



(This email is being sent to all listed Club: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Executive Secretary, PI Chair, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair, and Treasurer)

FEBRUARY CLUB LEADERSHIP EMAIL

Dear Rotary Club Leaders,

As we embrace Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, I am reminded of the incredible power we hold in our hands as leaders. This month is not just a theme; it's a call to action, a reminder of our potential to sow seeds of peace and understanding in our communities. It's a time to reflect, act, and inspire.

The Essence of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Peace is not merely a distant goal but a path we walk daily. It's in the ways we interact, the decisions we make, and the projects we undertake. This month, let's renew our commitment to being architects of this peace.

Empowering Through Education and Awareness Knowledge is the bedrock of understanding. One of the most impactful ways we can foster peace is through education. I recall a club that organized a series of talks on cultural understanding, transforming their community's approach to diversity. Can we do the same? Hosting speakers, creating discussion forums, or even a book club focused on peace literature can ignite crucial conversations.

Community Engagement: Our Field of Action Our clubs are more than meeting points; they're launchpads for community action. Last year, a club in our district initiated a 'Peace Walk,' where members and citizens walked together in solidarity for conflict resolution. The event not only raised awareness but also strengthened community bonds. What if our clubs could spearhead similar initiatives? From community dialogues to collaborations with local schools on conflict resolution programs, there's so much we can do.

Conflict Resolution Training: Building Bridges Conflict is a reality, but handling it makes all the difference. Training our members in conflict resolution is not just an investment in our clubs; it's an investment in our communities. Imagine the impact of having trained mediators in every club, ready to assist in community disputes or offer workshops in schools and organizations.

Project Ideas: Turning Thoughts into Action The possibilities for peacebuilding projects are endless. One club set up a 'Peace Art Exhibition' in their town, showcasing local artists' interpretations of peace. It became a space for dialogue and understanding. Another club partnered with a local NGO to mentor at-risk youth, guiding them towards constructive community engagement.

Call to Action: Your Role in This Journey This month, I challenge each club to embark on at least one peacebuilding or conflict prevention project. It could be as simple as a peace-themed essay contest in schools or as elaborate as a community mediation project. Share your plans, progress, and stories. Let's inspire each other and build a tapestry of peace initiatives across our district.

The Power of Our Collective Efforts Each step we take towards peace, no matter how small, is a victory. As we engage in these initiatives, remember that we are not just club leaders but peacebuilders, shaping a more harmonious world for future generations. I am here to support you, to cheer you on, and to celebrate every success along this journey.

*Please find my monthly DG Message: <https://rotary5020.org/embracing-peacebuilding-and-conflict-prevention/>

In this email please find:

- **Upcoming Grants Management Training Alert**
- Urgent Plea: Sponsorship Needed for Rotary Training & Conference
- **Aleph Swanson Literacy Champion Award**
- A list of new websites and resources
- December and January Calendar listing details and deadlines for each month.

With heartfelt gratitude and unwavering belief in our mission,
Yours in Rotary,

Caleb Summerfelt
2023-2024 District 5020 Governor

*This email can also be downloaded from: <https://www.rotaryclubresources.com/document/8-club-leadership-monthly-email-february/>

UPCOMING GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING ALERT!

It's time again for District Grants Management Training Sessions on Zoom! Anyone interested in accessing either a Global Grant or a District Community Grant should attend the training.

Several sessions will be held so Rotarians can fit the training into their schedule. The first 2 trainings are below. Additional trainings will be held in April and May and all trainings will be in the District Calendar in Dacdb. The sessions should last about an hour.

When: Feb 24, 2024 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://d5020.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrduiqrTMjHdQNIEFRxb43j5-0A8NlatsK>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

When: Mar 6, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://d5020.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuceqsrDgtGtWrQqwlWcdqG_0xuToVUMJg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

See you all there!

Barbara Barney
D5020 District Community Grants Coordinator
2023-2027

RADIATE ROTARY: USING PUBLIC IMAGE FOR MEMBERSHIP ATTRACTION AND RETENTION

Steven Boe, District PI Chair, and I are excited to announce our joint workshop that is happening from 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, March 9th, at Gig Harbour Yacht Club, 8209 Stinson Avenue, Gig Harbour.

We invite you to explore valuable tools and effective practices for expressing your enthusiasm and dedication to Rotary. These resources will help you not only promote club growth but also enhance community engagement.

