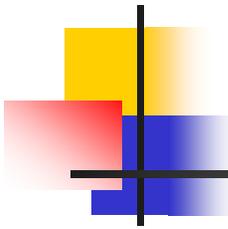




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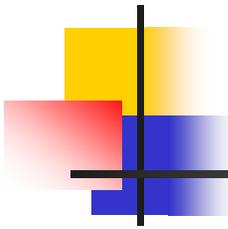
PEACE PARKS AND ROTARY
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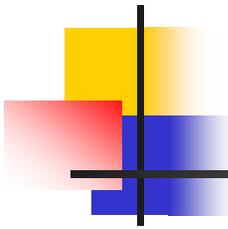
ROTARY'S 4TH OBJECT:

- TO ADVANCE PEACE AND
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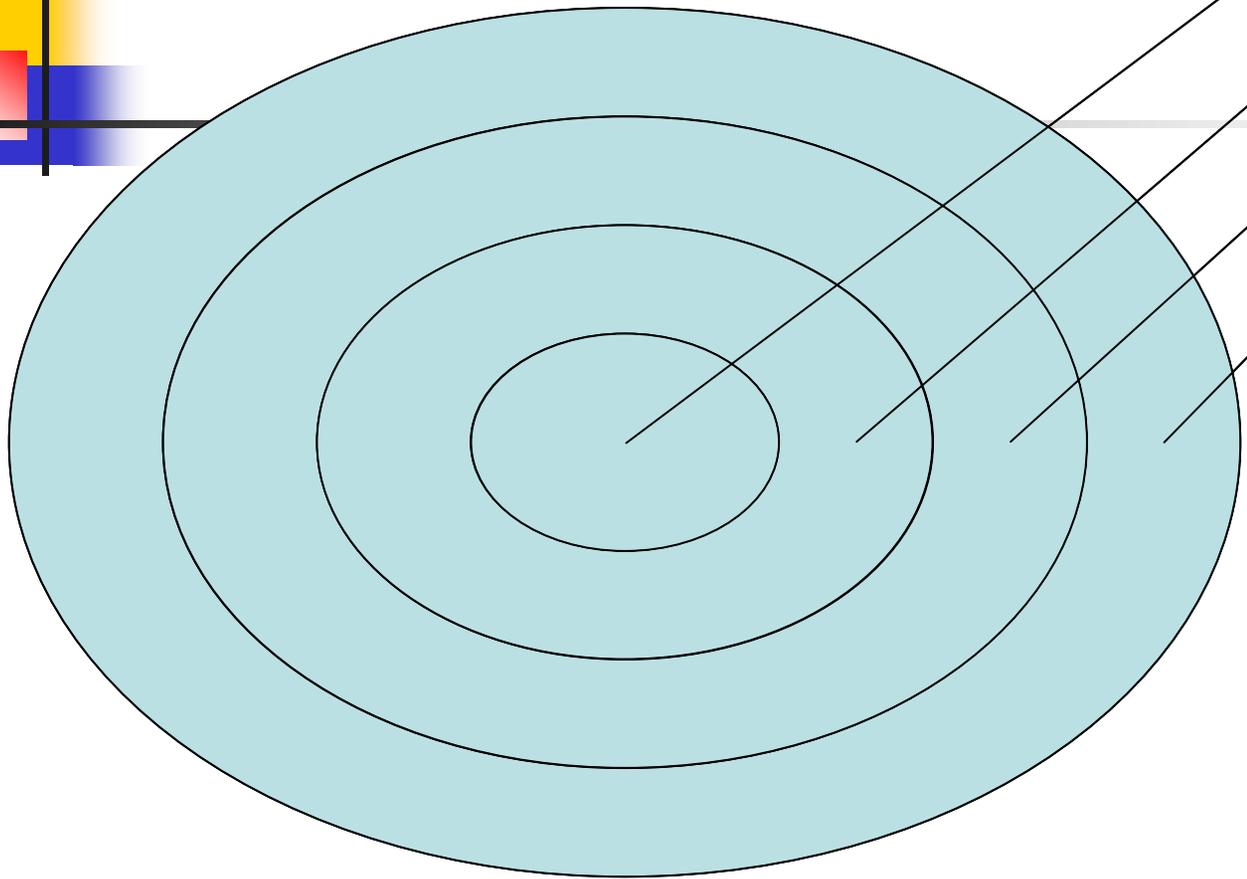
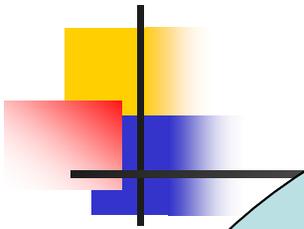
QUOTE FROM RI PUBLICATION 'THE SEVEN PATHS TO PEACE':

