



# Rotary



# District 5300

## Garbis Peace Institute 30th Annual Peace Conference **Pieces of Peace**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 / 8:00 am—1:30 pm  
Treasure Island Hotel and Casino  
3300 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada



**Mattias Sundholm**  
Strategic Communications  
Officer  
United Nations



**Dr. Marta Meana**  
President  
University of Nevada  
Las Vegas



**KEYNOTE**  
**Azim Khamisa**  
Founder of Tariq Khamisa  
Foundation,  
Author, Peacemaker



**Rick King**  
Past Rotary International  
President



**Peace Corp**  
Attorney General



**Rotary District Governor**  
**Luanne Arredondo**



**Conference Chair**  
**Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,**  
PDG



**Conference Emcee**  
**Michael D. Driebe**

**Breakout Session Options Include:**  
Human Trafficking—Matt Crystl of Destiny Rescue  
Global Issues—PDG Chehab El Awar  
Peace Fellowship—Peace Scholar, Chantelle Doerksen  
Millennial Response to Peace—SGV New Gen Club

**Registration/Admission**  
**(includes continental breakfast)**  
**\$35.00:** pre-registration by November 9, 2019  
**\$45.00:** at the door if seats are available  
**\$10.00:** students with ID  
To **REGISTER** and for more information, visit the event website at:  
<http://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

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



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Azim Khamisa

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Following the murder of his son in 1995, Azim Khamisa founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF.org), which started a subsequent forgiveness movement that has reached millions.

He has received over 60 local, national and international awards amongst which are: In 1997 he received the National Crime Victims Special Community Service Award presented by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno, In 2002, he received Search for Common Ground's prestigious award alongside Desmond Tutu and Ted Koppel In 2004, he participated in the Synthesis Dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama which was hosted by Pope John Paul at his summer palace in Castelgandolfo, Italy and in 2006 he was given the "Spirit of Crazy Horse Award" from the Reclaiming Youth Network alongside Mohammad Ali. In addition, Azim has been the recipient of the California Peace Prize in 2003 and the Pepsi Freedom Heroes Award in 2006.

Azim has served as TKF's founder and chairperson for over 23 years. He is an emissary of peace and an international inspirational speaker with over 600 keynotes, including one to 300,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial at the Stand For Children Rally organized by the Children's Defense Fund, as well as a speech to the United Nations General Assembly at the High level forum on the culture of peace.

With a strong passion to share his message with the youth and to inspire nonviolent leaders proactive as peacebuilders, Azim has given over 1,000 presentations to over a million students worldwide. He is the author of four books: Award-winning *Murder to Forgiveness (being made into a feature film)*; *From Forgiveness to Fulfillment*; *From Fulfillment to Peace* and *The Secrets of the Bulletproof Spirit: How to bounce back from life's hardest hits* co-authored with Jillian Quinn and published by Random House. He has been featured countless times in local, national and international media. In November 2018, Azim spoke for the TEDWomen conference that has been viewed by over 1 million viewers: [go.TED.com/azimandples](https://www.ted.com/talks/azim_khamisa).

Azim was born in Kenya of Eastern roots and educated in England in mathematics and finance and has over 45 plus experience in international finance. Azim lives in La Jolla, California and is the proud father of daughter Tasreen and grandfather of Sha-hin, Khalil and Miya.

And for more information on Azim, please visit [www.AzimKhamisa.com](http://www.AzimKhamisa.com).