The session will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with a light lunch included. An earlier workshop was held on Vancouver Island in November which was very well attended.

Please register as soon as possible at the link below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Steven and I look forward to seeing you in Gig Harbour on March 9th!

[Register NOW](#) for **Joint Membership/Public Image Training Workshop**

Best regards,
Nora Dowsett
D5020 Membership Chair

ALEPH SWANSON LITERACY CHAMPION AWARD

District Governor Caleb Summerfelt truly appreciates the value of education. His grandmother, Aleph Swanson, taught him well. She believed that education was not only a privilege, but also a responsibility. Aleph made a difference in the lives of many children through her actions, serving as an inspiration with her compassion and generosity. She dedicated herself to encouraging and watching over children with loving kindness, imparting to them important values.

To honor her legacy, District Governor Caleb will be presenting the- Aleph Swanson Literacy Champion Award at District Conference 2024, to an individual or organization that has had a positive impact in people's lives by helping them develop their literacy skills in District 5020 or elsewhere.

AWARD AND RECOGNITION

The award includes:

- Registration to the 2024 Conference where they will be presented with a Paul Harris award
- \$1000 donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation on behalf of the Puget Sound Designers Passport Rotary Club.

TO LEARN MORE [CLICK HERE](#)

For any question please email Anita Wotschel rotaryanitaw@gmail.com

LIBRARY OF RESOURCES | NEW!

Having a library of resources dedicated to Club Leaders and Committee Chairs is crucial to the success of any organization. These resources provide valuable information, guidance, and support to leaders, enabling them to effectively manage their teams and achieve their goals. A well-curated library of resources can also serve as a centralized hub where leaders can access information on best practices, training materials, and other relevant materials to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge.

[HTTPS://WWW.ROTARYCLUBRESOURCES.COM/](https://www.rotaryclubresources.com/)

FEBRUARY 2024

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

CRITICAL DATES

- 6 Feb Assistant Governor and Committee Chairs Monthly Meeting
- 13 Feb District Governor Line Monthly Meeting
- 20 Feb UNITE DISTRICT 5020 Article Deadline
- 23 Feb World Understanding and Peace Day (Rotary's anniversary)

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- Plan and conduct monthly board meeting.
- Promote District Training and Conference
- Promote attendance at the RI Convention.
- Conduct "Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution" programs for club
- 23 February (Rotary's anniversary) is World Understanding and Peace Day. Conduct activities that emphasize Rotary's commitment to international understanding, friendship, and peace.
- If any clubs haven't received their invoices, refer them to riclubfinance@rotary.org.
- RI sends 30-day reminder letters to clubs with balances of \$250 or more. (Clubs with balances of \$250 or more will not be eligible for the Rotary Citation.)

PUBLIC IMAGE

- Ask the PR chair to promote club as planned – including water and environmental projects for 22 March, World Water Day.

FOUNDATION

- Promote Benefactor program as a way to build a brighter future for TRF's programs on Rotary's birthday.
- Log on to Rotary Club Central and download TRF contribution and recognition reports.

MARCH 2024

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH

CRITICAL DATES

- 5 Mar Assistant Governor and Committee Chairs Monthly Meeting
- 12 Mar District Governor Line Monthly Meeting
- 7-13 Mar World Rotaract Week; Rotaract's anniversary is 13 March.
- 19 Mar UNITE DISTRICT 5020 Article Deadline

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- Plan and conduct monthly board meeting.
- Promote attendance at the district conference.
- Ensure incoming board is registered for DTAC (District Training and Conference)
- Conduct literacy related activities and programs.
- Clubs receive their Rotary International Convention credentials.
- RI sends 60-day reminder letters to clubs with balances of \$250 or more. (Clubs with balances of \$250 or more will not be eligible for the Rotary Citation.)
- Host Water & Sanitation programs at the club
- Week including 13 March is World Rotaract Week. Conduct activities in support of your local Rotaract club or help organize one.

PUBLIC IMAGE

- Ask the PR chair to promote club as planned – including environmental or sustainable development projects for 22 April, Earth Day.

MEMBERSHIP

- Monitor membership development initiatives and goals.

DISTRICT/RI

- Clubs conduct the interview and selection process for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship and submit their club-endorsed Fellowship applications to the district in accordance with the district deadline.