



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Rotary Fellowships consist of people who share a common interest in recreational activities, hobbies, professions, or cultural identity. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.



WHAT ARE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS?

OVERVIEW

- Organized internationally by at least 25 individuals from five countries with the purpose to further friendship and build community around a shared passion and interest.
- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country.
- Welcome any interested individual, regardless of Rotary affiliation.
- Provide fun and diverse ways of participating in Rotary International.

ORGANIZATION

- Affiliated with Rotary International but establish their own administrative structures and plan and oversee their activities and events.
- Offer platforms for in-person and virtual networking by illustrating Rotary's inclusivity of many vocations, interests, cultures, and identities.
- Maintain a global presence and offer engaging, meaningful events and activities to fellowship members.

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June is Rotary Fellowships Month: Celebrating Connection, Friendship, and Shared Passions

Every June, Rotary International highlights one of its most vibrant and engaging programs—Rotary Fellowships Month. This special observance shines a spotlight on the diverse, worldwide communities of Rotary members who come together to connect over shared interests, hobbies, and professional pursuits. Rotary Fellowships are more than just clubs within a club; they are a powerful way to deepen friendships, expand cultural understanding, and foster lifelong connections across borders.

What Are Rotary Fellowships?

Rotary Fellowships are international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common passion beyond the core Rotary mission of service. Whether it's hiking, wine tasting, photography, music, aviation, or even chess, there's a Fellowship for nearly every interest imaginable. These groups offer members a chance to engage with like-minded peers globally, enriching their Rotary experience through social activities, networking, and cultural exchange.

Why Celebrate Rotary Fellowships?

Rotary Fellowships Month encourages members to explore these unique groups, which embody Rotary's commitment to fellowship—one of the organization's core values. By participating, members gain opportunities to form friendships that transcend geographic and cultural boundaries, strengthening the global Rotary network.

The connections built within Fellowships often translate into collaborative service projects, professional growth, and increased cultural awareness. For many Rotarians, being part of a Fellowship becomes a highlight of their Rotary journey, providing both joy and a sense of belonging.

How Can You Get Involved?

June is a perfect time for Rotarians to discover and join a Rotary Fellowship that matches their interests. Rotary International offers a comprehensive list of Fellowships on its website, where members can learn about each group's activities and how to participate. Many Fellowships host events, webinars, and social gatherings throughout the year, culminating in special activities during this celebratory month. Clubs and districts can also mark the occasion by organizing events or presentations to introduce members to the exciting world of Fellowships. Sharing personal stories about Fellowship experiences can inspire others to get involved and enhance their Rotary membership.

Building Bridges Through Shared Passions

Rotary Fellowships demonstrate how Rotary's spirit extends beyond service into friendship and cultural connection. By joining a Fellowship, members open doors to new experiences, adventures, and lifelong friendships. This June, celebrate Rotary Fellowships Month by exploring these communities of passion and connection—and discover how Rotary brings the world closer, one friendship at a time.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
RY 2024-2025

I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfill that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.

I was amazed at the capability and commitment of the peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship program and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose, and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals — to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity — we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use.

Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are *The Magic of Rotary*, and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.



Unite for Good: A New Rotary Year, A New Hope

Every July marks more than just the start of a new Rotary year — it brings fresh energy, new goals, and renewed commitment. This year, we begin our journey under a meaningful and inspiring theme: **“Unite for Good.”**

This is more than just a slogan. It reflects the values Rotary has carried for over a century — service, friendship, and a belief in peace through action. As Rotarians from different cultures, languages, and backgrounds, we know that kindness is a language we all understand. Now, it's time to speak that language even louder, together.



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Stronger Together

“Unite for Good” reminds us that doing good is not just about individual effort — it’s about what we can achieve when we work together. In our clubs, our regions, and across borders, the real question is: “What can we do as one Rotary family?”

A great example of this spirit is the **5th Power of Goodness Video Competition**, organized across **Rotary Zones 21 and 22**. In this international initiative, **Rotary clubs** were invited to create short videos that tell real stories of kindness, peacebuilding, and community service.

The response was inspiring. Clubs from many countries shared their projects, their impact, and the spirit of Rotary in action. This year, for the first time, the competition featured a multilingual, multicultural jury process. And what’s more — the winning videos will be presented at the **Friendship House** during the **Fusion Summit in Brussels, from 23–25 November 2025**.

This is a strong reminder: when Rotary clubs come together to share what they do best, the world listens — and is moved by it.

Peace Through Kindness

Our Rotary International President has emphasized a powerful truth: Peace can be built through acts of kindness. Whether it's helping a child go to school, bringing clean water to a village, or empowering a local community, these actions create long-term change.

This year, we won't just run projects — we'll connect hearts, build understanding, and create bridges across cultures. The theme "Unite for Good" calls us to reach further and dream bigger — together.

Let's Make a Difference – Together

A new Rotary year means new friendships, new ideas, and new opportunities to make a difference. Let's be more connected, more active, and more inspired than ever. What brings us together is not just being members of Rotary — it's our shared desire to do good in the world.

So, throughout the 2025 Rotary year, let's grow **goodness, build peace, and change lives — together.**

Unite for Good. Because goodness grows best when it's shared.

See you next month

With love and respect,

Rtn. N.Altan Arslan

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The Online Award Ceremony of the “Power of Goodness” Contest United Rotarians from Three Continents.

On June 12, the online award ceremony of the international video contest “The Power of Goodness” was held, organized by the Public Image Teams of Rotary International Zones 21 and 22.

The aim of the contest is to share inspiring stories, projects, and experiences from Rotary clubs that promote and affirm Rotary's values through its seven areas of focus. With each passing year, the event attracts more clubs and is becoming a platform for sharing best practices and strengthening Rotary's social impact.

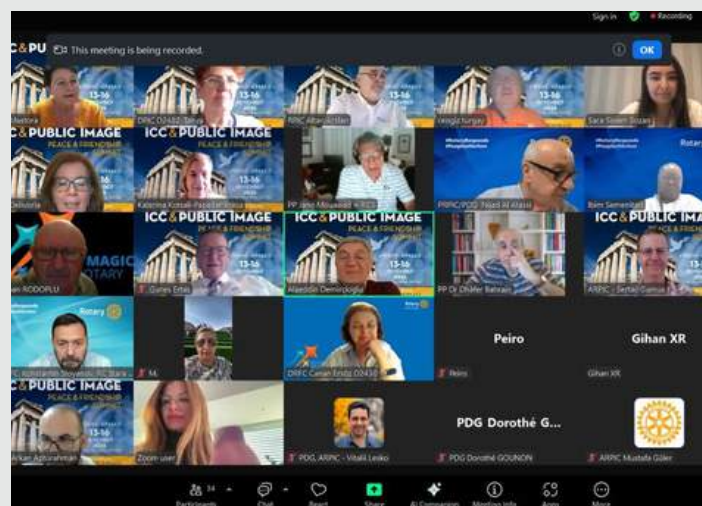
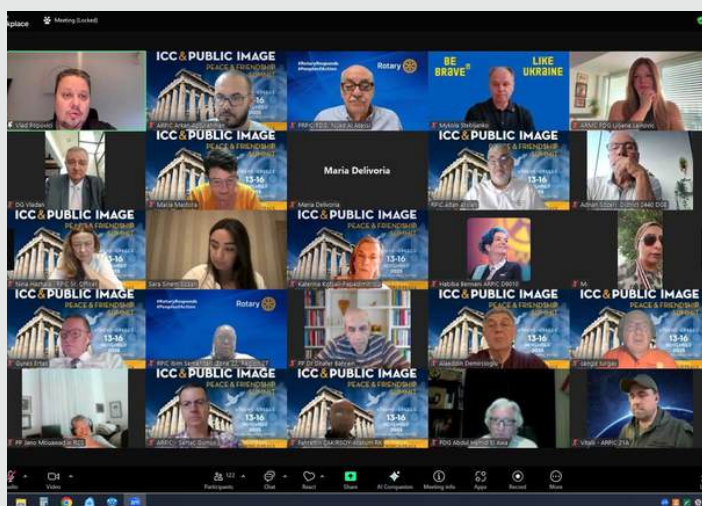
This year, over 80 videos from Europe, Africa, and the Middle East were evaluated. The competition impressed the jury with the richness of messages and commitment to Rotary's causes.

Awards:

- 1 1st Place: Rotary Club Kharkiv, District 2232 (Ukraine)
- 2 2nd Place: Rotary Club Accra Spintex, District 9104 (Ghana)
- 3 3rd Place: Rotary Club Istanbul Findikli, District 2420 (Turkey)
- 🏆 Special “Vesna Baur” Award: Rotary Club Belgrade Čukarica, District 2483 (Serbia)

We are proud to highlight the success of our friends from Rotary Club Stara Zagora, who represented themselves with dignity and reached the semifinals of the contest. Their contribution was highly appreciated and demonstrated the commitment of Bulgarian clubs to Rotary's mission.

You can watch a recording of the award ceremony at the following [link](#):



XVIII Annual Conference of District 2482 – Bulgaria June 13–14, 2025

From Tradition to the Future, from Education to Change

There are moments that transcend the formal meaning of the word “event” and become something more—a symbol of identity, continuity, and community spirit. Such was the spirit that filled the XVIII Annual District Conference of District 2482 – Bulgaria, held on June 13–14, 2025, in Plovdiv—the city where, exactly eighteen years ago, the independent journey of Bulgarian Rotarians began.

A Return to the Beginning – Symbolism and History

Our gathering in Plovdiv was more than just a conference. It was a symbolic return to our roots, to the place where our independent path as Rotarians in Bulgaria first began. In the symbolism of this “coming of age” for our District, all the lessons, successes, and challenges we’ve shared over the years seemed to converge.

The hospitality of the hosts from the Rotary Clubs of Plovdiv brought warmth and a welcoming atmosphere to the event. The organized tour of the Episcopal Basilica revealed astonishing evidence of the historical significance of the city and the craftsmanship of our ancient ancestors.

A key moment of the conference was the welcome address by Past District Governor Nasko Nachev—the first leader of our independent district. Through his words, we returned to the foundations, to the values and ideals with which we began this journey. The school of the pioneers is the school of courage, inspiration, and ambition. In his speech, we found both memories and the confidence of people who are part of something meaningful—something greater than ourselves.



From Reflection to Vision – Messages from the District Governors

In her speech, **District Governor Margarita Bogdanova** delivered an emotional reflection on the past year, sharing the achievements and difficulties, the successes and challenges we faced. It was proudly noted that this year we managed to reverse the trend regarding membership and contributions to The Rotary Foundation. This success is the result of the collective efforts of the clubs and their commitment to change and sustainability. The role of the District team is to support the clubs in these efforts.

Plamen Tsvetkov, District Governor-Elect, succeeded in just a few short minutes in summarizing the key priorities for the upcoming Rotary year and emphasizing the vital importance of continuity. For it is continuity that serves as the invisible bridge linking the past to the future, experience to fresh ideas.



Special Guest and Inspiration

A truly moving moment was the presence of one of our special guests—Bulgarian writer and translator **Zdravka Evtimova**. With her charismatic personality and captivating style, she transformed the traditional discussion into a genuine talk show. Ms. Evtimova's sense of humor and storytelling talent brought genuine smiles to the audience. The heartfelt conversation on the topic "The Price of Change Within Ourselves" was exactly what we needed—an emotional catalyst that awakened an even stronger sense of community and responsibility.