- "... Rotarians believe that if there is failure in the avenue of international service, there may be no need for concern about the other avenues of service. ... and this book ("Seven Paths To Peace") is presented in the hope and belief that there are thousands (now millions) of hands which up to now have not been lifted – but which now may be persuaded to row a new and firm course."



Rotary – International Program Options

- Interact
- Rotaract
- Rotary Community Corps
- Rotary Fellowships
- Rotary Friendship Exchange
- Rotary Volunteers
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- World Community Service (humanitarian)
- Youth Exchange
- http://www.rotary.org/training/elearning/programs_files/frame.htm

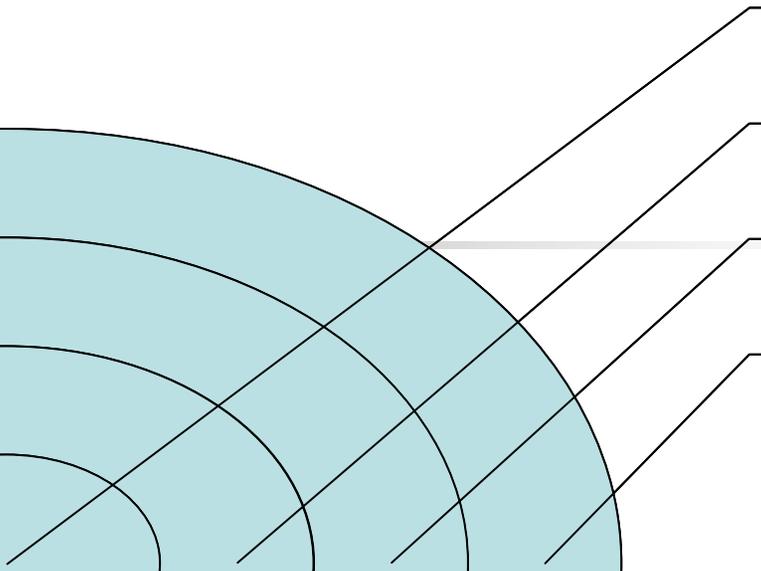


**Social Intelligence
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**Peace Education
& Action**

Rotary Peace Programs

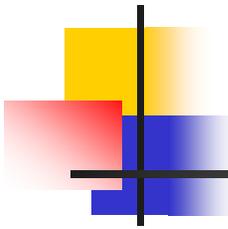
**United Nations
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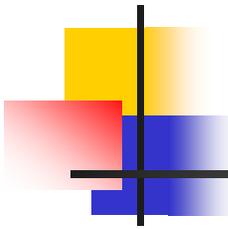
“Seven Paths to Peace”

- Highly recommended reading
- Everything you wanted to know about ‘What I can do as a Rotarian to help build peace’ – its all there!!
- <http://www.peace.ca/rotarysevenpathstopeace.htm>
- See Laminated Chart, also available online at <http://www.peace.ca/RotaryPathsToPeaceChart.doc>



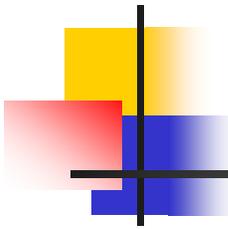
Rotary Club of Okotoks – International Program Options

- Bob Stewart/Okotoks peace initiatives:
 - Web site and conferencing
 - Peace education programming
 - RI's Seven Paths to Peace dissemination
 - Rotary Peace Parks
 - Peace Rotarians Action Group
 - Rotary University Chairs in Peace Studies
 - Rotary Peace Plus Program
- Our Goal: help Rotary achieve its peace goals
- www.peace.ca/rotary.htm



