Program Schedule

• 4:00 PM: Add your personal message of peace to the Peace Dove Towers as you arrive.

• 4:10 PM: Opening musical performance by the Sunset Country Bell Ringers.

• 4:15 PM: Welcome remarks and Land Acknowledgement

Hello and Welcome

I would like to begin by acknowledging the importance of the land we each call home, and the responsibility we share to care for it and for our relationships with one another.

We are gathered today in Treaty 3 Territory, homeland of the Anishinaabe and Métis Peoples. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land long before settlers arrived, and the continuing contributions of First Nations and Métis Peoples to our communities.

This acknowledgement is also a commitment to listen, to learn, and to work toward relationships grounded in respect, understanding, and responsibility.

This year's Peace Day theme is **"Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day."**

I see a clear connection between that theme, the acknowledgement we have just made, and the work we do together as Rotarians.

Acknowledging the land asks us to recognize the history of this place and our responsibilities today. Those responsibilities take shape in how we listen, how we honour our commitments, and how we build relationships with our neighbours.

In Rotary, we speak about Service Above Self. We put our time, our resources, and our care into making life better for others.

A strong community is one where people feel they belong and have an opportunity to contribute. As a club, we can help create that community by asking whose voices we are missing, who might feel left out, and how we can make room for them.

Investing in peace also means being willing to learn, including about the treaties and the relationships they represent. It means listening to experiences different from our own and allowing what we hear to shape what we do.

UN Secretary-General António Gooterresh challenges each of us to think about one small action we can take

each day—a conversation, an act of service, or a relationship we can strengthen.

For everyone, everywhere, every day begins with each of us, right here, in our club and in our community.

• 4:25 PM: Guest address on Peace and Conflict

Resolution, a Rotary core Area of Focus by Rotary 5550 District Governor Warren Thompson.

Mayor and/or council

• 4:30 PM: One-minute silence for global peace, followed by a musical interlude by the Sunset Country Bell Ringers.

• 4:35 PM: Community group photo gathered around the Peace Pole.

•4:40 PM: Fellowship and conversation as the formal

program concludes.

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Welcome
Land acknowledgement

Introduction of guests

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diversity statement
The Rotary Club of Kenora believes that our community is strongest when everyone belongs. We are committed to upholding the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion by treating all people with respect, fairness, and compassion. We welcome different voices and lived experiences, and we strive to create spaces where all individuals feel valued, supported, and able to contribute meaningfully to the common good.

Warren speaks
Announce donation in his name as a thank you

New Member: Anthony Sharp, Vice President of Operations for Lake of the Woods District Hospital
Sponsor: Cheryl O-Flaherty

New Member: Loren Knopf, Real Estate Appraisal (Retired)
Sponsor: Lloyd Mack

Sequence of Ceremony.

1) President Michael: welcomes everyone

2) Michael invites Cheryl to come forward to introduce Anthony; then Lloyd to introduce Loren. Invite the prospective members to stand in front of the podium (at an angle) so that Jim can speak directly to them but not with their backs to the audience.

3) Michael invites Jim R to conduct the formal part of the Induction Ceremony.

4)After the completion of Jim's Induction speech, he will ask District Governor Warren
Thompson to present Anthony and Loren with their Rotary lapel pins and President Michael to present their information packages.

5)Michael will present the new member to the club

6) Anthony and Loren are welcomed to the Rotary Club of Kenora by the Members.

7) Anthony and Loren's vocational talks will be arranged for a future meeting.

8) A photo of the new members, their sponsors, DG Warren, President Michael and Jim will be taken.

Thank you to everyone for your role in this ceremony.