Addictions – A Challenge of Our Time

One of the most important discussions at the conference addressed the painful topic of addictions. Guest speaker Dr. Boris Tablov and moderator PDG Valentin Stoyanov directed our focus toward the future—toward the young people who follow in our footsteps. The key questions raised—**Is there an antidote to addiction?** What is the role of society and families?—engaged the audience in a deep and meaningful conversation.

Galya Pencheva from Rotary club Ruse-Dunav expanded on the topic with her presentation “Goodness Dealers in Action,” offering a Rotary perspective and highlighting specific initiatives.

Arkan Nihat from Rotary club Kardzhali and ARPIC in the Zone 21B team for our District shared the positive emotions surrounding Paradise Cup 2025—a traditional football tournament that will become an international initiative starting next year. Sport educates and is one of the most effective tools for addiction prevention.

Konstantin Stoyanov from Rotary club Stara Zagora presented the initiative “**Looking Toward Crisis Response – Let’s Prepare the Next Generation!**” The Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Emergency Response Competition gives students the chance to showcase and develop skills that will help them respond effectively in real crisis situations. With modernized equipment and strong emotional impact, the event left a lasting impression and instilled in the young participants a sense of responsibility and readiness to help.

We believe that this kind of support not only builds leaders and protectors of tomorrow, but also strengthens our faith in the next generation’s ability to face every challenge with courage and preparedness.



A team of three **Rotaractors from Rotaract club Sofia** presented a project focused on the creation and release of the **podcast series “Emotions Unmasked – The Voice of Youth.”** The project, in partnership with the Academy for Emotional Intelligence, features honest conversations about the emotional and psychological challenges faced by young people. Three full episodes have been recorded and published on YouTube, along with nine short videos shared across social media platforms.

A particularly emotional moment came with the announcement of the results from the **“Choose Freedom!” contest, personally chaired by DG Margarita Bogdanova.** The young participants demonstrated how art can be a powerful tool for prevention and change, and their works touched and moved everyone present.

Club Projects – Education as the Key to Change

The highlight of the conference was the panel **“Education with Vision: From Curiosity to Science.”** Education stood at the center of attention, with several inspiring initiatives showcased. Mathematics was emphasized as fundamental to modern STEM approaches—as a language that fosters critical, free, and analytical thinking.

The **clubs from Asenovgrad, Burgas, and Chirpan** proudly presented their math competitions and tournaments. The Asenovgrad Math Tournament “Academic Blagovest Sendov”—even though our friends couldn’t join this year—was noted as a significant tradition.

Ivan Stanchev from Rotary club Chirpan presented a student competition organized in his city.

Gergana Georgieva from Rotary club Burgas highlighted the major success of their mathematics and applied mathematics competition, which evolved into an international initiative as early as this year. These projects prove that when children are engaged in intellectual and creative activities, it is one of the most effective and meaningful ways to prevent addiction and other negative influences.





The **“Purple Feather” Project by Rotaract Club Sofia Vitosha** was presented by **Nevena Ivanova, DRR-Elect**. This year, the traditional creative writing contest is divided into two age groups: 14–18 and 18–30 years old, with each group competing in two categories—prose and poetry. The mission of the contest is to encourage young people to create with purpose and to stand up for their beliefs. The final stage of the competition will take place at the end of June, with a qualified jury of three writers evaluating the young authors’ works.

In addition to mathematics, the project **“Little Gardeners – Friends of the Plants” by Rotary club Dupnitsa, presented by Metodi Dimitrov**, as well as the presentation of the **Rotary Knowledge Center by Rositsa Mihaylova (Rotary club Shumen)**, added depth and value to the panel—demonstrating how diverse forms of education and hands-on engagement can lead to real and lasting change.

A Look Toward the Future and World Peace

A touching and engaging presentation was delivered by **Angela Antonova—a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Rotary Peace Center in Istanbul**. The topic of peace, always relevant, took on special significance in light of current events unfolding close to home—raising issues of war, security challenges, and the urgent need to seek paths to peace and mutual understanding.



The conference concluded with the presentation of the **biographical book about Sabo Nikolov** and a brief meeting with the future leaders of the district. This ending symbolically closed the circle—from the past, through the present, toward the future.

The XVIII Annual Conference of District 2482 was a celebration of community, education, and a shared vision for a better future. It clearly demonstrated that change begins with us—with the willingness to embrace challenges, to inspire, and to work together—today, tomorrow, and always.





Magic All Around: Calgary Hosted a Unifying and Impactful 2025 Rotary International Convention

The 2025 Rotary International Convention, held 21–25 June in Calgary, Alberta, concluded with resounding success, leaving participants energized, inspired, and united under the convention's fitting theme: Magic All Around. Thousands of Rotarians from across the globe gathered in the heart of Canada's west to celebrate service, fellowship, and the shared vision of building a more peaceful and equitable world.

From the very beginning, the convention embodied the vibrant spirit of Rotary. Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick opened the event with a jubilant "Yahoo!" — a nod to Calgary's rich rodeo culture — while emphasizing that beneath the festive atmosphere lay a powerful commitment to service and purpose. "Rotary works because we belong here," Urchick said, reinforcing the message that Rotary's greatest strength lies in the relationships among its members.

Throughout the five-day program, attendees engaged in an array of plenary sessions, breakout discussions, project showcases, and cultural performances. The House of Friendship served as the hub of connection and innovation, showcasing Rotary projects and partner initiatives from every region of the world.



Global Voices for Change

Distinguished keynote speakers delivered powerful messages on topics ranging from gender equality and health equity to climate justice and peacebuilding. Academy Award-winning actor and advocate Geena Davis challenged societal norms with a passionate talk on representation of women and girls in media. Nobel Peace Laureate Tawakkol Karman inspired attendees with her personal journey as a journalist and human rights defender in Yemen, while Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, reiterated his steadfast commitment to global health and polio eradication.



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Other notable speakers included NPR journalist Scott Simon, climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe, behavioral health expert Isabel Scarinci, and peacebuilder and musician David LaMotte. Their thought-provoking contributions resonated deeply with Rotary's mission to address complex global challenges through community-led action.

A Renewed Commitment to End Polio

A major highlight of the convention was the announcement of a renewed partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, with a joint commitment of up to US\$450 million over the next three years to support the final push to eradicate polio. Bill Gates addressed attendees via video, calling this a defining moment: "We are at a crossroads. The next few years are critical. With your continued commitment, we can end polio once and for all."

Peace and Programs of Scale

Rotary also unveiled its fifth Programs of Scale grant — a US\$2 million investment in partnership with the UN World Food Programme to promote peace and prosperity in conflict-affected regions of Colombia. The initiative will expand access to economic opportunity, strengthen conflict resolution capacity, and promote sustainable peacebuilding at the community level.



In a landmark moment, RI President Stephanie Urchick also announced the establishment of a new Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University in Pune, India, expanding the global network of peacebuilders who are trained to create lasting change across sectors and borders.

Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship

Dozens of breakout sessions provided attendees with practical tools and inspiration to enhance their impact.



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Sessions such as The Amazing Peace Race explored how clubs can integrate Rotary's Eight Pillars of Positive Peace into local and global initiatives. Literacy Alive showcased literacy efforts in Belize, and the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery spotlighted its advocacy against human trafficking, featuring Nobel Peace Prize nominee Cheryl Perera's extraordinary story.

Exhibits in the House of Friendship included a 20-foot tipi sponsored by Rotary District 5360, honoring Indigenous cultures and promoting inclusive service. After-hours events, including a Grandstand Spectacular and a performance of New Blood — blending Blackfoot traditions with modern music — offered unforgettable cultural experiences, reinforcing the message that fellowship and service go hand in hand.

Celebrating Progress and Looking Ahead

In his address to the third general session, The Rotary Foundation Chair and Past RI President Mark Daniel Maloney celebrated a major milestone: the Foundation's Endowment Fund surpassing US\$2 billion, a testament to Rotarians' generosity and long-term commitment to sustainable impact.



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Incoming RI President Francesco Arezzo took the stage to share his vision for 2025–26 under the theme “Unite for Good”, calling on clubs to collaborate more deeply with partners, communities, and one another. “Let us create one great shared dream,” he said, “one that unites us, excites us, and changes the world — and our lives.”

As the convention drew to a close, the sense of global fellowship remained strong. Committee Chair Bryn Styles reflected on the overwhelming positive response from participants. “People love Calgary — and they love what Rotary represents.”

Looking ahead, attendees were invited to mark their calendars for the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, promising yet another unforgettable gathering of People of Action committed to creating hope and advancing peace.



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DISTRICT 2452

RC Tripoli Maarad together with Rotary Clubs in Tripoli inaugurated Computer Lab with generous donation from ICC France Liban - Lebanon D2452

Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad in collaboration with the ROTARY Clubs in Tripoli, Rotary Club of Tripoli, Rotary Club of Tripoli El-Mina' Rotary Club Tripoli Cosmopolis and the generous donation of the "Inter Country Committee France Liban" inaugurated today the equipment of the Computer Lab at "L'Ecole Normale" with 25 computers.

Rotary Doing Good to the World.



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DISTRICT 2452 - BAHRAIN: ROTARY CLUBS OF BAHRAIN COMPLETED THEIR PELS

The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain organised their PELS sessions on May 31st 2025 in the Hilton Garden Inn at Bahrain Bay under the supervision of DGE Peter Ashdjian. In attendance were incoming Presidents, secretaries and future leaders of the Rotary clubs of Manama, Salmaniya and Seef Bahrain. All participants were energised and enthusiastic of the new concept of facilitation learning, and are all excited to start the new Rotary year.



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Bahrain - District 2452: Rotary Clubs of Bahrain organised a joint Fellowship Dinner in Honor of DGE Peter's visit

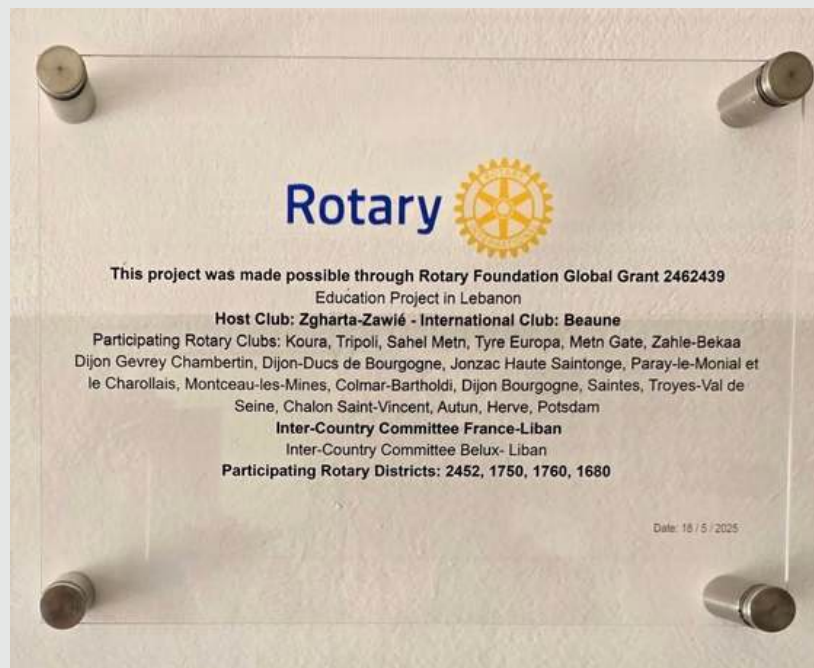
The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain organized a joint fellowship dinner in honor of DGE Peter Ashdjian's visit to oversee the PELS sessions. The dinner was held on the 52nd floor of the Bahrain Financial Harbor overlooking the skyline of Manama city. The DGE pinned four new members to the Rotary Club of Salmaniya during the event.