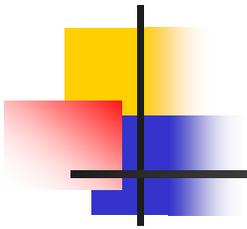
“Peace Parks Are A Tangible Way To Promote Peace And World Understanding”

- WGIPPA purpose is to “cement harmonious relations between old allies, while providing a model for peace for nations around the world”.
- Our long term vision is to provide support and disseminate information to support Rotarians and the development of peace parks around the world, with the objective of promoting peace and cooperation.

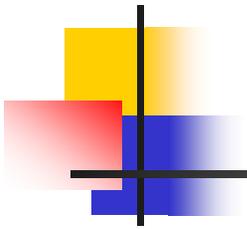


Our ultimate goal is to significantly reduce the human cost of violence, through:

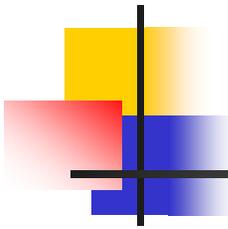
1. increasing peace awareness and knowledge of alternatives to violence;
2. increasing donations of money and volunteerism for peace education;
3. increasing information resources for peace education (eg. Books, articles, videos, etc.);
4. increasing social educational programming (eg. Government initiatives, corporate initiatives, school initiatives, etc.)



WE MUST ACT NOW TO BUILD A
BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR
CHILDREN AND FUTURE
GENERATIONS

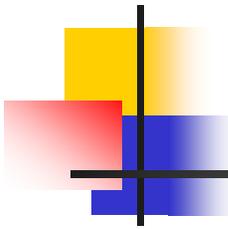


WGIPPA could have a key leadership role in promoting peace and world understanding through International Peace Parks in the U.S., Canada, and around the world.



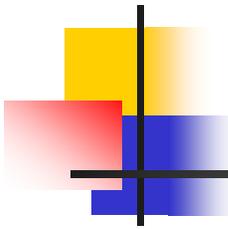
The WGIPPA Global Peace Committee:

- is comprised of a volunteer working group of Rotarian peacebuilders.
- Anyone interested in helping to advance International Peace Parks is welcome to join.
- We use an email listserver as our tool for communication, networking, dialogue and information dissemination.
- You can join by sending a blank email to peaceparksandrotary-subscribe@yahogroups.com



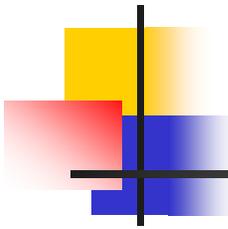
WGIPPA GLOBAL PEACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Fran Leggett, Lethbridge, Alberta
- Mike Demaniuk, Edmonton, Alberta
- Ingrid Schulz, Stony Plain, Alberta
- Dick Low, Cardston, Alberta
- Gerald Beazer, Cardston, Alberta
- Glen Jones, Cardston, Alberta
- Sheran Carter, Pincher Creek, Alberta
- Bev Muendel-Atherstone, Lethbridge, AB
- Carl Prinzing, Missoula, Montana
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- Bill Spath, Butte, Montana
- Jerry Channell, Rockport, Texas
- Robert Stewart, Okotoks, Alberta



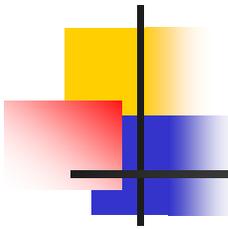
“Selling the WGIPPA peace park idea” – background:

- the world’s **first** International Peace Park
- **celebrates** the longest unguarded boundary on Earth
- Assemblies are celebrations of **Fellowship, Friendship, Goodwill and Peace** which has existed between our two countries for almost 200 years.
- a way to **cement** harmonious relations between old allies, while providing a **model** for peace for nations around the world.
- a powerful **symbol** for mankind’s capacity for friendship
- peace is one of the cornerstones of the future. Peace parks are **a building block** in this process, not only in our region, but potentially in the entire world
- The search for International Peace must be our foremost goal. We can and we must **make a difference**.



