Taos Milagro Rotary Club

Peace Building Discussion Topics

1. What is peace? Have each participant define what they see as peace.
   1. Inner Peace - personal, what makes you feel peaceful?
   2. Negative Peace - lack of violence
   3. Positive Peace - the attitudes, structures, and institutions that underpin and sustain peaceful societies
2. What is conflict? A clash of interest.
   1. What are the causes of conflict? Are there things you are willing to fight for?
      1. Interpersonally? have participants share an example of conflict between two people
      2. In my community? have participants share an example of conflict in their community
      3. Nationally? do elections cause conflict or solve conflict
      4. Internationally? when is nationalism good... or bad?
      5. Globally? need to define "global," examples of global conflict (climate change)
   2. Can all conflict be eliminated? Is Utopia possible? If it is not possible how do we go about living with conflict?
   3. Is all conflict bad? How can we use conflict to make the world better?
3. What are the costs of conflict?
   1. Personal costs? inner costs? relationship costs? use examples
   2. Community and national costs.
   3. Global costs?
4. What conditions are necessary for conflict to be resolved?
   1. Interpersonally?
   2. In my community?
   3. Internationally?
5. What actions are necessary to resolve conflict?
   1. Interpersonally?
   2. Internationally?
6. Is peace possible?
7. What can/will I do to build peace?