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INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS AT LYCÉE DE RACHIINE BY RC CLUB OF ZGHARTA-ZAWIÉ - LEBANON D2452

The Rotary Club of Zgharta-Zawié, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Beaune and the Inter-Pays Committee (CIP) France-Lebanon, inaugurated the project of installing solar panels at Lycée de Rachiine.



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RC Tripoli - Maarad hosted its annual Handover Ceremony at “Savory”by Hotel Ehden Lebanon D2452

In a warm and festive gathering, Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad hosted its annual Handover Ceremony at “Savory”by Hotel Ehden celebrating leadership transitions across the Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact levels.

The evening marked the official handover of the Rotary Club presidency from Past President Yasser El-Sayed to President Antoine Lattouf, in the esteemed presence of Deputy District Governor Randa Zaouk, Assistant Governor Rola Azar, and District Governor-Elect May Monla Chmaitilly.

In recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication throughout the past year, PP Yasser El-Sayed was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition—one of Rotary’s highest honors, named after Rotary’s founder Paul Harris.

The ceremony welcomed distinguished guests from fellow clubs, including PP Eli Makhoul (RC Zahleh-Bekaa), PP Rania Azar (RC Tripoli Cosmopolis), and PP Ghassan Hajjar (RC Beirut Cedars).

Leadership transitions also took place for youth divisions:

- Lilia El-Sayed took over the presidency of Rotaract Club Maarad from Maria Lattouf, in the presence of VDRR Christopher Awada.
- Riad El-Sayed assumed the presidency of Interact Tripoli-Maarad, succeeding Past President Lilia Kabbara.

The evening featured a special pinning ceremony, during which:

- Mrs. Rim Akkari joined Rotary Tripoli-Maarad
- Dana Haddad, Naya Kabbara, Karim Dabliz, and Yehya Hamzeh joined Rotaract Tripoli-Maarad.

The ambiance was elevated by the beautiful voice of Dr. Maria Douayhi, adding a refined artistic touch to the celebration.

Congratulations to Presidents Tony, Lilia, and Riad as they lead their clubs into a new Rotary year of impact and service. We wish them and their members a successful journey in all avenues of service.

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District 2452 - Bahrain: The Interact Club of Manama visited Schlumberger

The Interact Club of Manama spent last Saturday at Schlumberger (SLB) in Sakhir, delving into the world of oil and gas as part of a vocational event. We met with incredible engineers and industry experts, gaining real-world insights into how it all works. This impactful visit served as a beautiful conclusion to our year's activities.



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HANDOVER CEREMONIES OF THREE ROTARY CLUBS IN N.CYPRUS D2452

On the evening of June 12, 2025, the joint Handover Ceremony hosted by RC Kyrenia Liman, RC Nicosia Sarayonu, and RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan was held in a delightful atmosphere at Dome Hotel in Kyrenia, with the participation of distinguished guests and fellow Rotarians.

The event began with the opening speech by ARRFC Tashtan Altuner, followed by a toast where everyone raised their glasses with good wishes, and then an open buffet dinner accompanied by music.

The ceremony continued with the pinning of new members, presentation of Paul Harris Awards and the handover of presidential duties together with their speeches. New presidents are: from RC Kyrenia Liman Rtn. Hülya Gökoğlu, from RC Nicosia Sarayonu PP. Hakkı Müftüzade, from RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan Rtn. Alpay Çelebi.

Later in the evening, DGE Peter Ashdjian, PDG Kevork Mahdessian, DDG Demetris Pantazis and IDDG Yiannos Pissourios delivered their speeches.

PP Olgun Topalcık who was the Sergeant at Arms added a special touch to the evening by skillfully managing and hosting the whole program. The gift raffle at the end of the night added an extra excitement to the event.

We wish great success to all the new presidents who have taken over their roles for the New Rotary Year 2025–26.



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HANDOVER CEREMONIES OF THREE ROTARY CLUBS IN N.CYPRUS D2452



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RC NICOSIA ASPELIA
PRESIDENCY 2024-25 NAIRY MERHEJE

OUR AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE RY24/25 WERE:

To increase:

1. Our own Scholarship Foundation which grants scholarship to needy Cypriot students of excellent academic standards.

2. The Alain Merheje Fund for Children for Lebanon

The International project of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Aspelia 2024/25

Lebanon was Alain's beloved country so the family, wish to support and contribute in any way possible in aid of children of Lebanon, specifically by contributing to and supporting a children's hospital in Lebanon for children who are in a desperate situation especially now, due to the devastation cause by the ongoing war.

RC Aspelia Scholarship Foundation: Raising funds for this was achieved and now the fund stands at €5,500.



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WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED PARTICIPATIONS

Participated in 12th Rotary District 2452 Conference in Dubai in May 2025



PEACE BANNER PRESENTATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF PEACE



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PARTICIPATION OF ASPELIA IN RI POLIO DAY WITH NORTH CYPRUS ROTARY CLUBS



MINI PROJECTS

Aspelia also undertook a mini project, to cover the cost of an eye correction operation of a young girl which was performed for free by our own Dr. Sophoclis Sophocleous, Ophthalmic Surgeon. Dr. Sophocleous carried out the surgery on 17.6.2025 and Rafaella, the girl, is now healing well and fast!

Aspelia commenced this type of project in 2016/17 when another girl's vision was corrected by our same member, Dr. Sophocleous.

PRESENTATIONS

Our own longstanding member Walter Bopp, was awarded the Major Donor honour and pin by Rotary International and he was pinned by President Nairy Merheje and Past District Governor Kevork Mahdessian



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TALKS

The Ambassador of Finland, Päivi Peltokoski in the presence of the Consul General of Finland Demosthenis Severis, visited our Club in June 2025 and talked to us about “ Innovation in Education in Finland” The Ambassador of Finland talked about the innovative aspects of education in Finland which is free for all and where the concept of private schools and private afternoon lesson does not exist. Paivi's intern, Anneke, as a recent graduate, also gave her input which was really inspiring



During the year the following speakers were accommodated by Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia.

- Professor Dr. Manfred Lange - “Environmental Change, Migration and Conflicts in the Mediterranean”
- Dr. Joachim Schwerter- Talk and presentation on the “Zimbabwe Water Project”
- Farid Mirbagheri -Current Situation in the Middle East”
- Michalis Sarris - The future of Europe”
- Dr. Emiliou Solomou - A Changing World: A New World Order?
- Elena Tsolaki, Architect, Chartered Architect: “Designing for Cultural & Social Impact” - The Cyprus Observatory
- Lambis Constantinides - Three very interesting historical subjects one, in the recent past and two drawing conclusions based on Greek Gods and Legends”

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BACK TO BASICS: DINNER AND INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER AT HOME OF PRESIDENT

President Nairy re introduced home hosting by holding a cozy home dinner and induction of new Member, Szilvia Szabo, a Hungarian national who has been living and working in Cyprus for some time. Our Aspelians enjoyed the ambience, food, music and wonderful fellowship! We welcomed Szilvia in style and President Nairy expressed the hope that home hosting would be the trend!



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RID 2475 – DG'S MONTHLY LETTER (JUNE 2025)



**ARPIC MARIA MASTORA
DISTRICT 2475**

My dear Rotary Family,

We have come to the end of this Rotary year, and it is with great emotion that I write my last letter as Governor of RID 2475, our own District. June, Rotary International's month dedicated to Rotary Fellowship, is the perfect opportunity to look back with pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together.

The goal of the year was to live the Rotary we deserve, the Rotary of our hearts. The only way to achieve it was to work together, excelling beyond us, giving back to society and our fellow man. Transferring our knowledge and experience to humanitarian work, coming closer to each other. Transmitting and living the Magic of Rotary. We achieved it all together, through collective effort, love and dedication to the Rotary ideal.

In my visits to the Clubs we focused on the meaningful and not on the formal. We discussed and addressed what was on our minds, making sure that it did not stand in the way of our mission to make a difference in society. Three new Clubs were established and from day one they took action. The number of Rotarians increased marginally, but the most important thing is that we kept our strengths stable. Our Clubs have been strengthened, cooperated, and implemented projects that have made a difference. Our work should be highlighted, not as a reward but as an affirmation of the great role we play in inspiring goodwill. That is why we have enhanced our public image. From Orestiada to Kastelorizo, from Corfu to Rhodes, Rotary's name is heard and recognized through small and large projects.

The number of Clubs that organized or participated in District Grants was increased and came from all areas of our District. At the same time, our District is already implementing two large Global Grants. The first one is being implemented with the participation of six Italian Districts, while the second one is in the process of approval and is supported by the multinational District 2452 (Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, United Arab Emirates), District 3240 (Nepal, China, Bhutan, Myanmar, Bangladesh), the Rotary Club of Singapore and the Calcuta Mega City Club of India.

The international recognition of our District was evident at every step. This is due to the tireless contribution of our PDGs and our Officials who work tirelessly in international Rotary committees. From the visit of Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the visit of the then President-Elect, the attendance at our Convention of the President's Representative, rtn Anirudha Roychowdhury, a member of the BOD of R.I., the organization in Kos of D 2440 Turkey Congress, to the participation in our Congress of the Governor of the 2120 Italian District and my presence at their Congress, we have demonstrated in practice the value and ties of our extended Rotary World Family.

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NIKOS MARGAROPOULOS, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-25 MONTHLY LETTER JUNE 2025

All the events of the District had big participation, culminating in our Conference in Ioannina. As important as the increased participation is, what really characterized the Conference was the international presence, the quality of the talks and workshops, but above all the atmosphere of fellowship and fun that proved that our District is strong, united and creative.

The three Youth Entrepreneurship Promotion Institutes that we organized in Athens, Thessaloniki and Heraklion, the successful blood donation campaign, the support of Rotaract, the multi-club events under the auspices of the District, the workshop on Climate Change, but also so many other actions, showed that Rotary is present and extroverted.

We experienced the true meaning of Fellowship. We learned that when we unite around common ideals and goals, we can achieve things that seem impossible. We proudly promoted the image of Rotary to the community, showing that we are true Leaders in our disciplines, volunteering above and beyond.

On Saturday 28 June we will celebrate the completion of this year and the beginning of the new one, by handing over the baton to the DGE Stefanos Anastasopoulos. As I promised in my speech at last year's leadership change, we are handing over a Rotary that is stronger, more aware and more proud of its service, for DG Stefanos to lead it even higher, with the help and love of all of us, so that he can hand it over even better to DGE Haralambos Tingtinaga and he to DGN Dimitra Soukara.

My heartfelt thanks to the wonderful District Management Team, all the Committees and the excellent Assistant Governors. And most of all, I sincerely thank each and every Rotarian - my beloved Rotary Family. Whatever we accomplished this year, we accomplished together. I hope that we will always continue to be united, living the Rotary we deserve: the Rotary of our hearts.



**Nikos Margaropoulos
District Governor 2024-25
RID 2475 / GREECE**

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RID 2475

DG Nikos Margaropoulos was invited as a speaker at the 30th Conference of RID 2120 in Bari, Italy, on the theme "La pace è armonia" "Peace is harmony". Also present was the Assistant Governor Elena Gianniki.

The Italian Rotarians enthusiastically welcomed the presence of our Governor and their Governor Lino Pignataro asked us to convey to all the Rotarians he met in Ioannina his love for Greece!