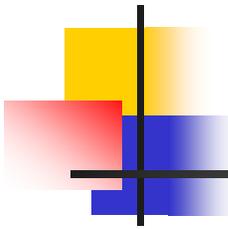
“Selling the WGIPPA peace park idea” – background (cont.):

- A **shared vision of transboundary co-operation** by all is the ultimate goal.
- part of a viable **solution to** some of the world's greatest **conflicts**
- What better setting exists for world leaders to **gather, to resolve** International disputes, to bring together warring factions, and to create world peace.
- **peace with our ecosystems**
- The **future** of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park has yet to be written.
- Can Rotarians **create** International Peace Parks throughout the world?
- a **Global Partnership for Peace Parks** is required
- a Coalition of Partners for World **Peace through Tourism**



Objectives of the Peace Parks and Rotary Initiative could include among other things:

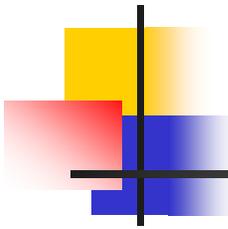
- To catalyze and collaborate
- To empower, through capacity building
- To develop, adopt, test and disseminate Best Practice Guidelines and a Code of Conduct
- To facilitate the exchange of data and information
- promote recognition and application of the Peace Park concept
- develop a program of work for the next three to five years.



Objectives for Parks for Peace:

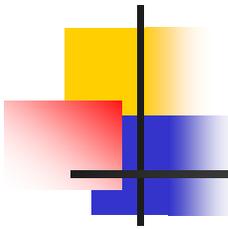
- The identification/designation of Parks for Peace by the cooperating jurisdictions should include only those areas where the agreed management objectives explicitly recognise both a **protected area purpose and a peace purpose**.
- Parks for Peace should be founded on the recognition that human security, good governance, equitable development and respect for human rights are interdependent and indivisible. Peace is best developed by addressing the root causes of conflict and by promoting sustainable development, the rule of law and adherence to human rights, whether civil, political, economic, social or cultural.

(excerpt from Transboundary document - reference Appendix 1 of Marketing Strategy)



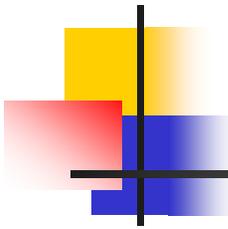
Specific objectives of Parks for Peace may include the following aspects:

- i. Supporting long-term co-operative conservation of biodiversity, ecosystem services, and natural and cultural values across boundaries;
- ii. Promoting landscape-level ecosystem management through integrated bio-regional land-use planning and management;
- iii. Building trust, understanding, reconciliation and co-operation between and among countries, communities, agencies and other stakeholders;
- iv. Preventing and/or resolving tension, including over access to natural resources;
- v. Promoting the resolution of armed conflict and/or reconciliation following armed conflict;



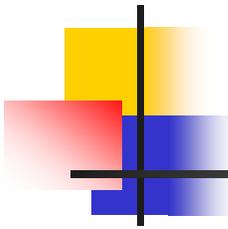
Specific objectives of Parks for Peace (cont.):

- vi. Sharing biodiversity and cultural resource management skills and experience, including co-operative research and information management;
- vii. Promoting more efficient and effective co-operative management programmes;
- viii. Promoting access to, and equitable and sustainable use of natural resources, consistent with national sovereignty; and
- ix. Enhancing the benefits of conservation and promoting benefit-sharing across boundaries among stakeholders.



