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## Rotary's July Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month

As the Rotary year begins in July, Rotary International highlights one of its core Areas of Focus: Maternal and Child Health. This theme underscores the critical need to improve access to quality care for mothers and children around the world, particularly in vulnerable and underserved communities. Rotary's commitment to this cause is grounded in the belief that healthy mothers and children build stronger, more resilient communities.

## The Global Challenge

Every year, approximately 295,000 women die from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth — most of them preventable. Additionally, over 5 million children under the age of five die annually from causes such as malnutrition, poor sanitation, and lack of access to medical care. These tragedies often occur in regions with limited healthcare infrastructure and resources.

These numbers reflect not only a health crisis but a humanitarian one. Behind every statistic is a mother who won't return home and a child who will never grow up. The need for sustained, community-based solutions has never been more urgent — and that is where Rotary steps in.

## Rotary's Impact

Rotary clubs around the world take action by supporting innovative, sustainable projects that address maternal and child health. These projects focus on prevention, treatment, education, and empowerment — all key factors in reducing mortality rates and improving overall well-being.

## Examples of Rotary-led initiatives include:

- **Maternal Waiting Homes:** These safe residences near hospitals allow expectant mothers in remote areas to stay close to medical care as their due dates approach.
- **Mobile Health Clinics:** Rotary sponsors clinics that bring prenatal care, immunizations, and basic medical services to rural and hard-to-reach populations.
- **Midwife and Healthcare Worker Training:** Investing in the education and training of birth attendants ensures safer deliveries and better maternal outcomes.
- **Nutrition and Hygiene Education:** Many Rotary clubs implement programs to teach families about breastfeeding, child nutrition, sanitation, and disease prevention.
- **Water and Sanitation (WASH):** By improving access to clean water and sanitary facilities, Rotary helps prevent infections that often harm mothers and children during and after childbirth.

## Collaboration for Greater Reach

Rotary works alongside global health organizations such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and national health ministries to amplify the impact of these initiatives. Through Rotary Foundation Global Grants, clubs can expand their reach and implement larger, more effective programs.

## A Lasting Commitment

By dedicating July to Maternal and Child Health, Rotary reaffirms its dedication to saving lives and creating healthier futures. It's a reminder that every woman deserves a safe pregnancy and every child deserves a strong start in life. Through service, compassion, and collaboration, Rotarians help make that vision a reality — one mother and one child at a time.

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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**FRANCESCO AREZZO  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT  
RY 2025-2026**

Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles. He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

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**LARRY A. LUNSFORD**  
**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**RY 2027-2028**

## **LARRY A. LUNSFORD SELECTED TO BE 2027-28 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

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Larry A. Lunsford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2027-28. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Lunsford attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on an academic scholarship, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia.

A certified public accountant, Lunsford spent seven years working for Ernst & Young before joining a family-owned business, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, in 1990. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Bernstein group of companies. He has held positions on the boards of the Kansas City Spirit Festival and the Variety Club as well as serving as director of a local bank and treasurer of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America. He has also served on Truman State University's alumni and foundation boards and received the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25). He has been a member of RI committees, including the Executive Committee (chair 2014-15), Membership Growth Committee (chair 2016-18), and Nominating Committee for President of RI (chair 2023-24). He also has served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (chair 2023-24), Finance Committee (chair 2022-23 and 2024-25), and Participant Experience Committee (chair 2023-24).

Lunsford has been awarded The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Jill Lunsford, have two children and one grandchild. They are Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining Members.





**N. ALTAN ARSLAN**  
**PP 2005-2006 RC ANKARA KIZILAY**  
**PDG 2018-2019 D2430**  
**RPIC 2023-2026 ZONE 21B**

### **A Time to Grow and Strengthen Our Rotary Family**

As we all know, August is a special month in the Rotary calendar which one where we focus on membership. It's a time to not only welcome new members into our clubs, but also to develop strategies that help us retain the valuable members we already have.

Our data tells us that attracting new members isn't our biggest challenge especially in our region. What's more concerning is how quickly many of these new members leave in first three years. This highlights an area we cannot afford to ignore: ensuring that new members feel truly connected, engaged, and inspired to stay.

Another area where we fall short is transforming the strong relationships we build through our youth programs into long-term membership. Programs like RYLA and Youth Exchange are life changing for young people and their families. All of them are left with unforgettable, positive impressions. Yet, we rarely succeed in bringing these alumni or even their parents into the Rotary family as members. The same is true for our dedicated Rotaractors, many of whom lose their connection to Rotary after leaving Rotaract, despite having been part of our family for years.

These are realities we must face. And they call for clear, creative strategies but not only to reduce member attrition, but also to strengthen our efforts to engage alumni communities in meaningful ways.

Rotary was founded on the principle of vocational diversity. Though we don't emphasize this aspect as strongly today, it remains a powerful tool. Clubs that review their classification lists and seek out professionals in underrepresented fields open doors to growth, fresh perspectives, and greater service capacity.

Another vital strategy for membership growth is the formation of new clubs. Across our regions, there are still many communities where a Rotary club is needed. Strategic mapping can help us identify these areas and take action. After all, new clubs don't just expand Rotary also they make us more accessible, more diverse, and more connected.

## **ZONE 21B ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE COORDINATOR MESSAGE**

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Fortunately, Rotary has embraced flexible club models that make growth easier and more attractive. Today, clubs can meet virtually, focus on shared interests or professions, operate within companies, or suit the lifestyles of people who travel often. These alternative models respond to the changing needs of our world and to the preferences of potential members.

Traditional Rotary and Rotaract clubs will always have their place. But satellite clubs offer something new: a way for existing clubs to grow organically, or to welcome candidates who may not quite fit into current structures. This model holds tremendous potential for expansion and inclusion.

In the end, growth means reaching more people, building stronger communities, and spreading Rotary's spirit of service even further. It's about making the world more compassionate, more connected, and more hopeful.

That's why we must confidently and sincerely share Rotary's values with people who haven't yet heard of us, especially professionals of integrity who want to give back to society. We must help them understand a simple, powerful truth:

"He profits most who serves best."

And let's not stop with our own clubs, let's support membership growth in neighboring clubs, too.

Because now, more than ever:

It's time to Unite for Good.

See you next month

With love and respect,

**Rtn. N.Altan Arslan**

**PP 05-06 Ankara Kızılay RC**

**PDG 18-19 D.2430**

**RPIC 23-26 Region 25**

# 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.



# FUSION

**Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges**  
25—28 September 2025

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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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Intercountry  
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# FUSION

## ROTARY FUSION SUMMIT 25-28 SEPTEMBER 2025

**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	Sept 25	Sept 26
Hall of Friendship <b>ICC Booth</b>	<b>8:30AM - 1PM</b> ICC Meetup & lunch	<b>7:30 PM</b> ICC Dinner

**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](https://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](http://www.rotaryathenssummit2025.com)

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# EVRENSEL ROTARY LAUNCHES AI HOBBY GROUP TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ROTARY

Rotary Club of Evrensel, RID2430 proudly embraces the core Rotary value of fellowship, utilizing its unique strengths as an online club to pioneer innovative projects aimed at shaping Rotary's future.

The club recently launched an exciting new initiative—the Rtn.io Artificial Intelligence Hobby Group. This groundbreaking project aspires to redefine the concept of Rotary engagement by:


- Crafting an ideal future Rotarian through artificial intelligence,
- Building a comprehensive dataset containing essential insights and ideals of Rotary membership,
- Envisioning and ultimately creating an AI capable of managing club meetings and developing Rotary projects.

Rotarians across the district are warmly encouraged to participate, share their expertise, and become part of this visionary journey.

Members interested in joining this pioneering AI-focused initiative can connect through the designated WhatsApp group.

This ambitious venture underscores Evrensel Rotary Club's commitment to innovation and leadership within the Rotary community, positioning the club as a forward-thinking leader in Rotary's global network.

Rtn. Batuhan Keskintaş  
Rotary club of Evrensel  
President 2025-2026



## PAULA

### ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT

**ABOUT**

Dedicated leader of Turkish heritage with a passion for service and community development.

**EDUCATION**

B.A. In Industrial Engineering

**CAREER TIMELINE**

- Process Engineer 2010
- Supply Chain Manager  
Founder & CEO, AidFlow Technology 2019
- Rotary Club President 2024

**ROTARY ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Led STEM for HER project
- Expanded club's membership
- RYLA facilitator

**SKILLS**

- Leadership
- Logistics
- Disaster Management
- Mentership

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On the morning of February 6, 2023, Türkiye was shaken by one of the most devastating disasters in its history. This massive earthquake destroyed not only cities but also the lives and dreams of thousands of people. But we know that some people rise from the ruins and not only survive but also rebuild that entire life. Tutku, one of our daughter Tutku... One of them...



In 2000, Tutku was born in Hatay where cannot survive as it once did. With her technical curiosity and passion for creating solutions, Tutku took part in multifaceted projects ranging from artificial intelligence to cyber security, from machine learning to data science, and graduated from Çukurova University, Department of Computer Engineering with honors.

In addition to her academic achievements, what made Tutku different and carried her beyond science and knowledge was her belief in learning and producing, despite the traumatic personal losses she experienced. On February 6, she lost her home and, along with it, her greatest treasure, her father. That day, when she believed she would not be able to bear the burden she was carrying after this great loss, she came across a Rotary 2023-2024 term project that gave her hope.

In 2024, the University of Bradford, through the British Council, announced that it would provide scholarships to five female students from Turkey to continue their engineering studies and research. The scholarship covers tuition fees, living expenses, transport, visa costs and insurance, amounting to approximately £250,000 per student.

