“The world can no longer wait to take bold and resolute international climate action,” he stressed during his visit to Samoa, highlighting that high and rising sea levels are already causing severe damage and disrupting people’s lives in coastal communities in the Pacific region and other places around the world.



A damaged sea wall in Tonga/Kiara Worth

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BRAZIL TOUR 2024

By Sheila Hart on Thursday, January 4, 2024

A Brazilian travel adventure opportunity, including Bauru, Foz do Iguaçu, Amazon, and Rio de Janeiro!

Arrive in Sao Paulo on October 12, and fly home on October 27, unless you choose to stay for additional activities. This is being arranged by PDG , Alonso Campoi, a travel agent who focuses on trips involving Rotarians and RYE students in Brazil (and has a fantastic reputation!).



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