Good Practice Guidelines are set out under nine headings :

1. Identifying and promoting common values
2. Involving and benefiting local people
3. Obtaining and maintaining support of decision-makers
4. Promoting coordinated and co-operative activities
5. Achieving coordinated planning and protected area development
6. Developing co-operative agreements
7. Working towards funding sustainability
8. Monitoring and assessing progress
9. Dealing with tension or armed conflict

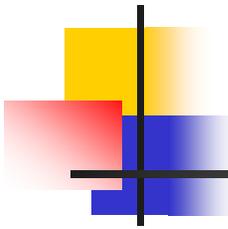


Drafting a protocol to guide our conversations:

Rotary's Four Way Test -

"Of the things we think, say or do:

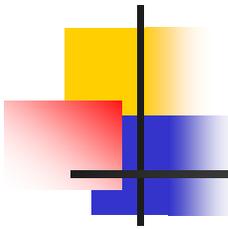
- 1. Is it the TRUTH?*
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"*



Drafting a protocol to guide our conversations (cont.):

1. Safety
2. Consequences
3. Acceptance
4. Mutual purpose
5. Patience
6. Difference
7. Empowerment
8. Action
9. Responsibility

(reference Appendix 2 of Marketing Strategy)



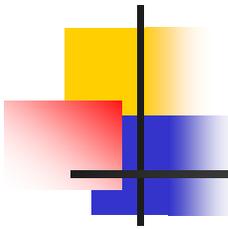
What do we want and need?

A read of the background material indicates our collective WGIPPA desire to:

- Build on past effort and a powerful symbol of friendship
- Move to a higher plateau to make a more significant difference
- To build transboundary co-operation and relationships
- At home and abroad
- In service to humanity, our planet and Rotary's Fourth Object.

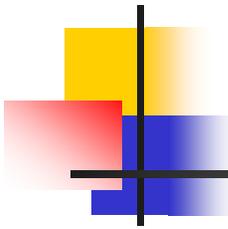
In this light, we need to:

- Develop an understanding and action plan to advance transboundary co-operation and relationships
- Using the venue of Peace Parks, starting with WGIPP.



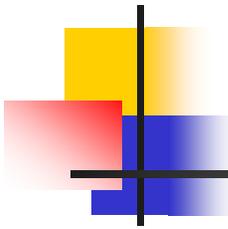
The path:

1. through information knowledge (education),
2. through social intelligence, contacts and networks,
3. through purposeful and shared action



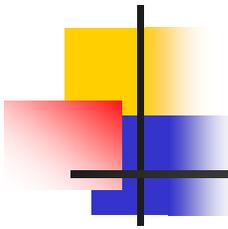
Is peace possible?

- For 100 years, Rotary has been optimistic that we can make a significant, positive difference in ***“The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.”***
- There is a high degree of correlation of education, social intelligence skills and shared action with improving relationships, co-operation and violence prevention.
- As R.I. President Herb Brown said at the Rotary International Conference in Calgary in June 1996, “Peace is possible, it is the most worthwhile cause and investment of our time, effort and money, and we should do something about it.”



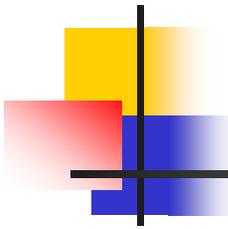
What can we do?

- We are all guides towards a better world for future generations.
- For millennia, humans have gone to the mountain tops to seek inspiration and clear thought on their problems and issues, and solace in nature's beauty.
- We need to develop an understanding and action plan to advance transboundary co-operation and relationships, using the venue of Peace Parks, starting with WGIPP.



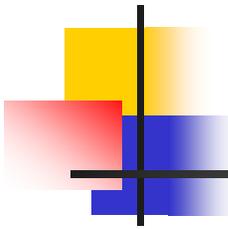
Our mission, if we decide to accept it, is to join in helping others:

- build their Peace Park and Rotary information and knowledge,
- build social intelligence and contacts (networks; collaborations),
- build purposeful action,
- accelerate the transformation to a Culture of Peace and Non-violence.



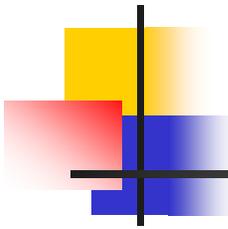
In the process, we will learn
by doing:

- That is the essence of peace education, servant leadership and service above self.