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC RHODOS

Donation to the 2nd Special Primary School of Rhodes

RC Rhodes responded promptly to a request from the 2nd Special Primary School of Rhodes, located in Kremasti, for the donation of an air conditioner, necessary to support the needs of the newly established school, which began its operation in the 2023-24 school year and serves students with special educational needs.

On May 30th, 2025, Club President, Nikos Retsas, accompanied by Vice President Veatriki Kalliopi Servou and Secretary Smaro Thomaidou, visited the school and warmly presented the air conditioner to the Principal of the school, Mr. Athanasios Georgiou.

This action is part of the broader social contribution of RC Rhodes, which has repeatedly demonstrated its sensitivity to the needs of the local community, as this is not the first time the Club has supported such efforts, highlighting the “Magic of Rotary” and hoping that this offer will contribute, even just a little, to facilitating the work of the educational staff and improving the daily life of the students.



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RID 2475 - RC IOANNINA - DISTRICT GRANT

On the occasion of the Celebration for the completion of 120 years of Rotary's contribution to the world, RC Ioannina, in the framework of its social actions, offered, following a District Grant D- 2475 and RCs Eastern Thessaloniki, Kerkyra, Kerkyra Kapodistrias and Preveza electronic equipment to the four (4) primary schools of the city of Ioannina, in order to facilitate their daily teaching, but also to help significantly in improving the quality of the educational process.

The electronic equipment for each school consists of:

A Laptop, a Projector, a 1.20 x 2.00 m projection screen and a computer and projector stand.

Also, RC Famagusta Cyprus responded to this project by offering another electronic equipment, as an expression of thanks to RC Ioannina for the hospitality of 8 children from Cyprus for a whole school year in 1974.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the realization of this project.



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RID 2475 - RC IRAKLIO CANDIA

RC Iraklion Candia, as part of its projects for the health, delivered an automatic defibrillator to Heraklion Airport 'Nikos Kazantzakis', the second busiest airport in Greece, after Athens Airport, and the 60th in Europe with approximately 9,000,000 passengers per year, in order to serve the increased needs of passengers, visitors and airport employees. The defibrillator bears the logo of the Club and Rotary International and was placed in the departure hall of the airport. The defibrillator was received by Heraklion Airport Manager Iakovos Uranos together with the Airport's doctor Mr. Tsampanakis in presence of members of the club and representatives of the diagnostic center Diagnosis Kokkini of the Plumakis family, which was the sponsor of the defibrillator.



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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RC Dionysos carried out the installation of a safety floor in the new gym of 150sqm in the building of PEGAP-NY (Panhellenic Association of Parents and Guardians of Mentally Retarded Persons) in Anixi -Attika.



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RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI PARTHENON & Athinai Filothei, Piraeus East , Athinai Agora

On May 11th, celebration of Mother Day, RC Athinai Parthenon co-organized with RC Athinai Filothei, Piraeus - East, Athinai - Agora and the volunteer organizations Volunteers of Thrakomakedones Area and A.m.K.E. We are One (non profit organization) , a bicycle race "Bicycle with Love for the Mother".

The bicycle race was attended by many Rotarians and friends of Rotary and more than 50 cyclists of all ages who rode the 10 km route from Aristotelous Square in Thrakomakedones to Varybombi Square and back.

On their return, they visited the "Tomb of Sophocles", an important monument in Aharnes region, guided by the competent historical archaeologist on the history of the monument.

At the end, commemorative medals were awarded to all the participants, two bicycles were drawn and the event ended with a small celebration at the theater in the Aristotle Square.

The aim of the action was to raise funds for supporting the Infant Center "Mitera" in Ilion in order to meet the increased needs of the organization during the summer months. It was a celebration of Love, Fellowship and Giving that highlighted the Magic of Rotary . The cheer, the music, the smiles shaped the hearts of young and old. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this successful event and wish the Magic of Rotary to unite us for good.



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RID 2475 - RC NESTOS CHRISOUPOLIS

Participation of RC Nestos of Chrisoupolis D-2475 in International Fellowship Event in Zlatograd Bulgaria RC Zlatograd Nedelino.

Our Rotary Club had the honor to participate with a delegation of members, led by our President rtn Stelios Kafas , in the three-day international fellowship event organized by our twin RC Zlatograd Bulgaria, on 30, 31 May and 1 June 2025.

The event took place in the beautiful city of Zlatograd and brought together more than 100 Rotarians from three countries: Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia. In an atmosphere of friendship, cooperation and cultural exchange, the participants enjoyed an entertaining program, strengthening the ties between the clubs and the nations.

The main purpose of the action was to raise funds to finance scholarships for medical students who, after graduation, will provide their services for five years at the Zlatograd hospital, thus strengthening the local health system.

Our Club, apart from its active physical presence, supported the event by offering for the charity auction a painting, the work of our past President rtn .Korina Gkoulousi , which essentially strengthened the charitable purpose of the event.

This experience highlighted once again the power of the international Rotarian cooperation and the importance of giving back to society. We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Zlatograd for their hospitality and look forward to future joint activities.



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RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI

On May 30th, the BOD of RC Athinai had the great honour and pleasure to accept the invitation of RC Munich and meet the delegation of 47 members during their visit to Athens.

The meeting took place in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, strengthening the ties of Rotarian friendship and cooperation between the two Clubs. This was followed by the attendance of the excellent concert at the Athens Concert Hall, with works by Tchaikovsky, conducted by maestro Mr. Dionysis Grammenos.

The excitement was special, as the maestro Mr. Dionysis Grammenos was honoured on May 30th, 2009 with the Leonardo da Vinci - Athens 2009 Award under the chairmanship of rtn Vassilios Varsos. Sixteen years later, on May 30th, 2025, we proudly met him again, conducting as maestro, the Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra.

RC Athinai was represented by President rtn Anastasios Ballas, Treasurer rtn Yannis Pouspourikas and the member of BOD rtn Haris Stellakis. During the meeting, they exchanged views and experiences with the members of RC Munich delegation, contributing to the strengthening of intercultural Rotarian communication.

This meeting was a special example of Rotary connection and friendship, strengthening the ties between Rotary Clubs of Europe and reinforcing the vision of international cooperation and service.



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RID2475 - RC ATHINAI PARTHENON with ATHINAI FILOTHEI, ATHINAI AGORA, PIREAS EAST

It was with great pleasure and emotion that we delivered to the "Mother" Foundation the items acquired thanks to the effort and participation of Rotary members and friends in the "Cycling for Mother". The donation of five air conditioning units, two dehumidifiers and medical supplies will support the work offered to the children of "Mother" Foundation. We thank the Acharnes Thrakomakedones Volunteers for their active participation.

Our clubs P.O. Athens-Parthenon, P.O. Filothei, P.O. Athens-Agora, P.O. Piraeus-Anatoli will continue to offer the Magic of Rotary through the friendship that connects us and unites us for good.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI Scholarship Awards by RC Athinai

On June 10th, 2025, a glorious and full of emotion ceremony took place at the Hellenic Naval Academy in Piraeus, as part of the official Graduation Ceremony of the 4th Cohort of the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Program (IPP) "Management in Naval Science and Technology". During the event, scholarships were awarded to students of the Program's 5th Cohort.

The scholarships were generously offered by RC Athinai, reflecting the Club's enduring commitment to promoting excellence and supporting young scientists. The decision to award the scholarships was made by the Program's Coordinating Committee, based on social criteria and outstanding academic performance, in recognition of the students' diligence and ethical conduct. The ceremony was conducted in a spirit of modesty and sincere recognition of the scholars' efforts. It was attended by representatives of RC Athinai, members of the academic community of the University of Piraeus, and high-ranking officers of the Hellenic Navy.

The scholarship recipients were:

- Christos Dedeloudis – Full scholarship: €2,400
- Dimitrios Pasalis – Partial scholarship: €1,200
- Ioannis Bikakis – Partial scholarship: €1,200
- Christos Skourtaniotis – Partial scholarship: €1,200
- Tryfonas Kosmas – Partial scholarship: €1,200
- Ourania Zafeiriou – Partial scholarship: €1,200
- Aikaterini Peleki – Partial scholarship: €1,200

Attending the ceremony were:

- Past District Governor, Rotarian Grigorios Grigoropoulos
- President of the Rotary Club of Athinai, Rotarian Anastassios Ballas
- Secretary of the Rotary Club of Athinai, Rotarian Stavros Katsoulis
- Chair of the Scholarships Committee, Rotary Club of Athinai Rotarian Ioannis Kampanis
- Honorary Member, Rotary Club of Athinai Rotarian Petros Poulmentis
- Member of the Rotary Club of Athinai, Rotarian Dimitrios E. Mexis

The Master's Program "Management in Naval Science and Technology" is a joint initiative resulting from the collaboration between the University of Piraeus and the Hellenic Naval Academy. The program stands out not only for the synergy between academic and military education, but also for the diversity of its student body, which includes members of the Hellenic Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, as well as professionals from the public and private sectors. The exceptional hospitality extended by the Rector of the Hellenic Naval Academy and the officers of the Hellenic Navy was a highlight of the recent visit and was deeply appreciated by all participants.

Through this initiative, RC Athinai reaffirms its ongoing commitment to fostering academic excellence and social sensitivity, actively contributing to the development of a new generation of scientists distinguished by their integrity, dedication, and sense of duty.

This program builds bridges between knowledge, practice, and values, addressing the need for leadership grounded in scientific competence and social responsibility.

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RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI
Scholarship Awards by RC Athinai



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RID 2475 - RC KORINTHOS

On June 11th, RC Korinthos had the pleasure and honor of completing and delivering a therapeutic garden to the school children and staff of the Special Vocational Education Laboratory(school) of Corinth.

This garden was designed with love and purpose to provide a calm, creative and therapeutic environment for the school children with disabilities. It is a space that encourages contact with nature, sensory exploration, physical and mental well-being.

RC Korinthos thanked the management and teaching staff of the the Establishment. for the very warm welcome and the students of the school who with particular zeal helped the members of our club in the construction of the project.



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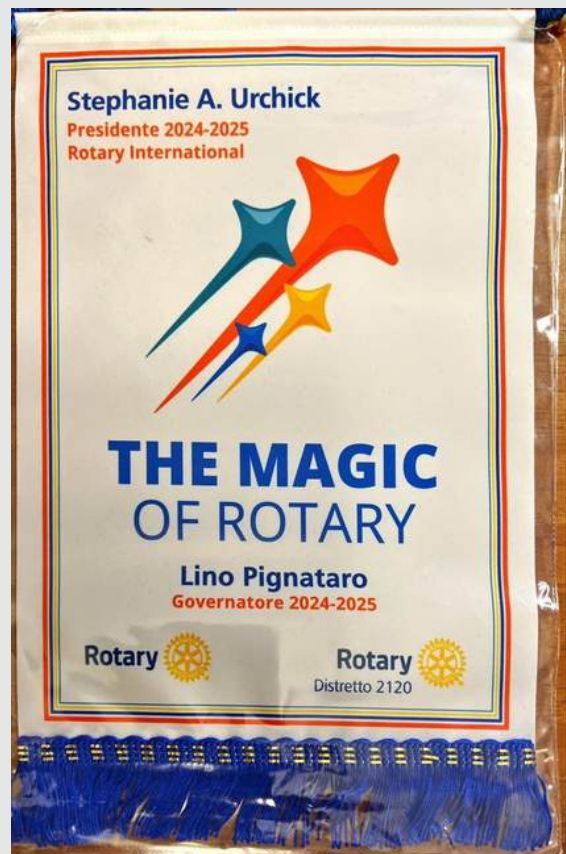
RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA

In a high gastronomy restaurant in the old town of Corfu, on June 10th, took place the reception of RID 2120 DG Lino Pignataro and President of RC Taranto rtn Leone Pellè by RC Kerkyra, in order to sign the twinning charter between the two Clubs. In a warm atmosphere the Presidents of the two Clubs found common grounds for cooperation, laying the foundations for a long-lasting common course of giving to the fellow man.

