



Rotary International District 5300 Garbis Peace Institute 29th ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE



“Peacebuilding: One Person at a Time”

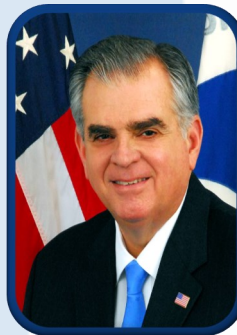
Saturday, February 23, 2019 / 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ann & Steve Morgan Auditorium / University of La Verne



Yvonne Dutra-St. John,
M.A., MFT
Challenge Day Leader



Dr. Tom Le, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of
Politics at Pomona College



The Honorable Ray LaHood
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
(2009-2013)
Member of U.S. Congress
(1995-2009)



Ellen Chilemba
Founder of Tiwale:
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women



Thomas D. Allison, Esq.
Founder and President of
Social Justice Advocacy
Project



Rotary District Governor
John Chase



Conference Chair
Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,
PDG



Conference Emcee
Michael D. Driebe

Donation (includes continental breakfast)

\$30.00: pre-registration by February 16, 2019

\$40.00: at the door if seats are available

\$5.00: students with ID

Event Registration:

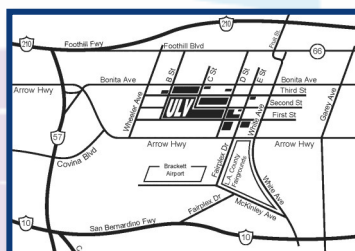
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- Youth-Centric Programing
- Art for Peace Student Contest
- Youth Peace Champions
- Peacemaker of the Year Award



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1. Parking Structure
2. Registration
3. Peace Conference

Brief Biographies of Our Distinguished Speakers

Keynote Speaker: **The Honorable Ray LaHood**

He served as United States Secretary of the Transportation from 2009 to 2013. Mr. LaHood represented Illinois's 18th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2009. In 2015, his book, "Seeking Bipartisanship: My Life in Politics", was published by Cambria Press.

La Hood was born in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Edward M. LaHood, a Lebanese American and Mary Lahood-Vogel, of German ancestry. He graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, earning a Bachelor of Science in education and sociology in 1971. Following graduation, he taught middle school social studies at public and Catholic schools. Teaching kids about the constitution and government stirred his interest in politics. He also served as Director of the Rock Island County Youth Services Bureau.

LaHood was a strong advocate for preserving the legacy of Abraham Lincoln. His District covered much of the territory that Lincoln represented during his single term in the House. LaHood authored a law that established the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which laid the groundwork for celebrating the 16th President's 200th birthday in 2009.

Distinguished Speaker: **Yvonne Dutra-St. John, M.A., MFT**

As CEO and leader of the Training Department for Challenge Day, Yvonne was program designer and lead trainer for Challenge Day's youth programs, mentoring and leadership training and the Be the Change Workshop series.

Currently, Yvonne serves as a Challenge Day Senior Leader, Be the Change Workshop Facilitator and Program Designer. As a Founder of Challenge Day, she is a lifetime Board Member.

Distinguished Speaker: **Dr. Tom Le, Ph.D.**

Tom Le is an Assistant Professor of Politics at Pomona College. His research interests include militarism norms, Japanese security policy, East Asia regionalism, and war memory and reconciliation. His work has been published by Foreign Affairs, the Washington Post, the Diplomat, among others. His current book project titled Japan's Aging Peace: Security Among Militarisms examines how demographics shape Japanese security policy and cultural norms on militarism. He is a former Fulbrighter (Japan) and Pacific Forum CSIS Sasakawa Peace Foundation non-resident fellow.

Distinguished Speaker: **Ellen Chilemba**

Ellen Chilemba is the Founder and Director at Tiwale Community Based Organization. She was born and raised in Malawi. When she was 16 years old, Ellen received a scholarship to represent Malawi at the African Leadership Academy (ALA) in Johannesburg, South Africa. ALA is an institution that seeks to enable lasting peace and prosperity in Africa as it develops and connects the continent's future leaders. At ALA, Ellen completed a diploma in Leadership, Entrepreneurship and African Studies. This inspired her to take a year off and launch Tiwale when she was 18 years old. For her work with Tiwale, Ellen has been recognized as Glamour Magazine's College Woman of the Year, Forbes' Africa's 30 Under 30, and she is an Ashoka Future Forward Winner, a Commonwealth Youth Awardee for Excellence in Development Work, a Powell Emerging Leader Awardee, among others.

Distinguished Speaker: **Thomas Allison, Esq.**

Having been licensed and ordained a deacon in his church as an early teen, Thomas experienced a fall from grace that ultimately brought him to a crossroad. Embarrassed and confused, Thomas knew he had to be different, that he was different. Now an accomplished attorney licensed in five states, owner of his own law practice, founder and President of nonprofit organization Social Justice Advocacy Project, Inc. Thomas has been published twice, instructs at the University of La Verne as an adjunct professor, coaches college mock trial and debate, and manages Chaffey College's Legal Pathway Program. Above all else, he is a devoted husband and father to a beautiful little girl.



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