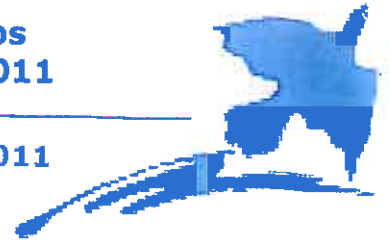




## The International Association of Lions Clubs The Power of Peace Essay Contest 2010-2011

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### Live in peace!

The world lives in peace when everybody has it good and there is no war anywhere on earth. A very important part in creating peace is thinking about preventing war.

War causes hostility between people and poverty will prevail. It is common for criminals to use the opportunity to strike while communities become paralyzed as a result of war. Lots of innocent people will be harmed as a consequence. Wars usually end with everybody becoming friends again, although it has happened that wars between cities or countries go on for decades.

War is one of the most frightening things there is. Most frightening is the fact that innocent children suffer while growing up in the chaos following war. Children who have grown up in times of war often become cruel and mean, but not all though. War not only kills people, it makes them scared and cruel and if people are cruel toward their children, we will have a new generation of cruel and evil people in the world.

People can also create peace by being kind to one another and allow others to voice their opinions freely. People must remember that they cannot just think of themselves all the time and some should reflect upon how depressing the world would be if everybody thought alike.

When people live in peace, the world is a much better place. Everybody would be nice to others and people would be allowed to be themselves regardless. Then the world would be awesome.

But sadly this just isn't so. There are always some people who will want to rule over all, feeling they have to meddle in other people's affairs, religion and beliefs. If people want to live in peace, they should think firstly about sticking together, be tolerant, avoid unnecessary controversy, not interfere in matters that do not concern them and be honest and truthful.

I believe that mankind is good but there will always be some rotten apples. It is sad to see how those people manage to make themselves noticed and often get themselves into positions that enable them to spoil the chances of those who want to live in peace.

However, conflict doesn't necessarily have to mean war. Conflict could even be disagreement between husband and wife, bullying at school or even argument at home about which program to watch on TV.

Likewise peace doesn't necessarily have to be between nations. For example it is also important for us children to live in peace amongst ourselves. If we, the coming generation will learn from the mistakes of our predecessors, and show each other tolerance and affection, only then there is hope for peace, because we are the ones that can improve the evil that mankind has done unto itself.

**We are the future and we are the hope for peace!**

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