Harika Eryilmaz, President of the Mersin Rotary Scholarship and Scholarship Committee, reached out to all regional scholarship recipients, listed the eligible candidates, contacted Dr. Behruz Khaghani, who wrote the project and followed the process closely. As a result, six of our candidates were interviewed, and three of our candidates were selected to receive this scholarship and were invited by the University of Bradford.





Despite all these challenges, Tutku, who has won this prestigious scholarship, one of the few female students to have won, is about to graduate with distinct in the field of "Applied Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics". This month, the 2023-2024 Term President, Rujdan Doğan, and his board visited Tutku in England.

### The Point where Labor and Passion

Today, as she counts down the days to her master's degree, Tutku has also been awarded the "Higher Education Achievement Report" award by her university. She is a bright young woman who has focused not only on individual progress but also on creating social benefit throughout her education.

Tutku, who took part in visualization projects on sunspots and solar storms with researchers working with NASA, also conveyed meaningful messages to both Turkey and the world with interactive mapping projects that illustrate the pain of earthquakes with data.

All these studies reveal not only Tutku's academic potential but also her ethical and social sensitivity. Her vision is not just to produce technology, but to direct science for the benefit of humanity. For this reason, after completing her master's degree, she plans to continue her doctoral research on the ethical, legal and social dimensions of artificial intelligence applications. She states that she wants to work in collaboration with academic institutions and industrial structures that strengthen the interaction between technology and policy in the future and that she is open to professional and academic opportunities from all over the world, and conveys the following message to all Rotarians in the world:

Dear Rotary Family,

This opportunity you provided during one of the most challenging times in my life was not only an educational opportunity but also a renewed sense of hope. Your presence and the confidence you instilled in me allowed me to walk with stronger steps into the future.

Gratefully yours,

Tutku



UR 2430 FR. Regional Governor Teoman Kaynar & Merve  
23-24 PP. Rujdan Doğan & Sema and Board

With our sincere thanks,  
25-26 Current President Reşit Can & Selda



### International Youth Exchange - International Friendship in Bodrum

We were honored to host eight wonderful students from around the world as part of our international youth exchange program. For five unforgettable days, Bodrum Rotary Club welcomed these bright young minds with open arms, sharing laughter, culture, and unforgettable memories.

From exploring the rich history of Bodrum to enjoying the turquoise waters of the Aegean, every moment was filled with joy, learning, and connection. Together, we built bridges across borders and created friendships that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to all the Rotary clubs who made this exchange possible. We're proud to be part of a global family that believes in peace, understanding, and youth empowerment.





## 1. Club Information:

Club Name: Antalya Kaleiçi Rotary Club and Aspendos Rotary Club

Club President Name and Surname: Cem Sezer and Fatoş Nihan Kalender

Contact (e-mail or telephone): 0506 541 81 24 and 0533 515 98 00

Camp Coordinator: Rtc. İlkiz ÖZTÜRK (0534 899 84 45) ([ozturkilkiz@gmail.com](mailto:ozturkilkiz@gmail.com))

## 2. Event Information:

o Event or Project Name: Arkeo-Camp 2025

o Date: 5-12 July 2025

o Time: During the whole week

o Location: Demre, Antalya, Turkey

o Participants: Maya van Bree, Kaan Kalender, Yiğit Alimoğlu

o Camp Coordinator: Rtc. İlkiz ÖZTÜRK

## 3. Event Description:

We are pleased to introduce you Archaeo-Camp 2025, a joint project of Aspendos Rotary Club and Kaleiçi Rotary Club, our first Thematic Short Term Camp in Türkiye, Antalya, Demre. Arkeo-Camp 2025 Turkey, the first Thematic Short Term Camp in Antalya, Demre, which is a joint project of Aspendos Rotary Club and Kaleiçi Rotary Club; It was held in Demre district of Antalya between 5-12 July 2025. Rotary sponsored 3 participants, 1 archaeologist camp coordinator, 6 field visits, 2 workshops with participants from all over Turkey and Europe.

During the camp, the aim was to introduce the archaeological and cultural heritage of Turkey and Antalya and to give foreign students the experience of archaeological excavation. During the week-long camp, activities such as inventorying, documenting, ceramic washing and clay ceramic making workshops in the excavation house, as well as field photography in the field, field photography with drone, observation of excavation works were carried out. At the same time, tastings and food activities were organised in order to experience different local flavours such as meatballs-piyaz and baked goods made from heirloom seeds, which are unique to Antalya.

Apart from archaeological field trips, Kekova Sunken City, Elmalı Region Stone Houses and Kaş, where natural and cultural beauties are together, were visited. Archaeological sites such as Myra and Andriake Excavations, Patara Excavations and St. Nicholas Church were visited and archaeological heritage studies were experienced in the field. At the same time, Antalya Kaleiçi Rotaract Club and Aspendos Rotaract Club members accompanied our participants during all these visits. During the environmental cleaning of Çayağzı Beach, environmental cleaning activities and Caretta Caretta Detection Studies were carried out together with LIDOSK and Erasmus+ Students. At the end of the event, all participants returned home happy and with an archaeological experience. Thank you for being a part of our Archaeology Camp Journey.



### IR D 2430 RC ADANA ÇUKUROVA RYE STEP SUMMER CAMP “SUN-FUN-SPORTS AND FOOD”

As the Adana Cukurova Rotary Club, we have been running our summer camp project for many years, and this year we started it on July 1st and finished on July 11th.

This year, we had a total of 9 participants, including 4 girls and 5 boys, aged 15-17.

We successfully completed the project without any issues, including city tours, swimming pool activities, highland atmosphere, seaside, and shopping day.

Being able to touch the lives of these guest children, showcase our culture in the best way, make new friendships, and send them off happy gives us a special joy.

On the last day, seeing them hugging each other and crying brought us both sadness and happiness.

Thanks to RYE STEP, we aim to improve intercultural understanding and dialogue, build cultural bridges through young people, and contribute to their discovering new worlds — a wonderful Rotary project that makes us say, I'm a proud member!

Bülent Yalman

President of the Adana Cukurova Rotary Club  
2025-2026

We receive very positive feedback from the families of our young guest students when they return home, and it makes us very happy.

I would like to share one of those with you...





## RC ADANA ÇUKUROVA RYE STEP SUMMER CAMP

Dear Team Rotary and Dr Tugay and Adana Cukurova Rotary,

As a parent I want to sincerely thank you for organizing such a meaningful youth camp for our children. It was an experience of team spirit and sense of belonging.

Most important that we are especially grateful is the level of hospitality and the fact that you welcomed every child with warm hospitality, making them feel safe and truly at home. My son, Sebastian said that Dr Tugay made him feel secure and welcomed at his home and he felt that all the members of Adana Cukurova were friendly, warm and taking care of the kids as they were their own. This of course means so much to us as parents and gave both the parents and the youngsters interest to participate again to feel the unity and growth and of course friendship.

Thank you for the hospitality and warmth, thank you for the activities and possibility to see different places in the region and real Turkey.

The international friendships, being open to different views and cultures are extremely important nowadays and this camp helped the youngsters to grow.

Thank you for investing your time and energy into making this camp such a success.

Thank you, Rotary Tartu for showing the world and cultures when I and my husband took part of the Rotary camps and especially grateful to continue this with our own children.

And message to Estonian team - let`s encourage the youngsters and inform the parents and grandparents to continue the international camp traditions.

With sincere appreciation,

Kristina Sõritsa

Sebastian`s mother





As the Aspendos and Kaleiçi Rotary Clubs, our term has now begun. Our hope for the 2025-2026 period was the Arkeo-camp 2025, which took place during the Myra Andriake excavations from July 5th to 12th.

Participating young people joined excavation activities under the supervision of expert archaeologists. They witnessed the uncovering of objects that had been lost over two thousand years ago—objects created and possibly loved by someone and given to a loved one. They were perhaps the first after the original owner to hold a bronze coin in their hands. They followed the footsteps of Myra's inhabitants, walking along the routes they once took.

They also participated in cleaning efforts to protect the Caretta nesting area.

They became part of this magic, coming from different parts of the world.

During this brief moment in time, these children in Myra spoke, laughed, and had fun just like children living two thousand years ago.

If they had a chance to travel through time, they would realize they are not so different. Now, these young people will return to their countries understanding that they are the same.

As Heraclitus of Ephesus from Anatolian soil said, "No one steps into the same river twice." Their time may have passed, but this camp became a seed that will initiate a cycle. It will grow and be carried forward each year, expanding and enriching the experience.

Already, we are dreaming of ARKEO-CAMP 2026. Come, let us all, as part of the Rotary family, join this dream.

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Fatoş Nihan Kalender

President of Antalya Aspendos Rotary Club  
2025-2026

Cem Sezer

President of Antalya Kaleiçi Rotary Club  
2025-2026



## KARADENİZ EREĞLİ RC AND ADANA TAŞKÖPRÜ RC RYE STEP SUMMER CAMP “FIRE OF BLACK SEA AND ANATOLIA”

On July 7th, after welcoming our students from Finland, Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, Hungary, Lithuania, Germany, Spain, and Egypt at the airport, we did our best to host our youth guest in the best possible way and to introduce our culture. Our guests are truly wonderful. Afterwards, we all traveled together to Ankara. For lunch, we were welcomed by Ankara Kızılay Rotary Club. We thank the President of Ankara Kızılay Rotary Club for hosting us.

Later, we visited Anıtkabir with our young people from all around the world. Here, the Ankara Tandoğan Rotary Club hosted us for the "I am Going to Atatürk" project. While we were having a great time with the international students participating in RYE STEP, we also strengthened our friendships and collaboration with our local clubs. Other clubs were also very pleased to be involved in this magnificent Rotary project in some way.

