

## The International Banner of Peace

The origins of the International Banner of Peace that the Pan American Round Tables use today were inspired by the concept of “peace through culture” in the early 1930’s. With this in mind, Nicholas Roerich created a special Banner of Peace and the “Roerich Pact” to signify the protection of all cultural treasures. It was accepted by all countries in the American continent and signed on April 15, 1935 at the White House in Washington DC by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1937 it was ratified by the United Nations. This flag/banner is awarded to organizations who have been recognized for their work on behalf of peace or who wish to pledge to work for harmony and peace.

During the years 2008-2010, each Texas Table applied for the Banner of Peace by writing a letter to the President of the International Flag of Peace Committee promising to promote peace both at the individual, family, Table and community level. It was issued to each Texas Table in 2010 at the 32nd Alliance Convention held in Merida, Mexico.

In 2019 the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables initiated a program called “Educating for Peace”. Each Table is asked to establish a new Standing Committee - **Educating for Peace**. The task of this committee is to design activities to be used within each community to promote peace.

The Peace Flag/Banner logo is made up of three magenta colored spheres which form a triangle with the apex on top, surrounded by a circle of the same color on a white background.

\* The top sphere is a symbol of our thoughts - we must strive to substitute negative thoughts for those of harmony and love, first towards ourselves and then toward others.

\* The bottom right sphere is a symbol of our word - we must strive to pay attention to our words in an attempt to achieve peace, only words of love and harmony coming from our mouth.

\* The bottom left sphere is a symbol of our actions - if we are thinking and speaking of harmony and love, then our actions will follow through.

\* The circle that surrounds the spheres means “living in peace with all the beings of the earth” thus achieving “Unity in Diversity”.

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