



***As we move forward, this Newsletter will now feature more stories about your peace-building projects so that the community can see the amazing work you are producing around the world!***

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## **The New Board Chair: Fabio Carballo of Costa Rica**

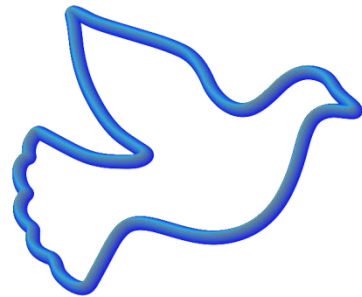
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**Fabio joined the Rotary Club of San Jose in 1994 and has served in all areas of the Club, with the exception of Treasurer.**

From 1998 to 2014 he represented his country of Costa Rica in the Uniendo America Project Fair.

In 1998 he was a founding member of the RAGCED (Rotary Action Group for Community and Economic Development) and is currently a Director of this RAG.

He is married to Melania Pacheco Pinto and they have four children. By profession he is a lawyer. His hobbies include running, having taken part in the New York and Paris Marathons, fishing, photography, swimming, scuba diving. (In fact, he trained for the Costa Rica Olympic team in fencing!)





*Dear Fellow RAGFP Members,*

*I wanted to introduce myself and give you a brief overview of where we are at the present time.*

*You probably know that we have undergone some changes of late. Notably, the departure from the RAGFP of Reem, the Executive Director and also of Anna, the Communications Officer.*

*We are now in a period of transition. We are putting together the logistics for our AGM and forthcoming Board Elections (details below). We too as a Board are formulating a Business Plan which will be aligned to a Strategy for the coming year(s).*

*At this time, the Directors are all pulling together to keep things moving as much as possible. Past Char, Alison, has agreed to temporarily help with some of the administration needs. To this end, she would very much appreciate hearing from you if you have a current peace project (just one brief paragraph with one picture) which she would like to include in the upcoming Members Newsletter. She too would be interested if you have any global peace event scheduled (a one line description with date and contact details, or send the Flyer).*

*We will do our best to ensure that we offer a good support and quick turn around to any of your enquiries, submissions etc. However, we will need to put a few things on hold. One of which being the update of the Peace Map. We will work on correcting and updating this as soon as we can.*

*In the meantime, I would like to assure you all of our continued commitment to you, the RAGFP, Rotary International, and to the furtherance of our mission of Educating/Engaging and Empowering Rotarians in the area of peace.*

*With very best wishes*

*Fabio Carballo  
Rotary Action Group for Peace – Chair*

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## Call for Nominations to the RAGFP Board

We have not been able to finalize all of the details at the time of this newsletter being sent out. We will therefore send an additional communication to you, solely dedicated to informing you about the upcoming elections to the RAGFP Board and how you can participate.

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## Current Peace Projects

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*It is the desire of all Rotarians to be involved in actual projects. Below, you will find details of two such projects (of course, there are many more). Tell us about your project! In this newsletter will find details of upcoming events that you might want to register for or put in your calendar.*

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## Partnering with World Beyond War on a Peace Education and Action Program

This program is headed by Peace Fellow Phil Gittins. The program takes ten youth (18 to 35 year old's) from twelve countries in the world. Each team has a Coordinator and two Rotarian Mentors. The virtual course lasts fourteen weeks- the first six cover many aspects of peace-building, and the last eight weeks has the teams identify, research, and address an issue.

The countries participating come from South Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria, Cameroon, Venezuela, Colombia, Serbia, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, USA and Canada. Each student is being sponsored in the amount of \$200. This program is being piloted with plans to roll it out again in 2022.

Further details on the content and possibilities for sponsorship can be found on <https://worldbeyondwar.org/action-for-impact/>. If you wish to donate *through* the RAGFP please clearly state what the donation is for and whether you have a preference as to which country you would like to sponsor a student from.

NEW PROGRAMME

# PEACE EDUCATION AND ACTION FOR IMPACT

Part I: September 6 – October 16, 2021  
Part II: October 17 – December 10, 2021



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a global movement to end all wars



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## Working with Peace Through the Arts Foundation

Headed by Karim Wasfi, this virtual online international Concert was conceived and put together by members of the Tuesday RAGFP Chat team. Contributions were made by acclaimed musicians and orchestras from Georgia, USA,



Colorado, USA, Turkey, Hong

Kong and Sydney, Australia.