In Ankara, we also visited the Chess Museum owned by PDG Akın Gökyay. In this special museum, the youth discovered the cultural richness of chess. Subsequently, we headed to Adana for the second part of the camp, hosted by Adana Taşköprü Rotary Club. There, we experienced our culture's different aspects, enjoyed Adana's local dishes, and visited historic sites, all together with our Adana Rotary friends, making our short summer camp a memorable experience.

With this wonderful project, we will continue to explore the world through Rotary, bring different cultures together, and unite for good.

Yılmaz Efe

President of Karadeniz Ereğli Rotary Club  
2025-2026

Fatma Özdemir

President of Adana Taşköprü Rotary Club  
2025-2026







**ROTARY CLUB OF REUS**

Reus, Spain – July 5, 2025

**To the Rotary Club of Karadeniz Ereğli and the Rotary Club of Adana Taşköprü**

Dear Presidents and members of the Youth Exchange Committees,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Reus, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and sincere admiration for the wonderful initiative your clubs have promoted through the international youth camp taking place this July.

Your dedication, tradition of hospitality, and commitment to fostering intercultural friendship and understanding among young people from around the world reflect the finest spirit of Rotary International and the legacy of its founder, Paul Harris.

It is a great honour for our club that the son of one of our board members and ceremonial master, Olga Otletova, has the opportunity to participate in this unforgettable experience in Turkey. Your warm welcome, meticulous organisation, and attention to the young participants truly embody the values that unite us as Rotarians across borders.

We especially wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of your Youth Exchange Officers and all those involved in planning this year's program. You are not only building bridges among cultures but also shaping young hearts and minds with the ideals of service, peace, and global friendship.

In addition, we would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to all the **host families** who will welcome the young participants into their homes. Sharing family life, language, and daily experiences represents the most human and generous side of the Rotary spirit.

In particular, the Rotary Club of Reus and the family of Rotarian **Olga Otletova** wish to express their personal gratitude to the two Turkish Rotary families who will be hosting Sasha:

**Mr. and Mrs. Esra and Ertuğrul Turhan** of the Karadeniz Ereğli Club, and **Mrs. Aslı Selin Ariemre** of the Adana Taşköprü Club.

Please receive our warmest congratulations and appreciation. We look forward to continued friendship and collaboration between our clubs.

With Rotary fellowship and best wishes,

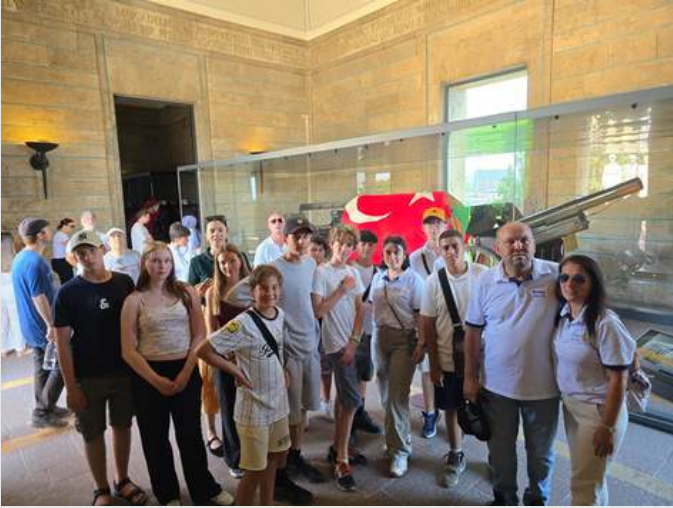
**Eduardo Cacho**

President 2024-25 Rotary Club of Reus

**Nicolàs Dupuy**

President-elect 2025-2026 RCR

**KARADENİZ EREĞLİ RC AND ADANA TAŞKÖPRÜ RC RYE STEP SUMMER CAMP  
“FIRE OF BLACK SEA AND ANATOLIA”**





## TOROS RC AND ESKİŞEHİR YAZILIKAYA RC RYE STEP SUMER CAMP “YOUTH ROUTE”

This year, in our summer camp, we hosted a total of 14 students: 4 from Italy, 1 from Hungary, 2 from Spain, 1 from Croatia, 1 from Germany, 1 from Taiwan, 2 from France, 1 from Austria, and 1 from the Czech Republic. Among them, there were 9 boys and 5 girls. We, together with Toros Rotary Club and Eskişehir Yazılıkaya Rotary Club, organized the camp.

Within the scope of the project, we were in Mersin from July 12th to 19th, 2025, and in Eskişehir from July 19th to 26th, 2025. In Mersin, the beginning of our camp, we visited Cennet Cehennem Cave, shared moments with families at Mersin Marina, and enjoyed pool and seaside activities. We also had picnics and took part in historical tours in Tarsus. We extend special thanks for the support from the Mediterranean, Olba, and Mersin Kızkalesi Rotary Clubs during the Mersin part of the camp.

After Mersin, we moved to Cappadocia to meet with our host club, Eskişehir Yazılıkaya Rotary Club. There, we held a joint meeting with Cappadocia Rotary Club and conducted a flag exchange ceremony.

After exploring Cappadocia, the students spent a week primarily visiting Eskişehir's historical and tourist sites and staying as guests in the homes of Eskişehir Rotarians. The last 3 days of the camp were spent camping at Santral Park in Seyitgazi District. Finally, we delivered the students to their flights in Ankara.

During this project, Eskişehir Anadolu Rotary Club supported the accommodation of 1 student, Eskişehir Rotary Club supported 1 student, and Gordion Rotary Club supported 1 student in Eskişehir, totaling 3 students receiving accommodation support. Additionally, Ankara Anıttepe Rotary Club supported the children when they arrived at the airport. Moreover, throughout the Eskişehir and Seyitgazi programs, students from Eskişehir Rotary Club and Eskişehir Yazılıkaya Rotaract Club continuously supported and cared for the children.

Thanks to this valuable project, we once again witnessed the magic of cultural exchange, discovering new places, and Rotary solidarity. We really united for good!

Umut Delil

President of Toros Rotary Club

2025-2026

Ayşegül Ünügür

President of Eskişehir Yazılıkaya Rotary Club

2025-2026 Formun Altı



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RC Paphos Aphrodite Fellowship Evening and Donations to Charities - D2452 Cyprus



**ARPIC SERTAÇ GÜMÜŞ**  
**DISTRICT 2452**

Rotary Club of Paphos Aphrodite in Cyprus kicked off the new Rotary year with a fellowship evening: friends, dialogues, Cypriot wine & food, as well as service-above-self. Rotarians met in a friendly gathering at The Sheep Traditional Cafe-Bar in Koili, Paphos, to distribute the donations collected through last year's Rotary events. The main event that allowed the RC Paphos Aphrodite to collect and share the monetary donations on this occasion was the “Live Music & Entertainment Night” which was organized on 10 May 2025 at the Anesi Restaurant in Paphos, Cyprus. This event was possible with the participation of the RC Paphos Aphrodite's distinguished sponsors.

The cheques went to the three charities we have been supporting for many years:

- Autism Center Paphos
- Friends' Hospice Paphos
- Margarita Liasidou Foundation

All three representatives from the above-mentioned charities have expressed their immense gratitude for their long-lasting support. Marina, from the Autism Center Paphos said “we feel lucky to have you and count on your support for so many years. The minibus we were able to buy a few years ago was a big support in what were able to achieve since then”. Chris, the President of the Friends’ Hospice Paphos, as well as Marios, the gym instructor of the Margarita Liasidou Foundation, both shared the words of appreciation towards the club’s members’ collaboration throughout the years.





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### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RC NICOSIA SARAYÖNÜ DONATED 10.000TL TO SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE -D2452 CYPRUS

The donation was made in the amount of 10,000 TL to the SOS Children's Village as a "Scouts specific" conditional donation . This donation was for participation in a Scout camp to be held in Turkey. The camp will be held in Denizli Bozkurt between August 18-24 and scout groups from all regions of Turkey will participate.

In addition to various camping activities and scouting information sharing and friendships, daily trips will be organized to places such as Denizli - Pamukkale - Salda Lake.

This is an unmissable opportunity for the children at SOS. However many children participate in this camp, they will be role models to the others!





### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### Maternal and Child Health Month ; Activities in July 2025 of Rotary Club of Kyrenia Liman - D2452

At the Rotary Club of Kyrenia Liman's regular meeting on Wednesday evening, July 23rd, themed around Maternal and Child Health, Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr. Mebrure Tahir Altuğ honored us with her successful presentation.

Our Club, which aims to uphold Rotary's values of peace, compassion, and humanity at every step, continues to carry out its projects on maternal and child health successfully around the World.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Seminar at Celsus Tower by Dr. Teoman Sırrı MBE - Cyprus D2452

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Sarayönü took the initiative to invite Dr. Teoman Sırrı MBE as the Guest Speaker and the joint event together with RC of Kyrenia Liman, RC of Kyrenia St.Hilarion and RC of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan took place on 15 July at Celsus Towers Business Centre, Nicosia.

Dr. Sırrı LRCP (London) MBBS, MRCS (Eng.) Imperial / St. Mary's Hospital Medical School also JCPGP, North Middlesex Hospital, served as the President of the BMA Enfield and Haringey Division between 2017-2024. He also has been the Drug Misuse Advisor to the House of Parliament U.K.

Dr. Sırrı explained the misuse of drugs, preventative measures and the role police should assume. The police has the option of using a drug testing apparatus to test individuals for drugs. Dr. Sırrı explained the options available.

The attendance to this informative seminar was such that more chairs had to be brought into the meeting room.

At the end of the meeting Dr. Sırrı was presented with flowers and RC Nicosia Sarayönü President Hakkı Müftüzade presented the RC Nicosia Sarayönü banner.