Our motivation:

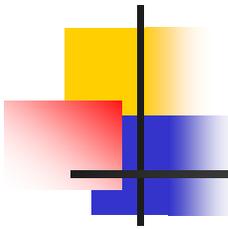
- a desire become better people – to become what we are capable of becoming (“we can do better”)
- to build personal peace, family peace, community peace, regional peace and world peace
- a conscience that no longer allows us to sit idly by while others suffer needlessly
- wanting to do something:
 - to not be a victim of direct or indirect violence for ourself, our family, our community, our country,
 - building our own social intelligence and contacts (networks),
 - to live on purpose (as in ‘meaning of life’; “I can do better”)
 - exercising our own power (self-empowerment; self-reflection)
 - desire to be part of something bigger than just oneself, and succeed in the process



'Branding' the Peace Parks Initiative: A Highly Strategic Initiative

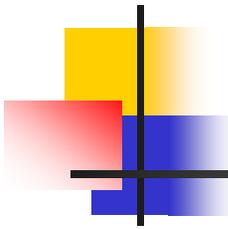
PEACE IS IN OUR NATURE:

- **THE NATURE OF PEACE, AND**
- **LEARNING FROM THE PEACE OF NATURE**



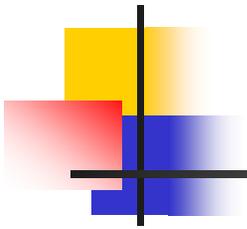
THE NATURE OF PEACE:

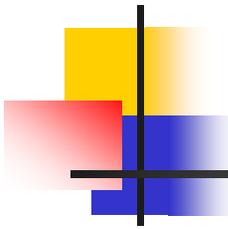
- Rotary and Rotarians, by their nature and Fourth Object, work to change behaviors, forge values and incite institutional transformations from the current culture of war and violence to a Culture of Peace and Non-violence.



LEARNING FROM THE PEACE OF NATURE:

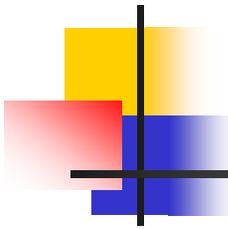
- As individuals and society, we have a lot to learn from nature, and we have an obligation to protect nature. The peace and harmony of nature is readily understandable, acceptable and supportable by most Rotarians and others.
- Nature can be our peace metaphor.

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- We have an opportunity to expand Peace Parks, their potential and beneficial nature.
 - Embracing Peace in the context of Nature (and as our Peace Parks brand) will help us be mindful to walk the talk, and gain recruits, resources and results in the process.



Dialogue:

- Question,
- Search for common ground,
- disagree,
- suggestions,
- actions



Possible Discussion Groups:

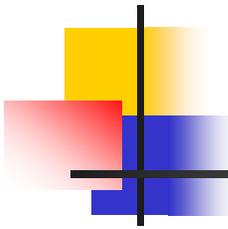
1. Seven Paths to Peace and helping Rotary achieve its peace goals
2. Significantly reducing the human costs of direct and indirect violence
3. Writing the **future** of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park (road map)
4. Selling the WGIPPA idea (i.e. the marketing strategy)
5. Other

Report back to the whole group & consolidate.

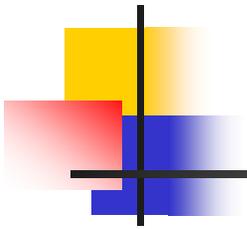
LUNCH SPEAKER DR. SHALL SINHA IS A GANDHI SCHOLAR AND PAST ROTARIAN, WHO LIVES IN EDMONTON AND IS A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM.



Peace Park Professional Context



- Steve Thompson: Glacier Field Representative Northern Rockies Regional Office, National Parks Conservation Association, Whitefish, MT
- “Even the most avid supporters of peace parks admit that they aren't the solution to all the world's troubles. But peace parks expert Steve Thompson says they could be a small piece of the bigger solution. He says peace parks are more than expressions of goodwill between nations -- they are actively being used as a tool to resolve conflict and ensure conservation because they require the countries involved to agree to set aside and jointly manage the new reserve. In the last 10 years, about a dozen peace parks have been established expressly to resolve conflict, enabling the previously warring nations to cooperate in managing the territory, says Thompson.”



THANK YOU 😊

ANY QUESTIONS?