Nine Districts sponsored this event (1150, 2420, 3450, 5280, 5450, 6080, 6920, 6690, 9800). It has raised in excess of \$13,000 USD, benefiting Karim Wasfi's work in Iraq, sponsoring twenty youth through the World Beyond War Peace Education and Action for Impact Course and a donation to the Turkey Film Festival on behalf of Rotary International.

This Concert is still accessible until the end of October, together with the possibility for further donations for the work of Karim.

[Check Out The Concert](#) |

## Share Your Peace Projects

Click [here](#) to tell us about your Peace Projects in 150 words or less and include a small photograph

If you're not a RAGFP member, [join us today](#) to share your Peace Project on our website.

## Recognizing Reem Ghunaim



The RAGFP Board of Directors would like to recognize Reem Ghunaim for her five years of service to the organization. Reem's contribution as Executive Director has raised the profile of peace with Rotarians around the world through her creative initiative and resourcefulness.

Her "Together for Peace" series provided our members with the opportunity of hearing and connecting with many varied speakers. She also helped us celebrate, through the Legacy of Peace and Dove Gala, the accomplishments of many Rotarians.

Reem is identifying her next opportunity and we wish her the best of luck and wish her much success in whatever she chooses to do!

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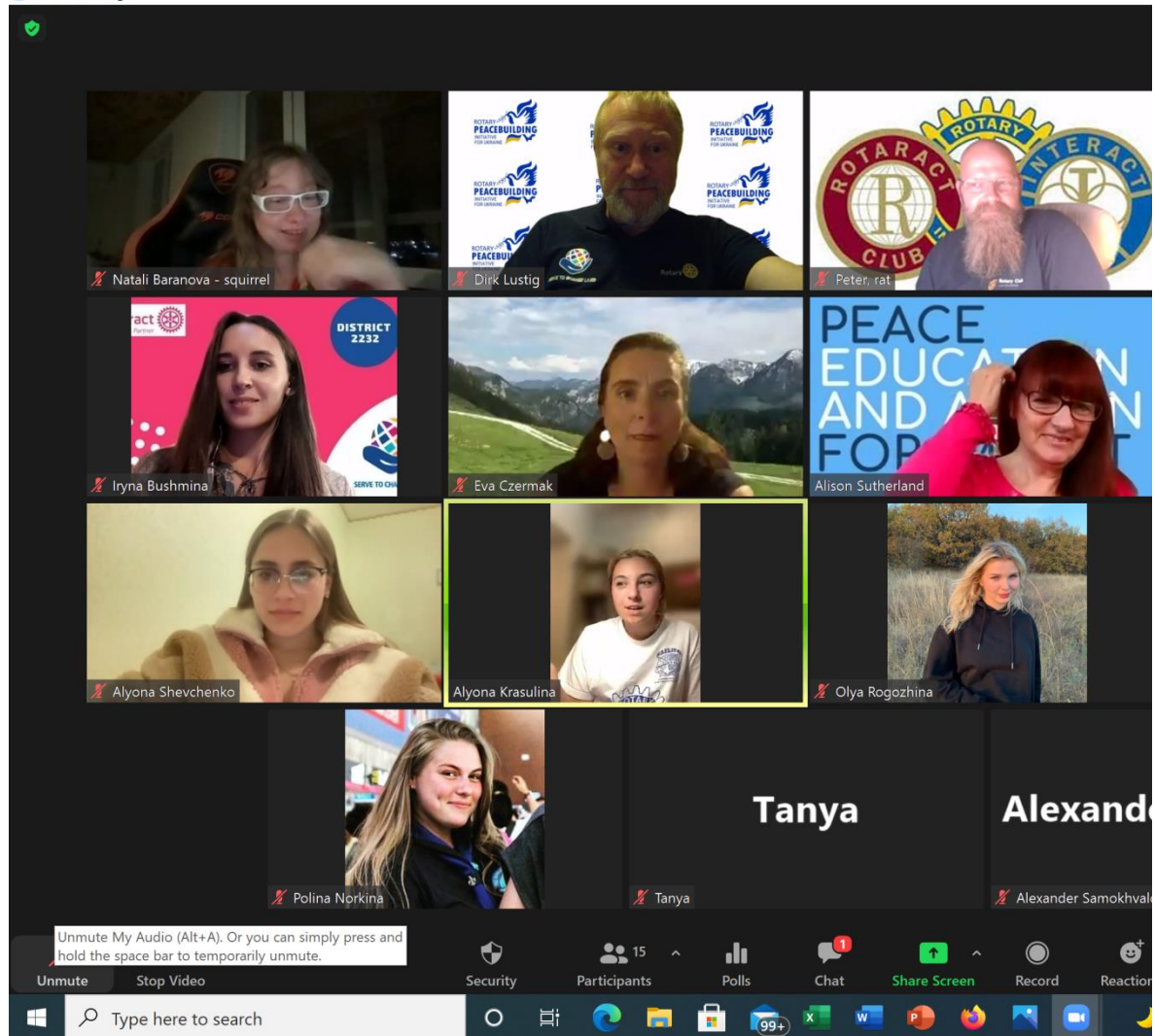
## RAGFP Has Also Been Collaborating With