<b>YONTEMLERİ</b> Dr. TEOMAN SIRRI MBE B.Sc. (Hons) in Physiology & Biochemistry, University of London M.Sc. (Hons) in Pharmacology, University of London LRCP (London), MBBS, MRCS (Eng.), Imperial / St. Mary's Hospital Medical School JCPGP, North Middlesex Hospital President of the BMA Enfield and Haringey Division 2017 - 2024 Vice President of BMA Enfield & Haringey Division 2000 - 2017 Drug Misuse Advisor to House of Parliament KKTC 2025	<b>EROİN (HEROİN)</b> <b>KOKAİN (COCAINE)</b> <b>ESRAR (CANNABIS)</b> <b>ALKOL (ALCOHOL)</b> <b>TÜTÜN (TOBACCO)</b> <b>MANTARLAR (MUSHROOMS)</b> <b>HAPLAR ve ÇÖZÜCÜLER (TABLETS):</b> <b>AMPHETAMİNES, LSD, ECSTASY,</b> <b>SOLVENTS</b>
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### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RC Nicosia Salamis Delivered 3 Boxes of School Supplies for Needy Students- Cyprus D2452

The Rotary Club of Nicosia-Salamis

delivered today to the Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council 3 boxes of school supplies - school bags, pencil cases, files, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners etc- for the needy students.

The delivery was made on behalf of the Club by President Elena Vassiliou and AG Kostas Vasiliou.



### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### Event Summary Geriatric Community Visit, Bahrain D2452

##### Event Summary Geriatric Community Visit

We're so happy to share that our visit to the geriatric community was a lovely success, with a total of 30 amazing participants!

##### Breakdown:

- 100 Patients
- 26 Staff Nurses
- 2 Head Nurses
- 1 Chief of Nursing
- 5 Supervisors
- Total Nursing Staff: 34

We handed out 100 roses to the patients, spreading smiles, love, and a little extra warmth throughout the facility.

Batelco kindly sponsored water bottles, adding a thoughtful touch that made the day feel even more special.

This visit supports UN SDG 3: Good Health and Well being, and highlights the importance of care and compassion towards the elderly in our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day happen, we truly couldn't have done it without your time, energy, and heart.

Here's to more meaningful service ahead







**ARPIC MARIA MASTORA**  
**DISTRICT 2475**

**RID 2475 – DG’S MONTHLY LETTER (JULY 2025)**

**MESSAGE OF RID 2475 DG**  
**STEFANOS ANASTASOPOULOS**

Dear Rotarian Friends,

It is with great honor, a deep sense of responsibility and true enthusiasm that I address my first letter to you as Governor of the Greek Rotary District for the Rotary year 2025-2026.

This new year is for me an opportunity to offer, to inspire and to be a synthesis of thoughts and ideas. . I take over from an outstanding Rotarian, past Governor Nikolaos Margaropoulos, whose tenure has been exemplary. With stability, transparency, consistency and vision, our District has made progress, and he deserves our warmest congratulations and sincere thanks. The legacy he leaves us is a precious one.

The new year is a new start. And every new start, if it involves faith, cooperation and unity, can become an extraordinary opportunity. We can achieve a lot - if only we approach Rotary with dedication, imagination and authenticity.

We can build relationships. We can bring out values. Propose solutions.

To be, in other words, the Rotary that inspires, unites and acts.

In preparation for this, I had the excellent opportunity to participate with my wife, Rotarian Rachel, in the Rotary International Assembly Leadership Training Meeting (International Assembly) held in Orlando, USA.

## **THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

**DG'S MONTHLY LETTER - JULY 2025  
MESSAGE OF DG 2025-26  
STEFANOS ANASTASOPOULOS**

It was a unique experience. We gained knowledge, oriented ourselves towards the global priorities of our organization, exchanged ideas and good practices, and - most importantly - created a strong web of cooperation with colleagues from every continent. The participation of the Greek District has been active, distinctive and proud. The training we received was substantial and comprehensive - a real asset for the year ahead.

Our central driver will be this year's message "Unite for Good."  
A simple motto, but with enormous depth.  
Because Good, the common good, the well-being of all, is not built in isolation - it requires cooperation, respect, composition. United we can give more, reach further, be heard louder.

So let's be, this year:  
The District that honors the past but dares the future.  
The Rotary community that operates with ethos, spirit, consistency and imagination.  
The people who unite, who serve, who inspire.  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation, trust and belief in the vision that unites us.  
Let us embark together on a journey full of light, contribution and meaning.

**With appreciation and rotarian love,  
Stefanos Anastasopoulos  
RID 2475 Governor 2025-2026**



**Stefanos Anastasopoulos  
District Governor 2025-26  
RID 2475 / GREECE**



### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

On Saturday, June 28th took place a splendid change of leadership ceremony of RID 2475.

DG 2024-25 Nikos Margaropoulos, after an extremely successful rotarian year, handed over the leadership to the new Governor 2025-26 Stefanos Anastasopoulos.

The event was magnificent and emotional. Over 65 Rotary Clubs from all over Greece were represented, while 25 Past Directors and more than 430 Rotarians and friends of Rotary honoured with their presence the power of continuity, contribution and cooperation.

Many thanks:

- To my partner and wife Rachel and to the District Secretary rtn Christina for the impeccable organization.
- To the Assistant Governors and all Rotary members who worked with dedication to make the evening a success.
- To the sponsors who actively supported this great Rotary celebration.
- And of course to all those who participated with love and a spirit of giving, proving what it means to be United for Good.



# ARPIC MARIA MASTORA ON.....

## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID 2475 - CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP





### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - ROTARACT CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

On Friday, July 11th 2025, took place the Leadership Change of RID 2475 Rotaract at a central hotel in Athens. The Rotaract Representative 2024-2025, Rt. Vangelis Harbas declared the beginning of the official meeting by giving a short review of the previous year's activities.

He then presented awards to Rotaract Clubs according to the actions and work carried out in the past rotarian year. Then he handed over the prestigious and the Hammer to the new Rotaract Representative 2025-2026, Rt. George Christodoulou.

The new Rotaract Representative began his speech with the goals for the new year and then presented the new Leaders of the District which is as follows:

- General Secretary: Michalis Michaelides
- Treasurer: Fedra Ianneli
- Dean: Irene Ginou
- Country Representative to ERIC: Haris Moulakakis
- Country Representative to MED: Anna Papakonstantinou.

After the presentation of the new Administrative Team, the new Country Representative to MED, Rt. Anna Papakonstantinou and the new Country Representative to ERIC, Rt. Charis Moulakakis who presented to the attendees their plan and objectives for the two multi-regional organizations of Rotaract, emphasizing their intention to strengthen the position of our country abroad.



### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

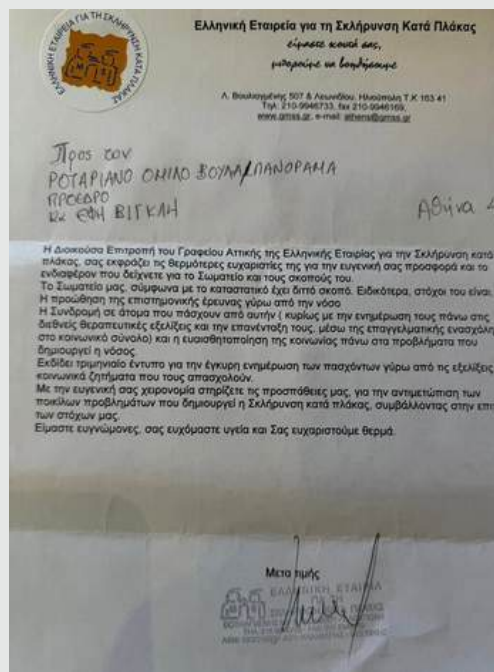
RC VOULA PANORAMA donated on June 21st another wheelchair. This time to an elderly lady with severe moving problems, who was in great need of it.

My heartfelt thanks to the members of my Club for their sensitivity and their direct contribution to this action.



### RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

RC Voula Panorama delivered to the representative of the "Hellenic Society for Multiple Sclerosis" based in Ilioupolis, a wheelchair intended for a young girl who needs it and will receive it immediately. The aim of the Society and of our Club is to support these people in order to achieve autonomy and generally improve their daily life so that to enable them to participate in the daily productive life. Mrs. Makrykosta, representative of the organization, informed us about the psychological support provided at the Centre with free individual sessions. Also she donated to the Club, with a personal dedication to Club's President, an album called "E M E I S" published in Athens in 2001, which includes the experiences of people who are ill, but have made the difference.





## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID 2475 - RC PARNITHA

#### RC Parnitha supports the Baby Center "The Mother"

With a sense of social responsibility and offer, the President of RC Parnitha for the year 2024-2025, rtn Spyros Nikas, together with the Club's Treasurer, Maria Zymaridis, visited the Baby Center "The Mother".

During the visit, they offered essentials to support the valuable work of the Center, such as televisions, gauze, food and other essentials.

RC Parnitha remains on the side of vulnerable social groups, supporting organizations that offer care and love to children in need.





### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 24754 - RC DIONYSOS

RC Dionysos organized, with great succession June 20th, a pleasant music evening with participation of Rotarians and Friends for the support of the Volunteer Civil Protection Associations of our Municipality.

We are grateful for the great response of Friends and businesses of the Municipality to our invitation.

The amount raised, 3.500euros, was delivered to the five "Volunteer Civil Protection Associations of the Municipality of Dionysos" in order to cover the needs for fire protection items, wanting to support the important work they do in our Municipality





### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

##### Offer for the fire-affected, animals of Chios

RC Dionysos participated asap in the appeal for help for the survival and care of the rescued animals in the burnt areas of Chios. The large extent of the fire threatened lives of people and animals with the second group having many victims. Many people and volunteer groups were mobilized for completing the specific relief action.

