

"Peace Through Education Is Possible" - Rotary Peace Conference Open to Public Speaker Arun Gandhi, Mohandas Gandhi Grandson, Palm Springs Con. Ctr. 11/13/11

Attend the Rotary Peace Conference. Listen and participate in topics on Peace through Education. Hear the words of Arun Gandhi, Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee and Rotary Peace Fellows.

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PALM SPRINGS, CA, October 22, 2011 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Peace is Possible, and on November 13, 2011 Rotarians and peacemakers on the west coast will gather in Palm Springs at the Palm Springs Convention Center to discuss this very theme at the Rotary Peace Conference. This event, hosted by Rotary International Director Ken Boyd is one of a series that have taken place throughout the world.

"What is special about the event is our Keynote Speaker Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, and the public is invited," says Host Chair Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian. "Mr. Gandhi, founder of M.K. Gandhi Institute, will share his views on non-violence with riveting and unique reflections on the personal and historical legacy of his grandfather, Mohandas Gandhi.

"He will set forth a message of integrity, social harmony, inclusion and peace in the wake of terrorism, international conflicts, immigration debates, and religious, political, and ideological differences that threatened our future as national and global citizens. Welcoming the public to the event is a unique opportunity for them to meet and to hear Mr. Gandhi," said Dr. Garbis.

Vanessa Contopulos, Rotary Peace Fellow 2008-2009 and Michael Fryer, Peace-BUILDER and Educator will also speak; placing significant emphasis on peace through education is possible.

The conference breakout sessions are designed to enlighten and stimulate open dialog about world peace: • Peace as a Process • Technology for Peace • Peace in our Homes/Communities • Interfaith Paths to Peace • Lessons from Rotary Peace Fellows • Growing Model UN Programs • Promoting Rotary's Efforts toward Global Peace and Understanding • Rotary in Political and Social Upheavals.

Other conference highlights include Peace-building Rotary International Service Project Displays and a Multicultural Festival. Celebrating diversity, through a colorful tapestry of ethnic music, folk dancing, native dress and international/ethnic cuisine. Admission is free.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike are organizing the event that is expected to attract over 2,000 participants. Early registration is recommended. The Peace Conference is \$25. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.rotaryzones2526.org>. The Multicultural Festival is free.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century.

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