### Rotaractor's from Russian and Ukraine

An exciting development from the Building Bridges to Georgia Conference is the work of Dirk Lustig of Ukraine. He and Alison Sutherland have hosted regular sessions with Rotaractors from Russia and Ukraine. Iryna Bushmina (Ukraine) and Violetta Alekseeva and Natalia Baranova (Russia) have joined the Committee of the Rotaractors for Peace. Dirk is now hard at work planning a trip for five Russian and five Ukraine Rotaractors to Georgia next year.

A sad note being that one of the founding members of the above initiatives from the Russian Rotaractors was Maria Galkinag. Despite being confined to a wheel chair she was dynamic and enthusiastic. Unfortunately following surgery on her back Maria died from a heart attack. She is very much admired and missed by all.





## Launch of African Peacebuilders Initiative

## OFFICIAL AFRICA PEACE HOUR LAUNCH 31 OCTOBER



**VIP Guest**

RI Director - Zone 30/31  
Elizabeth Usovicz

Chair Rotary Action Group for Peace  
Alison Sutherland

**SUNDAY**  
**31st OCTOBER**  
**19H00 UTC+1 (WAT)**  
**20H00 UTC+2 (CAT)**  
**21H00 UTC+3 (EAT)**

**ID: 533 632 6427**

All peace builders,  
peace  
ambassadors and  
Rotarians welcome

The initiative of African Peacebuilders was launched on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The event had as its Speaker, RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz. She stressed the importance of Peacebuilder Clubs, outlining the progress made in her own District in Missouri by PDG Jacque Howard.

She expressed the hope that this growth of Peacebuilding Clubs would lead to the formation of a RAGFP Chapter in Missouri. She went on to say that she welcomed this initiative of bringing all African Peacebuilders together on this Open Space platform.

The leadership team for the initiative is made up of Grace van Zyl, South Africa, Pietro Uzochukwu West Africa, Anne Nkutu, East Africa and Dalia Mosef, North Africa. This is in its early formulative stages of development with a focus on extending, educating and empowering Rotarians in the area of peace by unpacking the content, benefits and resources of the RAGFP, Rotary International and IEP.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 p.m. London time. All are welcome.

### Weekly RAGFP Zoom Meetings: Zoom ID 533 632 6427 (no password)

*All times shown in LONDON time.*

<b>Monday</b>	09:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Voice</b> with co host Peace Fellow Phil Gittins On the program Peace Education and Action For Impact (World Beyond War/RAGFP)
<b>Tuesday</b>	09:00 p.m.	<b>Peace Through the Art of Music</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	09:00 p.m.	<b>Global Peacebuilders and Peace Builder Clubs</b> networking opportunity
<b>Thursday</b>	04:00 p.m.	Rotarians from <b>Turkey</b> working on Rotary Peace Film Festival "In Search of Peace"

09:30 p.m. **Latin America Peacebuilders** with co-host Peace Fellow Carolina Zocca  
*Meeting in **Spanish** for Spanish speakers esp. Latin America*

**Friday** 02:00 p.m. **Hong Kong** Chapter of the Rotary Action Group for Peace

**\*Launching Sunday October 31st, 6:00 p.m. African Peacebuilders**

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## Upcoming Events for your Calendar