Our Club was present from the first days to support this action towards the helpless animals by providing medicines and food.



### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 -RC DIONYSOS

RC Dionysos delivered a donation of food and hygiene items to the Social Grocery of Dionysos. The collection of the items was made by members and friends of RC Dionysos through the very successful event - musical performance, entitled "From Opera to the Songs of the Opera" under the musical supervision and guidance of rtn Efi Adilini.





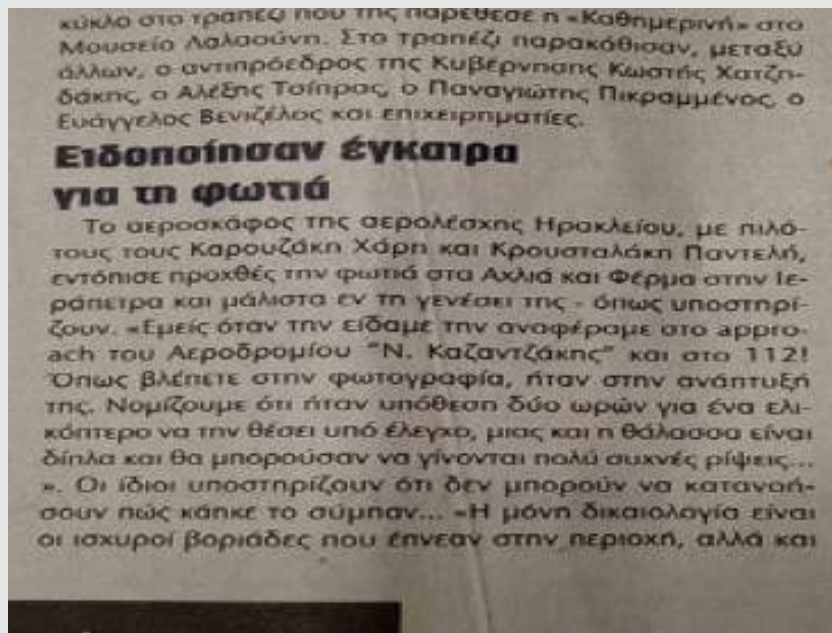
### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - RC IRAKLION

##### Fire Protection

RC Iraklion participates once more this year in the fire protection of Crete, Kasos, Karpathos and Rhodes with its member and Secretary of the Club rtn Pantelis Kroustalakis (as pilot of the surveillance aircraft).

The attached publication of the newspaper "PATRIS" 4/7/2025 shows the marking and photo of the site.



### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - RC PATRA

Patras Sailing Club (PSC) held an event at its facilities for the demonstration-training of the operation of the defibrillator, which was offered to the PSC by the Rotary Club of Patras in the context of its social action.

The President of the PSC Dr. Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos warmly thanked RC Patras for its offer and briefly explained the activities of the Club.

The demonstration was performed by PSC member, cardiologist Dr. Panagiotis Papadionysiou and was attended by members of the PSC and RC Patras.





### THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI

On July 25, RC Athinai carried out an important act of giving and solidarity towards the vendors of the street magazine “Shedia,” recognizing their significant social role and the daily challenges they face.

Led by President rtn. Anastassios Ballas and Secretary rtn. Stavros Katsoulis, a delegation of the Club visited the headquarters of “Shedia” in the center of Athens, where the donation was delivered. Specifically, the Club offered 120 hats, 120 sunscreens, and 120 thermal bottles, aiming to protect the vendors from the high summer temperatures and to facilitate their daily activities.

This initiative is a tangible demonstration of RC Athinai’s commitment to the principles of social contribution, solidarity, and respect for fellow human beings. Through this symbolic yet meaningful donation, the Club reaffirms its intention to support initiatives that promote social inclusion and the dignity of people in vulnerable situations.

The Club’s cooperation with “Shedia,” a street magazine that serves as an example of social innovation and empowerment, highlights the value of collective efforts in creating a more humane society.

This particular initiative goes beyond the donation of material goods, carrying a deeper message: the recognition and support of people who, despite difficulties, strive with dignity to shape a better future for themselves and for society as a whole.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Plamen Tsvetkov  
District Governor 2025-2026  
Rotary International  
District 2482 - Bulgaria  
Monthly Message- July



ARPIC ARKAN APTURAHMAN  
DISTRICT 2482

ПЛАМЕН ЦВЕТКОВ  
Дистрикт гуверньор 2025-2026  
Ротари Д2482 България

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District 2482

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Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,

The Rotary wheel has turned once again, and July is not just the beginning of a new Rotary year—it is the launch of another year of ACTION and a year full of hope for outstanding RESULTS! It is time to pursue our goals with renewed energy and clear direction.

With great responsibility and respect, I accepted the governor's collar for Rotary District 2482 from PDG Margarita Bogdanova. I take on this role with unwavering determination. We face the challenge of being active and useful.

Let us be **UNITED FOR GOOD!**

Let us focus on our shared values: **Friendship, Integrity, Leadership!**

The first weeks are not just critical—they set the pace for our entire year. That's why our Rotary and Rotaract clubs should begin with a focus on the following key priorities:

- **A Functional Club:** An active club attracts and retains engaged members.
- **Participation and Belonging:** People stay when they find meaning, when they feel valued and heard. Let's build an environment where everyone matters and contributes!
- **Projects with Real Impact:** Even the smallest action can change the destiny of a person, a family, an entire community. In July, the month of "Maternal and Child Health," each club can consider how to contribute to a healthier future for our children and their mothers. A small effort can save lives!
- **Effective Connection with The Rotary Foundation:** Your ideas matter! Let's prepare them in a way that earns the support they deserve!



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

**Plamen Tsvetkov District Governor 2025-2026**

**Rotary International District 2482 - Bulgaria Monthly Message- July**

Now is the time to activate our teams, review our calendars once more, and launch our first initiatives! This beginning is priceless—the entire 2025–2026 year will be shaped by it. It will be a year of focused work, unwavering commitment, and excellent RESULTS, powered by a strong team spirit! I look forward to every meeting with you and wholeheartedly believe in the power of GOOD that we will create together.

With respect and friendship,  
Plamen Tsvetkov  
District Governor 2025–2026  
Rotary International  
District 2482 – Bulgaria



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Leadership as a Journey

Leadership is a journey—it is not a momentary state or a position held. It begins from within—with a clearly defined purpose and the willingness to lead others in a direction you believe in. A true leader doesn't need recognition or a prominent place in the hierarchy. They are the natural, often invisible presence people instinctively look to in times of uncertainty.

At the heart of leadership lie values that are revealed through action. Integrity, empathy, and courage—these are the three pillars on which trust is built. They are not declared with words but proven through consistency and the choices made in difficult moments.

Every form of leadership begins with a vision. It is the clear sense of direction you wish to pursue. A vision that remains only in your mind is merely a dream. To come to life, it must be shared and understood. People need to see themselves in it in order to walk the path together.

A leader knows how to communicate in a way that hears not only what is said but also what is left unspoken. They understand different perspectives and weave them into a shared understanding. When they speak, they do so with clarity and honesty—building trust and confidence.

Leadership is also the care for the growth of those around you. It is the ability to recognize potential and to create space for it to unfold. To encourage. To support. To step aside and share the spotlight when someone else is ready for it.

To be a leader means to walk with purpose and persistence, with a willingness to serve a cause greater than yourself. It is a continuous journey of learning—alongside the people who walk with you.

The greatest recognition comes in the moment they continue confidently—even without you.

*Tanya Georgieva – DPIC, D2482 Bulgaria*



## Rotary Club Bourgas Sunny Tales by the Sea After a Snowy Beginning



It all began on a snowy day in Istanbul – a day as remarkable as the rare weather phenomenon itself in this part of the world. The decision of two clubs – Rotary Club Bodrum from District 2440 and Rotary Club Bourgas from District 2482 – to send their representatives to the Rotary Peace Conference and the Intercountry Committees (ICC) meeting in Istanbul marked the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Thanks to the efforts of the Rotarians in Turkey, Istanbul truly deserved the honor of hosting these forums. Bahcesehir University (BAU) became the latest Rotary Peace Center – this time just a few hours' drive from us. This opens up a new opportunity for District 2482 to send fellows to the Rotary International Peace Fellowships program (see more at: [rotary.org/peace-fellowships](http://rotary.org/peace-fellowships)).

And although it's not very Rotarian to say so, it was the smoking corner at BAU that turned out to be the first social platform for sophisticated interclub communication. Gergana and Şehval, the two presidents at that time, met for the first time under the heavy snowflakes in this unofficial, yet very heartfelt spot. That's how it all started.

What followed was a walk through the university halls, a conversation about a project to support women from regions affected by the major earthquake in Turkey, and a decision – completely spontaneous and entirely logical – to sign a preliminary twinning agreement. And, as often happens, good news travels fast: the very next day, the preliminary document was officially signed – in the presence of Zone 21 and 22 Director Daniel Tanase, Regional Public Image Coordinator PDG Altan Aslan, and District 2440 Governor Mert Korur.



**Rotary Club Bourgas Sunny Tales by the Sea After a Snowy Beginning**



Immediately after returning to Bourgas, Rotary Club Bourgas unanimously decided to join as an international partner and co-funding organization in the global grant Adıyaman Gölbaşı Women's Cooperative in Adıyaman, Türkiye.

This was no coincidence. Let us recall: Rotary Club Bourgas was the first Bulgarian club – and one of the first in the world – to provide financial support of \$1,000 to the people affected by the devastating earthquake 34 km west of Gaziantep.





**Rotary Club Bourgas Sunny Tales by the Sea After a Snowy Beginning**



According to the twinning protocol, each side returns the visit. But – as we know here by the sea – the formal part is in the letters, while in person, it's all about one big hug.