The charter was signed by the two Club Presidents, Dimitri Erizzo and Leone Pellè, RID 2475 and 2120 DGs Nikos Margaropoulos and Lino Pignataro, and as witnesses, PDG Dimitris Pitsinigos and Giuseppe Torsello.

A pleasant surprise was the presence of assistant DG Anastasia Kryona from RC Chrysoupolis Nestos River, old friend of RC Kerkyra.

The presidents of the Clubs renewed their appointment for July to plan the first joint action.



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RID 2475 - RC IOANNINA

Representing the Rotary Club of Ioannina, we traveled to Bitola, where the Rotary Club celebrated 90 years since its original founding. It was established in 1935, shut down in 1942, and re-established in 1998. In 2023, many Rotarians from Bitola honored us with their presence at the 50th anniversary of the Ioannina Club. The relationship between the two clubs goes back many years—since the time I served as District Governor in 2003-2004, and Rade Hristovski was an Assistant Governor. The event was beautiful and took place in the courtyard of the Archaeological Museum. Just before the celebration, a plaque was placed at the site where the club used to meet in 1935. Happy Anniversary, RC Bitola!



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RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI

Members of RC Agia Paraskevi visited on June 15th, the Hellenic Parliament building where the exhibition "RECOVERING LIBERTY TWO YEARS LATER" through unique exhibits (artworks, documents, books, objects, weapons).

A unique collection of which left us all speechless.

The amazing and thorough guidance was made by Th. Koutsogiannis, Dr. Art History, Curator of Hellenic Parliament Art Collection.

The exhibition is extended on 2 floors, in the Peristeriio and in the hall of trophies and adjutants, where the exhibits interact with the scenes and the protagonists of the so-called founders of the Revolution

At the end of the tour we were offered the guide of the Revolution.

RC President Vicky Peziri honored Mr. Koutsoyannis with praise, and discussed with him a new visit in autumn during the new exhibition.

Warm thanks for the organization of the visit to the Director of the Parliaments's Library Mrs. Athina Synarelli.

Also present Assistant Governor Elena Nikolopoulou and incoming assistant Governor Thodoris Liosis.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

ROTARACT RID 2475

Donation from 2475 Rotaract District with the financial support of RID 2475 to the training department of the National Center of Immediate Assistance (NCIA). Following the first aid seminar held with qualified rescuers - instructors of the NCIA, we decided to make a donation to the training department of the organization as a minimum recognition for the work they do every day for the community. The handover took place at the office of the President of NCIA Mr. Charalambous. DG Nikos Margaropoulos was represented by DGE Charalambos Tigginakas. The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere, while the possibilities of further cooperation between Rotary and NCIA were examined.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 RC DIONYSOS

C Dionysos completed with great success the two-day exhibition "Contemporary Mosaic" of Aspina Georgiadis-Thessalonikeos with the wonderful concert "I Rise My Soul" under the guidance of the excellent Efi Adilini-Bompi, in the full hall of the Panhellenic Association of Parents and Guardians of Mentally Retarded Children.



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RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI

In an atmosphere of solidarity and warm human contact, the visit of members of RC Athinai to the café of the street magazine "Schedia" took place on June 17th. Our Club offered dinner to 20 vendors of the magazine, sending a resounding message of social sensitivity and deep recognition to the people who, with dignity, struggle daily for a better life.

The sellers of the street magazine "SCHEDIA" are not just the "red vest" sellers who distribute a publication, they are people with stories, and with the strength to get back on their feet despite the difficulties. People who have found themselves on the margins of society, unemployed, homeless or socially excluded, and who have found through "SCHEDIA" a path to reintegration, an opportunity to work with honesty, to rebuild their self-esteem and to regain their place in society.

The dinner was accompanied by meaningful conversations, spontaneous smiles, and a shared realization that social contribution is not just a gesture, it is an attitude of life. The members of RC Athinai had the opportunity to meet the vendors of the "Schedia", to share thoughts and concerns and to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of supporting such initiatives.

The event was attended by the President, Mr. Anastasios Ballas and the Vice President Ioannis Koimtzoglou, as well as the member of the Club, Mr. Christos Stavropoulos, reinforcing with their presence the message of unity and social contribution that characterizes RC Athinai.



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RID 2475 - RC VOUL PANORAMA

On June 17th, 2025 RC Voula Panorama delivered to the President of the Association "AGAPI CARE LIFE" (PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT OF CAR ACCIDENTS) Mrs. Urania Athanasopoulou a large quantity of plastic caps (6 large plastic bags). As is known, this action, which our Club supports with great sensitivity, provides for the collection and sale of plastic bottle caps and the conversion of their financial value into the purchase of wheelchairs for our fellow human beings in need.



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RID 2475 - RC PATRA

The members of RC Patras offered to the School of Velitsa - Achaia a modern projector and 4 wireless keyboards.

The Board of Directors of the Club would like to thank our members PDG George Katsila, and PP George Ragavanis, who offered the aforementioned to the School.




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ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Αξιότιμοι Πρόεδροι κ. Χρυσάνθου, κ. Χρυσάνθου,

Με την παρούσα επιστολή θα ήθελα να εκφράσω τις θερμές μου ευχαριστίες στον Περιφερειάρχη Όμιλου Πάτρων και στο Διοικητικό Ταμείο για την άμεση προσφορά κλειστροκλειστών και κλειστροκλειστών προς το Διευθυντικό Σχολείο Βελίτσας του Νομού Αχαΐας. Ευχαριστώ προσωπικά τον κ. Ραγβανίδη για τα κλειστροκλειστά κλειδιά και τον κ. Καραβίδη για τον κλειστροκλειστό. Όλα αυτά βέβαια δεν θα είχαν πραγματοποιηθεί, εάν δεν είχε μεταβιβάσει η κλειστροκλειστή Αρχιτεκτονική, η οποία εκφράζει τον συνδυασμό και συμβολίζει στην ιστορία αυτή.

Η συμβολή σας αποτελεί πολύτιμη ενίσχυση στην προσπάθειά μου να συμβάλω με το συνδυασμό με το εκπαιδευτικό περιβάλλον και τις τεχνολογικές μου δυνατότητες. Ο κλειστροκλειστός μου προσφέρει με αξιοσημείωτο τρόπο, προς όφελος των μαθητών μου, ενισχύοντας την πρόβλεψη στη γνώση και την ποιότητα της καθημερινής τους εμπειρίας.

Η ευχαριστία και το αίσθημα αλληλεγγύης, η οποία αποτελεί τον κοινό σκοπό των εκπαιδευτικών, είναι η βάση και στην προσπάθειά μου να συμβάλω στην ανάπτυξη της γνώσης και της ποιότητας της καθημερινής τους εμπειρίας.

Σας ευχαριστώ θερμά για την υποστήριξή σας και ευχαριστώ να συνεχίσω το αξιόλογο έργο σας με την ίδια προσπάθεια και αγάπη για τον συνδυασμό. Με χαρά σας προσκαλώ στην καθύστερη του σχολείου μου, η οποία θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Πέμπτη 12/6/2023 και ώρα 19:30 στον χώρο του εκπαιδευτικού συλλόγου του σχολείου. Σας περιμένω !!!

Με εκτίμηση


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RID 2475 - GLOBAL GRAND RC RHODOS, RHODOS KOLOSSOS, ATHIAI GOUDI AND ITALY

With a feeling of deep gratitude, the Municipality of Halki Island received the donation of a state-of-the-art cardiopulmonary resuscitation system from the Rotarians, as part of the international humanitarian project implemented with Global Grant funding.

The official handover ceremony took place on 23 June 2025, in the presence of the Mayor of Halki Mr. Evangelos Fragakis, members of the Multipurpose Regional Medical Center, representatives of RID 2475 and Rotarians from RC Rhodes, Rhodes-Kolossos and Athinai Goudi .

This donation is part of a broader plan to strengthen the health infrastructure of isolated islands in cooperation with the Governor of the 2nd Department of Public Health, Mr Christos Roilos.

Statement by the Mayor of Halki Mr. Evangelos Fragakis: We are receiving an act of solidarity, a tool of life and a strong sign of trust in our island. I would like from the bottom of my heart to thank RID 2475, RCs Athinai Goudi, Rhodes and Rhodes-Kolossos, as well as the Italian Rotary Districts that have actively supported this effort.

Health has no geographical limitations. Halki, like every remote island, deserves access to modern facilities and decent care. Today fills us with hope, and at the same time reminds us of the power of cooperation, humanity and giving.

On behalf of the Municipality and all the residents of Halki, I express our warmest thanks.



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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI EAST

Offer to the A' Pathology Clinic AHEPA Thessaloniki

RC Thessaloniki East continues its long-standing charitable work.

Faithful to the principle of offering to the citizens of Thessaloniki, RC members proceeded to a very important action.

They procured and offered to the 1st Pre-educational Pathology Clinic of the AHEPA Hospital of Thessaloniki, a specially constructed electric bed for the Stroke Unit of the Clinic.

This bed, the third in a row (the two previous ones were delivered in 2023), completes the contribution of RC Thessaloniki East to the Clinic.

With this very important contribution of the RC, patients from Thessaloniki and Northern Greece who come to the hospital can be treated directly and better.

The delivery was made by the President of RC Thessaloniki East, rtn Romi Pappa, PP rtn Thomas Tegos and President elect rtn Anastasia Kiziridou, and was received by the medical and nursing staff of the Clinic.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI

Participation of RC Agia Paraskevi in International Conference in Italy

It was a great honour for our Club to participate with an online speaker in the 1st International Rotary Conference Mediterranean Sea, organized by the Rotary Club of Reggio Calabria in Italy. The speaker of our club was our Vice President Efthimios Tsitouras Director of Emissions Greenhouse Gases, Savings & CHP. IAPPEP, on the topic "Climate change: do we really need to worry about?". The talk took place on Saturday 7/6/25.