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10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	The Language of Peace I Workshop hosted by Turkey
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	The Language of Peace II Workshop hosted by Turkey
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Supportive Rotarian Bystander Behaviour hosted by Turkey

Registration Link for the Above Events: <https://forms.gle/LeAnYe4ny42Zmx3g6>

19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Film Festival hosted by Turkey (In Search of Peace)
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Rotary  
District 2420



Peace Education  
Program



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# Becoming a More Peace-Filled Rotarian

Peace Education Program  
4 Part Zoom Meeting Series

**Dr. Vicki RADEL - RID 5280 PDG**

Ph.D. in Philosophy of Psychology  
UCLA - Life Enrichment Therapies



**October 27, 2021 Wed. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Overview**  
8 PM Istanbul GMT +3

**November 10, 2021 Wed. Commemoration of Atatürk**  
8 PM Istanbul GMT +3 **Language of Peace Part I**

**November 24, 2021 Wed. Language of Peace Part II**  
8 PM Istanbul GMT +3

**December 8, 2021 Wed. Supportive Rotarian Bystander Behavior**  
8 PM Istanbul GMT +3

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## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FIVE LOCAL HARMONY PROJECTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

19 Participants of Bosnia and Herzegovina from diverse backgrounds, age groups and regions participated early July 2021 in a train the trainer-program. The aim was to provide them the tools for promoting harmonious living among local communities. The program was supported by Rotary, SANCHILD and the Western Balkan Alumni Association.



17 visionary Harmony Projects were developed and will be implemented by end of December 2021.



### *Local projects topics*

Women and Girls Empowerment	Overcoming cultural differences	Emotions and well-being	Inspiring harmony through art
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communication between mothers and daughters to prevent violence and abuse</li> <li>2. Promotion of women in small businesses</li> <li>3. Empowerment of young (refugee) girls to overcome anxiety and fears</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breaking cultural prejudices by challenging historical narratives</li> <li>2. Creating bond between teenagers with different ethnic backgrounds</li> <li>3. Promoting values of youth exchange programs and volunteering</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Empowerment of introverted &amp; marginalized groups to embrace emotions</li> <li>2. Online sessions related to mental well-being and psychology</li> <li>3. Creating a network of support among young adults</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bringing up social issues through various forms of arts</li> <li>2. Promoting self-expression and creativity</li> <li>3. Promoting non-established female artists</li> </ol>

*"The participants of the Harmony Project have convinced me that by supporting the implementation of their project ideas, Rotarians can make a major contribution to long term harmony in Bosnia and Herzegovina."*

*Walter B. Gyger*  
Rotary Action Group for Peace

12 projects are fully funded thanks to a Rotary Global Grant and the financial support of SANCHILD Foundation B&H.



## FIVE PROJECTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



### *Your contributions support*



#### **Mothers and Daughters**

5 days accommodation and workshop materials for 12 participants

**Needs support of: 1,083 EUR**



#### **Women inspired by space**

accommodation for 30 participants and books printing

**Needs support of: 4,967 EUR**



#### **LEARNING & REWARDING through "Treasure Hunting"**

accommodation and computers for 16 participants

**Needs support of: 3,625 EUR**



#### **Youth power for better future in Bosnia**

5 days accommodation and transport for 20 participants

**Needs support of: 3,445 EUR**



#### **Theater for change**

equipment for theater play

**Needs support of: 2,665 EUR**

### **Any donation is welcomed!**

#### **Contributions**

**Reference: Harmony Project Donation**

**IBAN Post Finance: CH12 0900 0000 1446 0791 8**

**Beneficiary: Association San Child**

**Eclepens, Switzerland**

**BIC/SWIFT: POFICBEXX**

*Thank you!*





# Rotary Peace Film Festival

*"In Search of Peace"*

We invite you to tell stories about peace

## Important Dates

Deadline for Applications: **15 December 2021**

Award Ceremony: **19 February 2022**

## Competition Categories

Best Short Documentary (\$1500)

Best Short Film (\$1500)

Best Student Documentary (\$1000)

Best Student Short Film (\$1000)

For more information: <http://filmfestival.peacerotaryturkey.org/en>



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## RAGFP, Rotary, and Peace Event Calendar

Rotary Calendar: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

UN Holidays: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks>

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