That's how the extended meeting between the two clubs came about – just days before the annual Rotary leadership transition. Without going into too much detail – it was truly a journey with added value, as Niki Dinov, a member of Rotary Club Bourgas, described it. We also owe him the beautiful photos where we all look happy and radiant.

The Rotarians from Bourgas arrived in Bodrum by sea and by air.





## Rotary Club Bourgas Sunny Tales by the Sea After a Snowy Beginning



And the hosts from Bodrum? Absolutely brilliant! There was history, sand, and sea; a boat trip, diving into the azure waters around the islands, and a fiesta under the stars. There was everything – even wide-brimmed eco-straw hats. One of them, in a true nautical style, was swept away by the wind, flying off toward the open sea. It simply couldn't keep up with the pace.

Now we're looking forward to the next chapter of this seaside Rotary tale – this time in Bourgas, during our magical coastal autumn. The stage is now set for the new presidents – Vesela and Yumer. That's all from us for now.

With health and goodwill – may it all thrive!





Rotary Club Bourgas Sunny Tales by the Sea After a Snowy Beginning





## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Ceremony of the ICC Bulgaria–Italy–Malta–Republic of San Marino

On June 26, 2025, the official inauguration ceremony of the ICC Bulgaria–Italy–Malta–Republic of San Marino took place.

The ceremony was held virtually, observing all Rotary traditions and practices for conducting an official Rotary meeting.

Special thanks for the excellent organization of the virtual event go to Alessandro De Lucchi – Secretary of the National Coordination of ICC Italy–Malta–Republic of San Marino.

The program included greetings from:

- The Chair of the Rotary ICC Executive Council, PDG Nathalie Huyghebaert
- PDG Alessandro Pastorini – National Coordinator of ICC Italy–Malta–Republic of San Marino
- And other friends from ICC Italy–Malta–Republic of San Marino

On behalf of the Bulgarian Rotarians and PDG Margarita Bogdanova, a greeting was delivered by PDG Ilario Astinov.

A heartfelt message was shared by our friend from RC Roma, Tatyana Kirova. Although she has lived in Italy for a long time, her love for Bulgaria remains strong and alive. I also learned an interesting fact – Tatyana is the niece of the renowned Bulgarian ballerina Vera Kirova.

The Rotarians appointed as Co-Chairs of the newly established ICC are:

- Tatyana Kirova from the Italian side
- Ilario Astinov from the Bulgarian side

We also extend our gratitude to PDG Kalcho Hinov, National Coordinator for ICCs in Bulgaria – thanks to his efforts as well, this ICC became a reality.



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**Chart**  
**26 June 2025**

*To promote peace and international understanding  
while improving awareness,  
engaging diversities and bridging communities.*

182 Margarita Bogdanova

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### Offer a Hand, Not Aggression

Knives in backpacks. Fights in the bathrooms. Words that cut deeper than fists.

Too often now, the headlines tell of children hurting other children. Of classrooms filled with silence that screams. Of teachers unsure where to begin. Of parents who learn of the violence only when it's too late.

School aggression is no longer an isolated "incident." It is a symptom of a system in distress—a society that has grown numb to the fear in a child's eyes.

The project "Extend a Hand, Not Aggression" was born from this pain—but also from a place of hope.

Hope that we can restore trust. That we can build a new language—one of empathy instead of insults. That we can create safe spaces where every child feels protected, heard, and accepted.

### What have we achieved so far?

Together with a team of psychologists and educators, we developed a therapeutic board game designed to support children who have experienced or witnessed violence and bullying in schools. The game was piloted in a protected and controlled environment, with the involvement of professionals and strict adherence to confidentiality and ethical standards.

This gave us valuable insights—and the confidence that we are approaching the issue with the necessary care, sensitivity, and professionalism.

### What's next?

Our next step is to move beyond the protected setting and bring this tool into real school environments—guided by trained facilitators, dedicated teams, and a clear support framework.

### Why is this project different?

Because it doesn't look for someone to blame. It looks for understanding. For solutions.

It works not only with the children who have been hurt, but also with those who have shown aggression, with the bystanders, and with the ones who want to help but don't know how.

**"Extend a Hand, Not Aggression"** is not just a project—it's a stance. A call to action. An outstretched hand—not only to children, but to every adult willing to reflect, to change, and to be part of the solution.

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### What lies ahead?

We're not stopping here. We believe in the impact we've already made—but we know more is needed.

We dream of expanding the project: reaching new schools and communities, training new teams, and providing access to tools and knowledge where there have been none.

If you believe that every child deserves a safe and secure childhood...

If you believe that empathy can be taught, and that kindness is not a weakness but a strength—  
Join our network.

Because change starts with one conversation.

With one hand, extended.

This project is implemented as part of *INSPIRE: Enhancing national support for the prevention, intervention, and response to violence against children, and empowering victims*—co-funded by the European Union and the Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation (WCIF).

#INSPIRE #WCIF #EndViolenceAgainstChildren





## **THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

### **“Dyalko Milkovski” Award – established by Rotary Club Harmanli**

On July 2, 2025, in the welcoming atmosphere of the Cultural Center in Harmanli, a solemn ceremony was held to present the “Dyalko Milkovski” Award – established by Rotary Club Harmanli in 2024 in memory of the prominent Harmanli public figure, writer, and patriot.

Past President Krasimira Hristova presented the award to Dimitar Karamfilov – a successful coach, leader, and an inspiration to the youth of Harmanli. Under his guidance, many athletes have reached the winners’ podium, including Bozhidar Saraboyukov, European indoor long jump champion at the 2025 Championships in Apeldoorn.

Due to Mr. Karamfilov’s international commitments, the ceremony took place with a delay, at the beginning of the current Rotary year.

The “Dyalko Milkovski” Award is presented in recognition of dedicated work, leadership, and an inspiring contribution to public life and the development of young people in Harmanli. Congratulations to Mr. Dimitar Karamfilov!

We continue to honor and encourage individuals who make Harmanli a better place to live. The award ceremony for the third “Dyalko Milkovski” laureate will be held in June 2026, at the close of the current 2025–2026 Rotary year.



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**With a solemn water-blessing ceremony, the modernized diagnostic unit of MBAL “Dr. Assen Velev” was officially opened in Razlog.**

When a community comes together, truly meaningful things happen!

With a solemn water-blessing ceremony, the modernized diagnostic unit of MBAL “Dr. Assen Velev” in Razlog was officially opened. The new unit includes a CT (Computed Tomography) suite and a mammography room.

We are proud and pleased to share that 50,000 BGN of the necessary funds for the purchase of the new mammography machine were raised and donated during the annual charity ball organized by Rotary Club Bansko-Razlog.

The cause received wide support from the municipalities of Razlog, Bansko, Yakoruda, and Belitsa, as well as from dozens of local businesses, teaching staff, doctors, and citizens who contributed with open hearts and personal commitment to a better future for healthcare in our region.

The ceremonial ribbon was cut by Prime Minister Rosen Zhelyazkov, Prof. Dr. Kostadin Angelov, Mayor Krasimir Gerchev, Hospital Director Magdalena Kotsakova, and Dr. Emil Tonchev.

The opening of the modernized diagnostic unit and the new mammography facility marks an important step toward improved prevention and early diagnosis – measures that can save lives.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who believed in and supported this initiative.

Together, we are changing lives for the better.





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### Rotary Club Samokov Supports a Champion – Honored with a Thank-You Plaque Gold for Viktoria – Pride of Samokov! Rotary Club receives a special plaque for its support.

With great joy and even greater pride, Rotary Club Samokov shares the news of the remarkable success of young aerobic gymnastics athlete Viktoria Krusharska, who returned from the international 1st French Aerobic Open tournament in Toulouse, France with a gold and a silver medal in the 15–17 age category, as part of the Bulgarian national team.

The tournament featured participants from seven countries, including Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Colombia. Team Bulgaria proudly brought home a total of nine medals – three gold, three silver, and three bronze.

In recognition of its support, Rotary Club Samokov was awarded a special appreciation plaque – a symbol of the strong connection between the club and the rising stars of Bulgarian sport.



## **THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

### **Rotary Club Samokov Launches Construction of a Children's Playground in Samokov Park**

Construction has begun on a new children's playground in the Tourist Garden in Samokov – a project proposed and initiated by Rotary Club Samokov. The noble idea was presented by the club to the Municipality of Samokov as a joint initiative, and local authorities embraced it with readiness and enthusiasm.

Rotary Club Samokov is providing the equipment and project design, while the Municipality is committed to the construction of the foundations. Architect Angel Dimitrov and engineer Katya Maslarska are volunteering their professional expertise to ensure the playground becomes a reality this summer.

The playground will include six pieces of equipment – swings, slides, climbing frames, and educational boards – with a total value of 14,000 BGN, generously donated by the club. It will be located opposite the fitness equipment in the park, in an area that has long awaited transformation into a play and joy zone for the youngest residents of Samokov, where there has been no playground until now.

The project is led by Rotary Club Samokov President Radoslav Naydenov for the 2024/25 year, and the official opening will take place this summer under his successor, President Evgeni Gyunkin for 2025/26.

As a symbol of sustainability and longevity, a red oak tree was planted during the groundbreaking ceremony – representing strong roots and a future where collaboration among citizens, institutions, and the non-governmental sector builds an environment worthy of Samokov's children.





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#### Successful Table Tennis Day in Bansko with Petar Vasilev

On July 21, 2025, the sports hall of PGEE was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and sporting spirit! Children and youth up to 18 years old had the opportunity to experience the world of table tennis under the guidance of the exceptional coach and professional player Petar Vasilev, who brings experience from both Bulgaria and Italy.