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19:00 - 21:00 | Cocktail di benvenuto
21:00 - 22:30 | Concerto del Conservatorio di musica "Francesco Cilea"

Sabato 7 Giugno 2025 - Palazzo Corrado Alvaro

Ore 8:00-9:00 | Registrazione e Welcome Coffee
Ore 9:00 | Onori alle bandiere
Presidente
Giampaolo Latilla (Presidente Rotary Club di Reggio Calabria)

Indirizzi di saluto
Mistica Falconetti (Presidente Rotary Club Reggio Calabria Sud Paralelo 38)
Maria Pia Porcino (Governatore Distretto Rotary 2102)
Dino De Marco (DGE Distretto 2102)
Giuseppe Siccomanno (DGN Distretto 2102)
Giuseppe Falconetti (Sindaco di Reggio Calabria)

Matera
Gianluca Rondinelli (Giornalista TG 1)

Ore 9:30 | Costruire la pace
Ayda Ozeren (PDG, Rotary Club Inna Gondoghli)
Mohamed Moncef Siala (PDG, Rotary Club Tunis Golf)
Suheir Frekri (Rotary Club Baghdad)*
Dania Xosa (Rotary Club Torino)
Tijana Kotic (Chair-elect 2025 RAGP)
Testimoniante: Adriana Grieco (Rotary Club Conigliano - Romano Sibari)

Ore 11:30 | Sanità, educazione, empowerment femminile: come fare la differenza
Luciano Lucania (PDG, RC Reggio Calabria Sud Paralelo 38, DRIC Distretto 2102)
Denise Klischen (Rotary e Club Italia International)*
Luca Sangiovanni (Chairman OGE/ERN Comunità europea)
Roberta Gianfermi (Dir. Unità di cooperazione internazionale Ministero della Salute)
Testimoniante: Carlo Malletta (Rotary Club Genova)

Ore 18:00 | Light lunch

Ore 14:30 | Ambiente ed energia, le sfide cruciali
Maria Sideri (Direttore generale ISPRA)
Efthimios Tsitouras (Rotary Club Agia Paraskevi - Greece)*
Paolo Calabro (Professore associato di Ingegneria sanitaria ambientale UnIRC)
Carlo Morebeto (Professore ordinario di Elettrotecnica UnIRC)
Testimoniante: Candida Marzotto (RC Petila Policastro V. del Tacino Centenario)*

Ore 16:00 | Economia motore di pace
Youssef Seth (DGE, Rotary Club Casablanca Nord)
Aldo Ferrara (Presidente Unindustria Calabria)
Arthur Ben (Rotary Club Tunisia Bilaki)
Felice Arena (Professore ordinario di Costruzioni marine UnIRC)
Carlo Roebold (Rotary Club Roma Olympic)
Testimoniante: Maria Vittoria Gargiulo (Positive Peace activator Rotary International)

* in videoconferenza

Ore 17:30 | Cene clausure
20:30 Cena di Gala (rooftop Grand Hotel Isonzo)

Domenica 8 Giugno 2025 - Museo Archeologico Nazionale

10:00 - 12:00 Visita guidata



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC RHODOS & RHODOS KOLOSSOS

The two RCs Rhodos and Rhodes-Kolossos carried out a successful activity with the theme:

"Walk and get to know our city. The secrets of our city".

The action, with a guided tour by rtn Kostas Panagos, started from the Aquarium to the Medieval City. In a walk of discovery and knowledge, the experienced guide highlighted stories, details and hidden secrets that often go unnoticed, creating an unforgettable experience for the participants.

A banquet followed, where everyone enjoyed an excellent meal, in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere, exchanging thoughts and ideas.

The "Magic of Rotary", fellowship, cooperation, Rotary values and team spirit were highlighted once again and all members left with the best impressions.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Margarita Bogdanova
District Governor 2024-2025
Rotary International
District 2482 - Bulgaria
Monthly Letter - June



ARPIC ARKAN APTURAHMAN
DISTRICT 2482

МАРГАРИТА БОГДАНОВА
Дистрикт гуверньор 2024-2025
Ротари Д-2482 България



Dear friends,

Without even realizing it, we have reached the final month of the Rotary year 2024–2025. Just a year ago, this moment seemed distant—filled with challenges and responsibilities that were yet to come. I had no idea how quickly time would fly. Today, as I look back, I see an intense, vibrant, and inspiring journey, along which I met hundreds of you in dozens of clubs. We spoke about Rotary and life, shared ideas, dreams, and doubts. And every single one of those meetings left a lasting imprint on my heart.

All these experiences will culminate in one particularly meaningful event—the Rotary Annual Conference, which will be held on June 14 at the Radisson Hotel in Plovdiv. We will have the pleasure of hearing from exceptional speakers, including Ms. Zdravka Evtimova, a beloved Bulgarian writer and translator. The theme of our conversation with her is both deeply personal and profoundly connected to our Rotary identity:

“The Price of Change Within Ourselves.

What personal and social efforts are we willing to make in order to develop our talents, remain honest, and take responsibility in society?”

This theme is inspired by Rotary’s vision:

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

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Margarita Bogdanova District Governor 2024-2025 Rotary International District 2482 - Bulgaria Monthly Letter June

As part of the conference, we will also have the pleasure of presenting the awards from the “**Choose Freedom!**” contest — an impactful youth initiative in the fight against addiction. Nearly 60 entries—posters, memes, and video messages—were created by inspired young authors aged 14 to 18. Their messages were evaluated by a competent jury of distinguished experts in art and psychology. This is yet another proof that when we give young people a platform for expression, they surprise us with depth, maturity, and creativity.

Among the other exciting events of the past month, I am especially proud to share the successful hosting of **RLTLS – Sofia 2025—a leadership training seminar for zonal and assistant coordinators in Rotary International Zone 21, organized by our district**. Thirty Rotary leaders took part, discussing the challenges and opportunities ahead for Rotary. With the support of Zone Director Daniel Tanase and leading coordinators, three key priorities emerged:

1. The attractiveness and flexibility of clubs;
2. Engagement with the younger generations;
3. Friendship—the informal yet powerful bridge that inspires and connects people in lasting ways.

It is symbolic and beautiful that the final month of the year is dedicated to **Rotary Fellowships**—a form of friendship that brings Rotarians from around the world together through shared interests, causes, and hobbies. If you haven't yet found your group—now is the time! Whether it's literature, travel, photography, or humanitarian missions—there's a community waiting to welcome you with an open heart.

Dear friends,

This is my final monthly address to you. June will be a month of reflection, memories, and strong emotions. Please allow me to say, with all my heart and sincerity: **Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Governor of Rotary District 2482 – Bulgaria**. It has been not only an immense honor, but also a deeply personal journey of learning, inspiration, and growth. I hope I have managed, at least in part, to live up to your trust and contribute to the development of our community. With sincere gratitude and warmest regards,

Margarita Bogdanova
District Governor 2024–2025
Rotary International
District 2482 – Bulgaria
June 2025

THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

“Choose Freedom!” – When Art Says NO to Addictions

The voices of young people resonated clearly and inspiringly during the national visual arts competition "Choose Freedom!", organized by Rotary District 2482 – Bulgaria.

Over 70 participants aged between 14 and 18 took part with posters, videos, and memes dedicated to addiction prevention — ranging from drugs and gambling to digital addiction.

Each piece was both an artistic expression and an emotional appeal.

The youth are aware of the risks — they see them, analyze them, and transform them into messages that touch the heart. Addictions are depicted as shadows that limit the spirit, while freedom is shown as light, opportunity, and choice.

The works demonstrated an astonishing level of creativity and social responsibility. They sent a clear message that young people in Bulgaria have opinions, take a stand, and are ready to be part of the solution. The competition provided a platform where young people both create and build bridges between generations, between fear and hope.

The judging was entrusted to an esteemed panel — artists, designers, psychologists, and Rotarians devoted to the cause of healthy and conscious youth.

The award ceremony took place during the Annual District Rotary Conference in Plovdiv — an event that combined tradition, recognition, and a vision for the future.

Класиране категория МЕМЕ

Първо място – Анита Георгиева град Велико Търново, Училище ПГСАГ "Ангел Попов"
Второ място – Радостина Севинова Гр. Тетевен, НПГСД "Сава Младенов"
Трето място – Денислав Милев гр.Стара Загора ГПЧЕ "Ромен Ролан"



Класиране категория ПЛАКАТ

Първо място – Даниел Иванов, ПГ по туризъм "Александър Паскалев" гр. Хасково
Второ място – Елена Динева Динева, Айтос, Средно училище Никола Йонков Вапцаров
Трето място – Емир Емин, гр.Айтос СУ „Никола Й. Вапцаров“



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“CHOOSE FREEDOM!” – WHEN ART SAYS NO TO ADDICTIONS

Winners:

Poster Category

- **Daniel Ivanov – Alexander Paskalev Tourism High School, Haskovo**
- **Elena Dineva – Nikola Yonkov Vaptsarov Secondary School, Aytos**
- **Emir Emin – Nikola Yonkov Vaptsarov Secondary School, Aytos**

Meme Category:

- **Anita Georgieva – Angel Popov Secondary School of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Veliko Tarnovo**
- **Radostina Sevinova – Sava Mladenov National Forestry High School, Teteven**
- **Denislav Milev – Romain Rolland High School of Foreign Languages, Stara Zagora**

Video Category:

- **Yoana Kaloyanova – Aleko Konstantinov Vocational High School of Economics, Kardzhali**
 - **Interact Club Tutrakan**
 - **Ivayla Tabakova – Aleko Konstantinov Vocational High School of Economics, Kardzhali**
- Participants in the Video category**

From the winning participants' words:

“I dream of doing things that bring me joy and meaning... to wake up motivated, not bored.”
– Yoana Kaloyanova, winner in the VIDEO category

“I want to be a teacher – a person who inspires students, makes lessons exciting, and benefits society.”
– Ivayla Tabakova, third place in the VIDEO category

The “Choose Freedom!” competition is just the beginning. In the next Rotary year, it will grow into an international initiative, uniting youth voices beyond borders. Because a healthy future starts with a conscious choice — and because Rotary believes that young people can and should be part of the change.

Choose freedom! Choose the future! Choose to create!



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Meeting with Inspiration: Zdravka Evtimova at the 18th District Conference in Plovdiv

Not every conference begins with literary magic. But when words meet the hearts of people, the Rotary hall transforms into a stage for shared humanity.

This was exactly the moment when Rotarians from all over Bulgaria welcomed the writer and translator Zdravka Evtimova during the 18th Rotary District Conference in Plovdiv, held on June 13-14, 2025. The event became an open, inspiring, and memorable experience that left a mark on every attendee.

Under the theme “The Price of Change Within Ourselves,” the meeting was moderated by Galya Pencheva from Rotary Club Ruse-Dunav and gave Rotarians the opportunity to connect with Zdravka Evtimova’s genuine perspective, storytelling skill, and unique sense of humor. The topic resonated deeply and personally with everyone present – change always begins from within.

Author of seven novels and eight short story collections, Zdravka Evtimova is among the most translated contemporary Bulgarian authors, with books published in more than 30 countries. Her texts carry her distinctive style, where realism, magic, and social sensitivity intertwine in powerful, human stories. She is the recipient of numerous international and national awards.

In Plovdiv, Zdravka Evtimova did exactly that – through words, stories, and laughter. Her presence was refreshing, sincere, and brought a feeling of genuine encounters in distant places – without clichés or formalities. She received with special warmth the gifts and thanks from District Governor Prof. Margarita Bogdanova and Rotarians from across the country, including Past District Governor Nasko Nachev and club and district leaders.

The room was filled with smiles, and in memory remained words that call us to more humanity, more courage, and more kindness. Such moments make the magic of Rotary tangible.



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Training of Regional Leaders of Zone 21, Sofia, May 29–31, RLTLS

From May 29 to 31, 2025, the Regional Leaders Teams Learning Seminar (RLTLS) was held at the Marinela Hotel in Sofia. The training brought together 30 active coordinators and assistant coordinators from various countries within the zone, uniting efforts to develop and strengthen Rotary in the region.

The seminar took place in an atmosphere of professionalism, commitment, and inspiration. The event was opened by the Director of Zone 21, Daniel Tanase, who emphasized the importance of regional support, strategic leadership, and the implementation of new approaches to achieve sustainable growth. Sessions featured practical models for effective communication, community engagement, and promoting innovation within clubs.

During two intensive training days, participants had the opportunity to work in teams, share successful practices from their districts, and discuss the challenges Rotary faces today — including changing demographics, digital transformation, and the need for adaptability within the organization.

