

Cesson-Sévigné, October 24, 2021

Subject : Positive Peace Seminar – Rennes October 14-16, 2021

Dear Friends,

It was an honor for District 1650 to host and coorganise with CIP France-USA and ICC USA - France this major event that was the Positive Peace seminar in Rennes from October 14 to 16, 2021.

This highlight for each participant gave the opportunity to 10 Americans and 20 French people to think collectively on the principle of positive peace, to bring out interesting proposals and to create lasting friendships. They also learned about themselves.

These three days highlighted the real pillars of Rotary that are peace and friendship. Thanks to you, participants of the seminar, you gave us signs of hope and you reminded us that the main thing is to create an environment conducive to peace. When people work for peace in their communities, change can have repercussions at the global level. The presidential theme 2021-2022 proposed by Shekhar Mehta "Serving to change lives" takes on its full meaning.

This seminar was also an opportunity to show that when all the members of the great Rotarian family work together, beautiful events emerge from this cooperation.

I would like to thank the CIP France-USA and the ICC USA-France for their commitment through Bart CLEARY and Jean-Marie POINSARD but also the Rotary clubs Rennes Brocéliande and Rennes Sévigné Triskel, the Rotaract clubs of Rennes, Saint-Malo and Laval and the families who hosted the young people with a lot of friendship.

I would particularly like to thank the organizing team, Christophe, Edmonde, Patrick, Georges and Sophie for their determination and the kindness they have shown throughout this event.

I also thank Peter KYLE and his wife Margaret for their caring presence.

I hope that we will meet again in Houston next June to strengthen friendships that have been created.

Best regards,

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