Participants learned fundamental techniques, improved their skills, and most importantly – had fun, creating new friendships and sporting memories.

The event was held with the support of Rotary Club Bansko-Razlog, as part of our mission to encourage youth development through sport, discipline, and teamwork.

We thank all participants and our special guest, Petar Vasilev!



#### Rotary Club Nova Zagora Completes First Project for 2025/26

Rotary Club Nova Zagora has successfully completed its first project for the 2025/26 year – furnishing a relaxation area at a sheltered home for young people with mild intellectual disabilities in Nova Zagora.

Benches and tables were delivered to create a garden corner for the young residents in need. We extend our thanks to our friends Nikolay Bachvarov and Ivan Ignatov for their active participation in the project.







## 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: 120 лв.**  
(Голф, закуска и коктейл)  
**Такса коктейл: 70 лв.**

**Participation fee: 120 BGN**  
(Golf, breakfast & cocktail)  
**Cocktail only: 70 BNG**

Членовете на Pirin Golf & Country Club ползват 30% отстъпка от турнирната такса. | The members of Pirin Golf & Country Club have 40 % discount from the tournament fee.

### СПЕЧЕЛЯТЕ | WIN

Уикенд за двама в хотел "РЕНА", Слънчев бряг  
A weekend for two in hotel "RENA", Sunny beach

**Rotary**  
District 2482



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#### ECO-MAGIC Climate Action Story

(prepared by Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco-Art and Rotary Climate Ambassador)



The Magic Rotary year served as a special inspiration for the District Action of RD2483. Guided by the idea of the Rotary Climate Ambassador, the Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco-Art, in collaboration with the Rotaract Climate Action Task Force, continued its Climate Action with new ideas and activities, building on the achievements of the IMAGINE and HOPE initiatives, and honoring the importance of continuity in the Rotary community.

#### PDG ALEKSANDAR RADOJICIC DISTRICT 2483

We organized five webinars dedicated to various topics related to Climate Action, including motivation, collaboration with Rotaract, cooperation with ESRAG, the importance of global climate efforts, and our local opportunities within the community.

We invited Rotary clubs in the District that had not yet participated to join us. The RC Belgrade International, RC Belgrade Technology, Rotary Club Novi Sad, and RC Mihajlo Pupin responded to our call. In addition, the Rotary Club Osijek Academia RD1913, with which the Rotary Club Eco-Art Novi Sad has a twinning and cooperation agreement, joined our Climate Action. We have more than 120 individual declarations and over 30 clubs that have joined the Climate Action initiative so far.

In February 2025, we held a Rotary Training Day dedicated to Climate Action, open to all interested members of Rotary and Rotaract. This event included a green workshop and the planting of medicinal herbs to enhance the space at OPENS, with whom we have an established partnership. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWLsQNSZm-8>

We also took part in the competition “The Power of Goodness” – with the idea of moving from HOPE to MAGIC – Climate Action 2483. <https://youtu.be/qmOGeH3udXM>

On The Earth Day, April 22 2025, we launched the District project ECO-MAGIC – Growing Inspired by Nature with a dedicated webinar. We invited all Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the District to form teams with children and plant medicinal herbs such as calendula, echinacea, and sage. We promoted nature-based solutions, emphasized NO USE OF PLASTIC, and supported urban greening.

On May 13, as part of European Public Health Week, we organized a webinar where we presented opportunities for collaboration with ESRAG, Lungs Europe, Rotary Eco Green Network Clubs, and RD1913 (RC Osijek Academia). We also promoted our ECO-MAGIC Action – Growing Inspired by Nature and actively contributed to European Public Health Week 2025. [https://eupha.org/euphw\\_page.php?p=HW163](https://eupha.org/euphw_page.php?p=HW163)

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Our collaboration with OPENS (Association of Youth Organizations) was highlighted by the spring event ECO-ART & OPENS (F)ORA Matinee held on May 17. With many children participating, we organized a gardening workshop for children, a small green art workshop inspired by nature, and the ECO-MAGIC Green Talk.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owc3M6ezzhQ>

ECO-ART DAY was structured as a mini-conference: Think. Talk. Act. We discussed green topics, community contributions, youth collaboration, and visions of Rotary's future. The event included an exhibition of children's nature-inspired artworks and a silent auction titled CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN, in support of the Contemporary Circus Festival, which promotes love for nature, physical activity, and inclusive work with children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocYooXKj2q4>

More than ten Rotary teams joined this year's initiative. Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco-Art also established partnerships with Tvrdava Private Primary School and the Zemlja Čuda Private Preschool, where we conducted gardening workshops for preschool and school children at their premises.

A short video showcasing all our activities within the Club, the District, and schools as part of the ECO-MAGIC initiative "Growing Inspired by Nature" was also presented at the District Conference. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3K\\_r9NQs3c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3K_r9NQs3c)

Our project is available on Rotary International's Service Project Center:

<https://spc.rotary.org/project?guid=3f61e822-a7e4-4e95-98ce-9f6e9f137796>

Dissemination of our activities on the European Climate Pact – Rotary dissemination channels:

· [https://climate-pact.europa.eu/articles-and-events/events/satellite-event-rotary-rotaract-planetary-health-eco-magic-2025-04-22\\_en](https://climate-pact.europa.eu/articles-and-events/events/satellite-event-rotary-rotaract-planetary-health-eco-magic-2025-04-22_en)

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Magic doesn't happen on its own, but together, through individual and club activities, we can better adapt to climate change, become greener, and act with greater climate responsibility!

We will continue and unite for good (environment and climate action) next rotarian year!

Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco-Art&

Marija Jevtic

Rotary Climate Ambassador, District 2483



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### ECO-MAGIC Climate Action Story

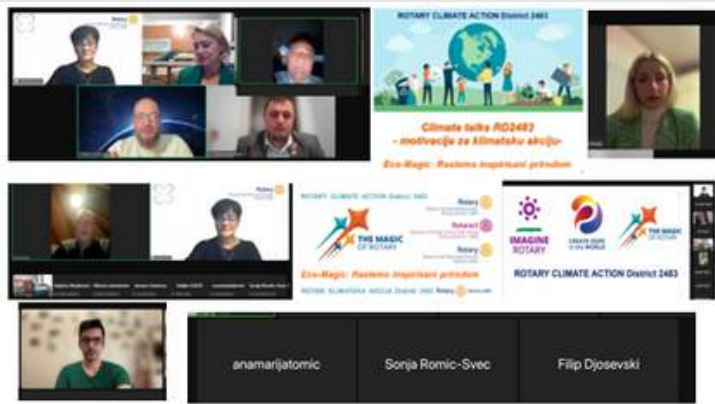
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Rotary Zone 21 & 22 Power of Goodness Video Competition

**ROTARY CLIMATE ACTION District 2483**

Rotary Club of Novi Sad Eco-Art – District 2483  
April 2025



Rotary Climate Action District 2483

Climate talks RD2483 - motivacija za klimatsku akciju

Eco-Magic: Rastemo inspirisani prirodom

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Health and the Climate crisis

Promoting climate resiliency in the health sector—the process of adapting to the realities of a hotter world, while also mitigating greenhouse gas emissions—is paramount to protect the health of people and the planet.



Rotary ESRAG ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

Climate Talks 24 April 2024 9:00 a.m. (CET)



Pakistan's fight to end polio amid the climate crisis

Pakistan, one of the last two endemic countries for wild polio, is among the countries most vulnerable to the climate crisis. As the world becomes hotter more frequent and severe heatwaves, longer droughts and devastating floods, threaten the incredible progress that has been made against polio in the country.



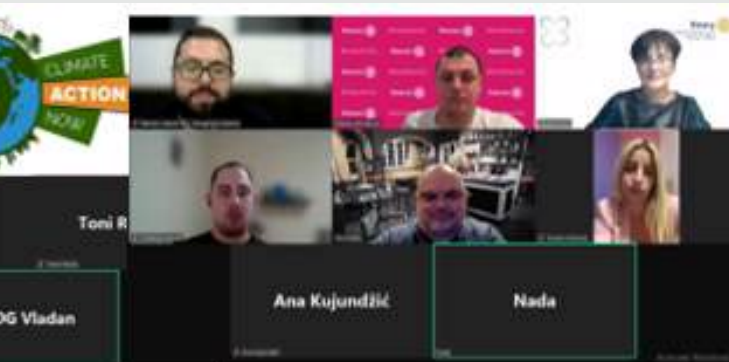
ROTARY CLIMATE ACTION District 2483

ČETVRTAK 21.11.2024. 18.00 – 19.00

Climate talks RD2483 - motivacija za klimatsku akciju

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Lead by example – YOUTH engagement



Toni R

DG Vlado

Ana Kujundžić

Nada



Rotary ESRAG ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

Lead by example – YOUTH engagement

- Jovana Vanovac, Diplomirani inženjer zaštite životne sredine Rotarakt klub Stara Pazova
- Nikola Luković, diplomirani ekonomista Rotarakt klub Beograd Čukarica
- Strahinja Tomin, master farmaceut



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Global impact

Rotary ESRAG ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

<https://www.rotaryclub.com/with-rotary-esrag/>



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#### European Public Health Week Certificate

We hereby sincerely express our appreciation to  
*Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco - Art, Rotary District 2481*



for organising the following activities during the European Public Health Week 2025:

*13 May 2025 Webinar on Growing Inspired by Nature Climate and Sustainability Action in Rotary*

Date: 13 June 2025

Signature:



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#### RC Pančevo - Mihajlo Pupin: Donation and installation of bicycle racks at the “Stevica Jovanović” Medical School in Pančevo

On the first day of the new Rotary year, RC „Mihajlo Pupin“ carried out an action of installing bicycle racks at another school, as part of its long-standing tradition. This time at the “Stevica Jovanović” Medical School in Pančevo.