Three key strategic priorities were identified during the seminar, which will guide the work of the leadership teams in Zone 21 in the upcoming Rotary year:

- Attractiveness and flexibility of clubs – adapting to the dynamics of modern society by introducing hybrid meetings, new membership models, and openness to diverse professional and age groups.
- Working with younger generations – stronger integration between clubs and youth programs such as Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA to develop future leaders and ensure continuity.
- Friendship as the foundation of Rotary culture – promoting human relationships, trust, and mutual support as driving forces for sustainable projects and motivation for long-term engagement.



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Donation to the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic at UMHAT “Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich” – Stara Zagora - Rotary club Stara Zagora

The charitable initiative “Paint an Egg – Save a Child’s Heart,” organized for Easter, concluded with a concrete and meaningful step: the official donation of purchased medical equipment for the needs of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic at UMHAT “Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich” – Stara Zagora. With the funds raised during the campaign through bazaars and donor activities, the following medical devices were purchased and donated:

1. 6-channel ECG machine
2. Set of transducers for a fetal monitor
3. Surgical table
4. Two operating chairs
5. Surgical instruments

The donation was gratefully accepted by the Head of the Department, Associate Professor Dr. Nikolay Lazarov, and his team, who daily care for the health and lives of future mothers and newborns in the region.

The initiative was supported by the Satellite Rotary e-Club Stara Zagora, Rotary Club Stara Zagora, Rotaract Club Stara Zagora, Interact Club Stara Zagora, and Inner Wheel Club Stara Zagora, united by the desire to support maternal care and leave a lasting impact on local healthcare.

The campaign proved that when the Rotary family works together for the good of others, the results are timely, tangible, and lasting. With this act of solidarity and responsibility, the clubs once again reaffirm their dedication to community causes and their readiness to be drivers of positive change in the local community.



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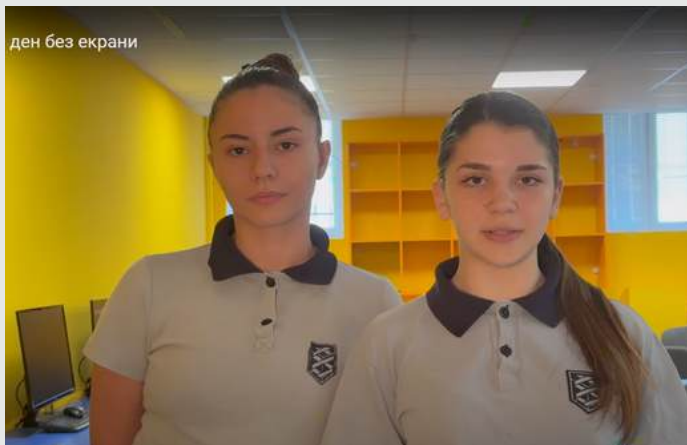
Rotary Club RUSE-DANUBE Empowers Young Journalists in the Campaign “Addictions – Let’s Talk Openly”

Rotary Club “Ruse-Dunav” and the Regional Education Department in Ruse recognized the participants in the prevention campaign titled “Addictions – Let’s Talk Openly.” The campaign aimed to empower young people to speak out and take action against the societal problem of excessive use of electronic devices and the consumption of harmful substances and drugs.

The young talents from MG Media, the school TV channel of Baba Tonka High School of Mathematics in Ruse, took part in the campaign. They produced five reports on ten topics proposed by the Rotarians.

The topics that moved and inspired the young journalists to work, speak openly, and capture the attention of their audience included: “Psychologists Speak – How to Overcome Addictions,” “Top Students Against Addictions,” “Our Initiatives Against Addictions,” “Addictions Through the Eyes of Teachers,” and “A Day Without Screens.”

Each report was created with a deep understanding of the seriousness of the issue, considering the alarmingly high percentage of young people facing various forms of addiction. Using journalistic methods such as interviews, comments, and surveys, the students expressed their viewpoints. The video reports, broadcast on MG Media’s YouTube channel, gathered hundreds of views within just a few hours.



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Rotary Club RUSE-DANUBE Empowers Young Journalists in the Campaign “Addictions – Let’s Talk Openly”

This impact proves that when young people are given a voice and a platform, they can be extremely effective in spreading important messages. Rotarians from the “Ruse-Dunav” Club, Galya Pencheva and Ekaterina Ivanova, together with the Head of the Regional Education Department Rositsa Georgieva, awarded the young reporters and their supervisor, Dilyana Angelova, with certificates of recognition.

To support the talented students in continuing to create content not only on this topic but also on other important community issues, Rotary Club “Ruse-Dunav” helped MG Media purchase equipment and software.

Impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the students, the management of the State Opera – Ruse also showed their support by gifting them tickets to the opening of the “Stage Under the Stars” festival.

The campaign by Rotary Club “Ruse-Dunav,” supported by the Regional Education Department, is a clear example of how the Rotary community does not just talk about problems but actively works towards solving them by empowering the next generation to be part of the solution. The results show that “Addictions – Let’s Talk Openly” is not just a campaign but a powerful tool that can change lives and build a healthier future for young people in Ruse.

You can watch all the reports here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLsfQVah2uI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbOuRe5jlhY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0AUcm1PKkQ>

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INTERACT COMEDY NIGHT by Interact Club Plovdiv Philippopol

On June 20, 2025, the stage of the “Hand” Theater in Plovdiv was filled with energy, humor, and goodwill during the event Interact Comedy Night. Organized by the Interact Club Plovdiv – Philippopolis, it brought together dozens of young people, club friends, and supporters around a common mission – to support sick children through the power of laughter.

The program offered a fresh and intelligent stand-up show featuring the charismatic host Rado Ignatov and stand-up comedian Mihail Kosev. With genuine charisma and wit, they turned the evening into an unforgettable experience for all guests.

At only 19 years old, Rado Ignatov already has solid stage experience — over ten years in theater as a comedy actor and four years as a dubbing artist. He graduated with honors from the National Art High School specializing in Graphic Arts, and continues to create actively. For the past year, he has also worked as a DJ, and his unique sense of humor has earned him thousands of followers and applause on TikTok.

One of the funniest moments came when the audience was invited to write down names of famous personalities, animated and movie characters on slips of paper. Rado then had to draw each slip and imitate the voice of the character listed — a challenge he met with incredible humor and artistry. By impersonating one iconic figure after another, Rado literally brought the audience to tears of laughter and made that moment one of the most beloved highlights of the evening.

The event **raised 1,000 BGN, which will be donated to the Pediatric Oncohematology Clinic at University Hospital “St. George” – Plovdiv.** Thanks to your generosity and support, we believe we will bring hope and smiles to children fighting serious diagnoses.



ROTARY CLUB HARMANLI ORGANIZES ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE FOR LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN

Rotary Club Harmanli proudly hosted its annual cross-country race for children from grades 5 to 11, welcoming participants from all schools across the municipality. This beloved event has become a cherished tradition, dedicated to igniting the sporting spirit and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle among the youth of Harmanli.

The race gathers dozens of enthusiastic young athletes eager to challenge themselves, compete fairly, and enjoy the camaraderie that sports bring. Over the years, this event has grown into more than just a race; it is a celebration of perseverance, teamwork, and community spirit.

Rotary Club Harmanli expresses deep gratitude to the Harmanli Municipality for their unwavering support and collaboration. Special thanks also go to all the Physical Education teachers who have tirelessly helped organize and supervise the event, ensuring a safe and motivating environment for the participants.

By encouraging children to embrace sports and healthy habits, Rotary Club Harmanli continues its commitment to fostering personal development and well-being in the community. Here's to many more years of inspiring young athletes to run, compete, and grow stronger together!





ROTARY GOLF CUP

СЪБОТА, 09 АВГУСТ | SATURDAY, 09 AUGUST

ФОРМАТ | Скрембъл в отбори по двама
FORMAT | Scramble in teams of two

Допълнително класиране за отбори с поне едни член на Ротари Клуб. Отборите с членове на Ротари клуб участват и в общото класиране!

Additional prizes for Teams with one or more Rotary Club members! Teams with Rotary members are also included in general ranking!

Старт на турнира и закуска
Start of the tournament and breakfast

Регистрация: 8:00
Старт: 10:00

Registration: 8:00
Start: 10:00

Награждаване и коктейл
Prize-giving ceremony & cocktail

Награждаване 16:00
Коктейл 16:30

Prize giving ceremony 16:00
Cocktail 16:30

Турнирна такса: 95 лв.
(Голф, закуска и коктейл)
Такса коктейл: 45 лв.

Participation fee: 95 BGN
(Golf, breakfast & cocktail)
Cocktail only: 45 BNG

Членовете на Pirin Golf & Country Club ползват 40% отстъпка от турнирната такса. The members of Pirin Golf & Country Club have 40 % discount from the tournament fee.

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CUP, BANSKO – AUGUST 9, 2025


★ SUMMER CELEBRATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB BANSKO-RAZLOG ★

During the Governor's Cup Golf Tournament, on Saturday, August 9th in Bansko, you are invited to a Rotary adventure in the surroundings of the town – a dynamic and fun-filled treasure hunt in search of the hidden “Rotary Treasure.”

With map and compass in hand, we will test your navigation skills – of course, with instructions and the power of teamwork.

 Register by July 29, 2025.

In the evening on Saturday, join us at the town square for the closing night of the 28th edition of the International Jazz Festival in Bansko.

 A Rotary dinner will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the traditional tavern Banski Aiduti, hosted by our fellow Rotarian Georgi Petakov.

Reservations are open until July 29, 2025.

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Rotary Zoom Cafe: "Let's Talk About Mental Health" – A Space for Dialogue, Support, and Growth

PDG ALEKSANDAR RADOJICIC DISTRICT 2483

The Mental Health Committee of District 2483 launched the Rotary Zoom Cafe project titled "Let's Talk About Mental Health" in the 2024/25 Rotary year. This initiative is designed as an open space for exchanging views, experiences, and practical knowledge on topics related to mental health—both within the Rotary community and in the broader social context.

Through this project, we highlight the importance of mental hygiene, techniques for maintaining and improving mental well-being, ways to reduce stress and the development of emotional resilience—on both personal and club levels. The project contributes to strengthening individuals, clubs and the entire Rotary community by encouraging open conversations about mental health as the foundation of successful and fulfilling Rotary service.

As part of the project, the following meetings were held:

- November 19, 2024 – "Rotary and Youth: Inspiration, Education, and Opportunities for the Future through Empowerment in Rotary and the Community"

Moderator: Dr Tijana Antin Pavlović, RC Belgrade Sava

- December 18, 2024 – "Rotary in the Circle of Shared Reflection"

Moderator: Prof Dr Marija Jevtić, RC Eco Art Novi Sad

- February 5, 2025 – "Rotary and Mental Health in the World of 2025"

Moderator: Dr Olivera Poček, RC Ulcinj

- March 19, 2025 – "The Years the Locusts Have Eaten"

Moderator: Dr Jovo Đedović, RC Budva

- April 16, 2025 – "Culture of Remembrance and Mental Health: A Space for Dialogue and Understanding"

Moderator: Dr Tijana Antin Pavlović, guests: Association "Take a Step"

- May 12, 2025 – "Mental Health: Community Support and Vulnerable Groups" (European Public Health Week)

Moderator: Prof Dr Marija Jevtić

- June 4, 2025 – "Addiction Disorders: How the Rotary Approach Can Contribute to Prevention and Support"

Moderator: Darija Petović Bambur, RC Kotor

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The Mental Health Committee will continue this project with the same enthusiasm in the upcoming Rotary year, remaining committed to improving the quality of life and mental well-being of both Rotarians and the wider community in which we serve.

Mental Health Committee of District 2483:

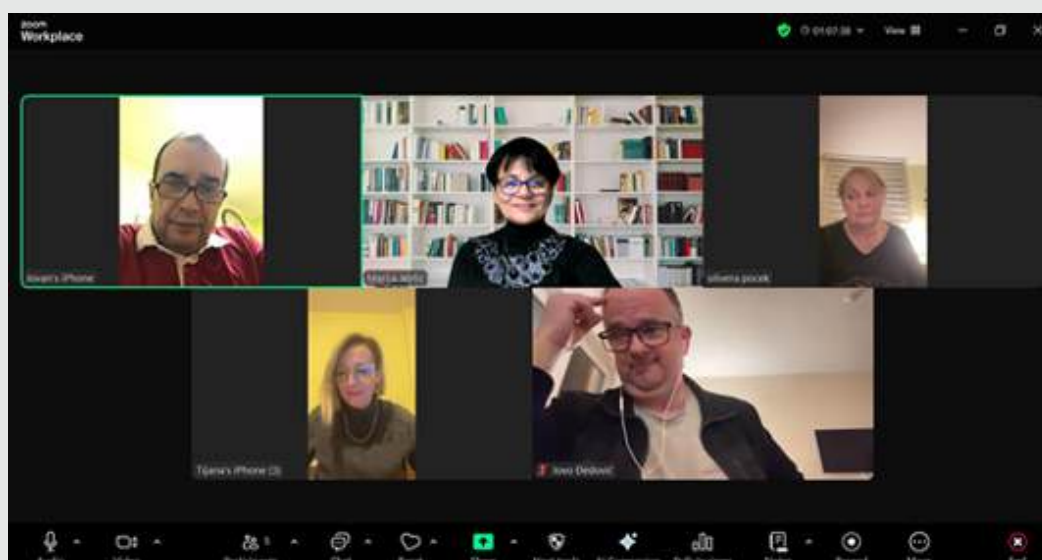
Dr Tijana Antin Pavlović, RC Belgrade Sava, Chair of the District 2483 Mental Health Committee 2024/25

Prof. Dr Marija Jevtić, RC Novi Sad Eco Art

Prim. Dr Jovo Đedović, RC Budva

Dr Olivera Poček, RC Ulcinj

Ms. Darija Petović Bambur, MSc, RC Kotor



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RC "Mihajlo Pupin" donation

As part of a multi-year campaign of donations and installation of bicycle racks to Pančevo schools, the Rotary Club "Mihajlo Pupin" donated racks to the Agricultural School in Pančevo. The campaign was co-financed by a grant from the District of Serbia and Montenegro and aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and cycling.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN BUDVA

In the beautiful surroundings of the Splendid Hotel, Budva, 14.06.2025. The district conference was held.

57 out of 71 clubs participated in the conference, where we made important decisions on the adoption of the financial report of PDG Aleksandar Radojičić, as well as on the method of electing the Governor for 2028/2029.

After the vote, the current District Governor Vladan Mijailović presented awards and recognitions to deserving individuals.



THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

EUCO Belgrade 2025 – Serbia at the Heart of Europe

This year, District 2483 Serbia & Montenegro had the extraordinary honor of hosting the largest European Rotaract conference – EUCO Belgrade 2025. The event brought together more than 300 participants from over 40 countries worldwide, celebrating international fellowship, service, and cultural exchange in the heart of Belgrade.

The conference was organized by Rotaract Club Belgrade Dedinje, District 2483, and offered a rich program that blended impactful service, vibrant social events, and the true spirit of Rotaract.

In addition to unforgettable fellowship and networking opportunities, EUCO Belgrade 2025 featured several meaningful social projects:

1.The EUCO Library, established in the Belgrade Botanical Garden in cooperation with Rotary Club Belgrade Metropolitan, was created from books brought by participants from their home countries — in various languages — as a symbol of cultural exchange and international friendship.

2.Participants also had the opportunity to take part in the "Present Your Business" session — a platform designed to encourage professional networking among Rotaractors, where they could promote themselves, share their ideas, and showcase entrepreneurial or career projects with an international audience.

3.The Rotaract Charity Fashion Show, a traditional event organized by Rotaract Club Belgrade Singidunum, combined elegance with purpose. What made this fashion show truly special was that the models were Rotaractors from different countries around the world. All proceeds were donated to the organization “Dečje Srce” in Serbia.

4.The RotaRun, a traditional humanitarian run organized by Rotaract Club Novi Sad, gathered participants in support of a noble cause.

5.One of the truly special highlights of the conference, alongside the full program, was the Country Booths Night — an event where participants brought traditional food and drinks from their home countries, creating a vibrant fair that celebrated the diversity and culture of all represented nations.

The main social project of EUCO Belgrade, "Walking with Blind and Visually Impaired People", was designed to raise awareness about the everyday challenges faced by blind and visually impaired individuals. As part of the initiative, €1,000 was donated for the purchase of glucose monitoring sensors that provide real-time blood sugar updates via a mobile app, helping blind and visually impaired people to manage their health more easily and independently.

THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

EUCO Belgrade 2025 – Serbia at the Heart of Europe

Also, we are proud to say that we had a chance to host Mr. Walter B. Gyger, former Ambassador of Switzerland, who joined one of our workshops as a guest speaker. He delivered an inspiring lecture on the topic “Solutions to Overcome Peace Project Challenges”, sharing his vast diplomatic experience and insights with the participants.

The best for the end..Rotaract club Belgrade Dedinje was deeply honored and privileged to have Mr. Dritan Abazović, former Prime Minister of Montenegro, officially open the elegant Gala Evening. This was especially meaningful as he is a former Rotaractor himself, making his presence a true inspiration for all participants.

We are grateful to all participants and everyone who contributed to the organization for making this event truly magical.



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Two Events, One Day, One Heart – A Humanitarian Saturday in Belgrade

Saturday, June 7th, 2025, was more than just a date on the calendar — it was a story of connection, laughter, sweet treats, and a powerful humanitarian mission. At the familiar venue Program in Belgrade, the Rotaract Clubs of Belgrade Center and Ruma joined forces to organize an event that brought people, countries, and goodwill together.

Around 50 people gathered, including guests from Croatia, Turkey, and even as far away as Australia. The atmosphere was warm and genuine — the kind that forms when people unite around a shared purpose: to do good.

The first part of the day was filled with joy and friendly rivalry during the traditional “Ludo” (Don’t Get Angry) tournament. Although everyone wanted to win, the real victory belonged to humanity.

When the game pieces were put away, it was time for a true paradise for those with a sweet tooth — Bake Day. Tables were overflowing with homemade cakes, cookies, and desserts lovingly prepared by club members and friends. With a symbolic entry fee, guests enjoyed unlimited sweets — and each bite carried a deeper meaning: supporting the promotion of a book by Živana Konstantin.

It was an afternoon measured not by hours, but by smiles. An evening not counted in desserts, but in support. And a day that won’t be forgotten — because it proved how little it takes to achieve so much, when we act together.

We’ll see you again — with a new game, new cakes, but always the same goal: to do good.



FUSION SUMMIT 25-28 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Europe-Africa-Middle East Summit in 2025 to Be Named FUSION – A Symbol of Unity and Impact

The summit between Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, to be held in 2025 in Brussels, will bear the name FUSION, symbolizing the unification and merging of key elements aimed at creating meaningful impact on the international stage. The name reflects Rotary International's innovative message of opening up to civil society and the younger generation, calling for unprecedented collaboration.

Key Reasons for Choosing the Name FUSION:

FUSION of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East

The name symbolizes the union of three regions with rich cultural and historical identities. By bringing together Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, the summit aims to strengthen intercontinental ties, foster mutual understanding, and encourage cooperation on shared challenges such as sustainable development, peace, and economic prosperity.

A New Message of Openness from Rotary to Civil Society

The summit represents a meaningful convergence between Rotary International and the civic sector. This marks a new era of openness, with Rotary extending an invitation for closer partnership with civil society. By combining Rotary's resources, expertise, and networks with the innovation and enthusiasm of NGOs, the goal is to achieve greater impact and effective solutions to global challenges.

Embracing Rotary's Core Values

At the heart of the forum lie Rotary's core values: service, integrity, diversity, leadership, and fellowship. The fusion of these values ensures that initiatives and discussions are guided by ethics, inclusion, and the pursuit of the common good. This inspires participants to act with responsibility and conscience.



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Opening the Doors to the New Generation

The summit sends a strong message of openness to the younger generation, inviting them to join and enrich Rotary. By bringing together leaders, innovators, and thinkers of different age groups, this "fusion" fosters a dynamic intergenerational exchange, combining the experience of established members with the creativity and energy of youth. This inclusion promotes active youth participation in Rotary's mission and in global efforts for change.

Commitment to Concrete and Collaborative Action

The name FUSION highlights the importance of moving from dialogue to real action. The summit is committed to turning conversations into concrete, collaborative initiatives with tangible results. Through the united efforts of participants, real progress on key global issues can be achieved.

The name FUSION for the Europe-Africa-Middle East Summit 2025 carries deep symbolism. It embodies the unity of continents, innovative cooperation between Rotary and civil society, the integration of Rotary's core values, and the gathering of minds across generations — with a particular focus on inviting youth to engage. This fusion expresses a shared commitment to concrete action and aims to serve as a catalyst for enhanced collaboration and collective progress toward a better future.

More information available at: <https://rotary-fusion-summit.org/>



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FUSION is a 4 day long event in Brussels this year that you don't want to miss: over 2000 Rotarians from 150 districts will be there!

The **Intercountry Committees** organize a series of events for **FUSION SUMMIT** attendees: a **booth** at the House of Friendship, a **meetup** with lunch, and a friendly **dinner**!

Sept 25-28 Hall of Friendship ICC Booth	Sept 25 8:30AM - 1PM ICC Meetup & lunch	Sept 26 7:30 PM ICC Dinner
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Bring local arts & crafts to showcase on our booth for everyone to see !

A unique opportunity to meet Rotarians and Rotaractors coming from all over Europe, Middle East and Africa !

Infos & registration: rotary-icc.org/fusion



ICC & Public Image Summit Athens 2025

Dear Rotarian Friends,

The International ICC & Public Image Summit, to be held in Athens from November 13–16, 2025, is not just an event—it marks a major moment for Rotary International in Greece. Prominent Rotary leaders from around the world will be with us.

It will be a gathering of leaders, ideas, and shared missions.

A gathering with a clear purpose: to demonstrate what Rotary means in action—unity, service, impact, and peace for the benefit of peoples.

This year, Greece—with its radiant light and rich culture—becomes the symbol of this revival.

And we are all called to welcome our fellow Rotarians and host them as true Rotarians should: with pride, dignity, enthusiasm, and unity.

Let us all come together—
Not just to attend, but to take the lead.
To show that Rotary is active, strong, and visible.

The Organizing Committee warmly awaits you in Athens for a constructive, high-quality conference, filled with friendship—and the spirit of Greece.

More information at: www.rotaryathenssummit2025.com



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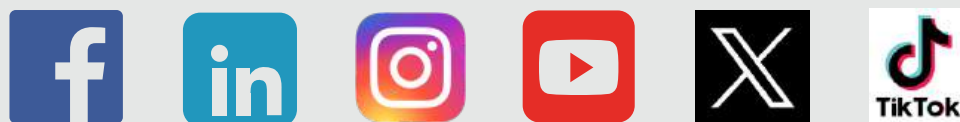
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