#### RC Ćuprija Morava - Recycling of plastic waste

The first week of the new Rotary year, RC ĆUPRIJA-MORAVA used to tidy up the club premises. Since last summer, our members have been regularly separating and taking away plastic waste both at their homes and at meetings after services for recycling. In particular, the caps are separated from the bottles and forwarded to another humanitarian and environmental organization for the purchase of equipment and aids for people with disabilities. In this way, we make a small contribution to a cleaner and healthier environment, as well as an example to the wider community about the importance of selecting and recycling waste. The purchase fee for secondary raw materials is unfortunately symbolic, but such funds, as before, are forwarded to charity. UNITED FOR GOOD!



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**RC Bar: RecyEco project successfully completed Rotary Club Bar has been trying to create lasting changes in its communities and in the world for years with its projects**

Aware of the challenges of preserving the environment and the need for action, Rotary Club Bar in partnership with the Municipality of Bar and the companies Hemosan and Neregelia with the support of the great lecturer Ivana Raičević spec. of environmental protection launched the RECYECO project which

refers to strengthening awareness of environmental protection, through activities of proper disposal batteries, as waste that represents a significant risk to the environment, and whose harmful effects we are often not aware. In the first phase of the project in all elementary schools in Bar, whose administrations are together with their own showed the students a great awareness of the importance of education in environmental protection and with approval

Ministry of Education, posters and recycling islands have been placed in school halls for battery collection. The second phase of the project has also been completed - a series of educational content was held in all schools and workshop in the field of environment and treatment of waste batteries. The aim of the action was to raise awareness among young people about the high harmfulness of waste batteries and about the importance of preserving the environment.

Yesterday, the Rotary Club of Bar was headed by the President of the club for the year 2025/26, Radisava Vojvodić and with the help of other members, handed over donations to everyone for the successful completion of the project to elementary schools in Bar - eco-benches were given to the schools, in accordance with their needs and bicycle parking lots made of recycled material by the "3D room."

With this action of the Rotary Club of Bar, 300,000 waste corks were used and saved from logging. at least 20 trees. We would like to thank all school principals for their hand in educating together in synergy young people in the direction of preserving nature and natural resources.

Waste batteries will be taken over by a licensed company that will dispose of them in special containers, and taken for recycling outside of Montenegro and in that way it will be completely complete the process of managing this hazardous waste.

Every contribution has a direct impact on the preservation of our planet for future generations. Ours the planet is unique and precious, and its preservation is the responsibility of every individual.





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### **XIV Rotary Regatta IYFR Serbia "Waters of Vojvodina"**

In the period from July 11 to 20, a Rotary regatta called "Vodama Vojvodina". Babatov, Bečej, Turia, Srboban, Kucura and Bački Petrovac. Not infrequently we anchored in the middle of the "triangle", connected the ships and prepared a joint lunch on the water. It is the cohesion of the regattas the custom of each of us being the host of a joint lunch or dinner for one day also grew stronger. In Turia we were the guests of the organizers of the famous Turkish "Kobasiciađa" winner of the prestigious Guinness title for the longest sausage (about 2.5 km). On the penultimate day, there was a festive dinner in B. Petrovac where we were joined by friends who could not sail with us. We sailed around 220 km and spent wonderful mornings and days and achieved one of the main goals of the Fellowship, strengthening friendships and introducing new membership candidates to the beauties of IYFR



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### Annual meeting of IYFR "Serbia"

The annual meeting of IYFR "Serbia" was held in the nautical settlement in Boljevci on 07/26/2025. Po as usual, the new Commodore of the Serbian fleet, Zoran Kuzmanović, was promoted.

New members of the IYFR Bridge were also elected - Rear Commodore Nenad Đurović, Secretary Nenad Milašinović and treasurer Ana Petrović. A detailed report of the Fleet's activities in the previous year was also submitted

Rotary year - from 01.07.2024 to 01.07.2025 and the new Commodore presented the general directions their activities.

### 1.Donation to the Gerontological Center "Srem" in Ruma

RC Ruma and RC Stara Pazova presented the Gerontological Center "Srem" in Ruma valuable donation in the amount of about 2,200 euros for the purchase of necessary equipment.





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#### RC Ćuprija Morava- participation in CREVARIJADA

On Sunday, July 27, 2025, in the Morava Park in Ćuprija, RC ĆUPRIJA-MORAVA took part in the 16th "Crevarijada". It is a culinary and tourist event that every year brings together more and more curious guests and enthusiasts eager for traditional gourmet food. Our team of "starters" consisted of experienced competitors from Ravanica, Crnica, Belica and Resava who, along with good company, preparing and serving specialties, promoted the idea of Rotary face to face.

In order to be even more successful next year and attract friends from other clubs and districts, we will try to have Rotaract and Interact members at the official stand.



## **THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

### **1.GOVERNOR VELIŠA STAMATOVIĆ VISITS ROTARY CLUB KOTOR**

Members of the Rotary Club of Kotor had the honor of hosting the Governor of Rotary District 2483 Serbia and Montenegro, Veliša Stamatović, on Saturday, July 19, during his first governor's visit in this Rotary year.

The official meeting was held at the "Cattaro" hotel, and preceded the 7th traditional donor cruise "Rotary Boka Cruise" organized by the Rotary Club of Kotor.

The club's president, Bojana Đurović, expressed her satisfaction with the fact that the Governor's first visit is taking place in Kotor. She emphasized that the club has had an extremely successful year, with numerous projects and activities that have contributed to community development and strengthening the visibility of Rotary in the local community and beyond.

Governor Stamatović first thanked for the warm welcome and commented on the successful work of the club. He wished the club success in its further work, with the hope that, in addition to the goals we have set for ourselves at the club and district level, we will succeed in creating new friendships and conditions for the growth and development of Rotary in the process. He presented the District's goals for this Rotary year under the motto "Unite for Good", with strong support for the new joint Global Grant project of Montenegrin clubs.

As he pointed out, this initiative will aim to further strengthen Rotarianism in Montenegro, improve cooperation between clubs and create benefits for the wider community. The project will be aimed at supporting children with special needs, through education and the purchase of specialized equipment for primary and secondary schools throughout Montenegro. It also aims to strengthen the public image of the Rotary movement and encourage proactive initiatives to expand membership.

On this occasion, President Đurović presented the Governor with a suitable gift - a silk tie with the motifs of the Koroneli map, as a symbol of attention and local heritage.

After the meeting, the meeting with the Governor continued in an informal atmosphere with lunch and a tour of the Maritime Museum of Montenegro, before departing on a donor cruise in the Bay of Kotor.





## **THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

### **1. Seventh Donor Cruise “Rotary Boka Cruise”**

Members of the Rotary Club of Kotor and their guests, at the seventh donor cruise “Rotary Boka Cruise” held on Saturday, July 19, raised 7,000 euros. The funds are intended for a joint Global Grant project of Montenegrin Rotary clubs, aimed at supporting children with disabilities and developmental difficulties, through education and the purchase of teaching aids for primary and secondary schools throughout Montenegro.

The traditional cruise on the Boka Bay aboard the ship “Katica” was attended by over 150 guests, including prominent members of local communities, numerous Rotarians from Montenegro and the region, their families and friends who, through sponsorships, registration fees, a humanitarian lottery and donations from clubs, helped to reach the planned amount for this year’s campaign. The event was held in the presence of the Governor of District 2483 Serbia and Montenegro Veliša Stamatović and the district leadership team, and was preceded by a governor's visit and a meeting with the members of RC Kotor held in the morning at the “Cattaro” hotel.

In the official part of the program, the President of the Rotary Club of Kotor, Bojana Đurović, first addressed the attendees. She emphasized that the past Rotary year was a great success and that it passed with numerous projects and activities that contributed to the development of the community and strengthening the visibility of Rotary in the local community and beyond. Among them are over 20 successful humanitarian and service actions and exceptional success in the field of international cooperation.

Governor Stamatović reviewed the club's successes to date, emphasized the commitment of the membership to all obligations towards the District and Rotary International, and wished them success in their future work. As he emphasized earlier that day, the joint Global Grant project aims to generate benefits for the wider community and said that togetherness is the key to the success and further work of the Rotary movement.



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This year, the tourist ship “Katica” set sail from the Pine pier in Tivat with a visit to the island of ‘Mamula’.

The donor cruise was attended by representatives of the following Rotary clubs from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Albania, Cyprus, Italy and the USA: RC Ulcinj, RC Bar, RC Budva, RC Podgorica, RC Pljevlja, Rotary E-club of Montenegro, Rotaract club Podgorica, RC Banja Luka, RC Bijeljina, RC Sarajevo Ilidža, RC Mihajlo Pupin Pančevo, RC Novi Sad, RC Nikola Tesla Belgrade, RC Dubrovnik, RC Kaštela, RC Shkodra, RC Coronado, RC Limassol Berengaria Cosmopolitan, Rotaract club Bologna Sud.

The action of the Kotor Rotary Club was supported by: Rotary Club Budva, Rotary Club Bar, Rotary E-club of Montenegro, Rotary Club Pljevlja, Rotary Club Podgorica, Rotary Club Ulcinj, “ALL ING” d.o.o Kotor, “EXPO Commerce” d.o.o. Kotor, “Likoteh” d.o.o. Tivat, Maritime Museum of Montenegro, “Vukšić Group” d.o.o. Kotor and Lidija Radulović Cvijetinić.

Prizes for the humanitarian lottery were provided by members of the Rotary Club Kotor. The traditionally good atmosphere at the club’s recognizable humanitarian event was ensured by the participants in the artistic part of the program: past president of the Rotary Club Kotor Aleksandra Vučković Otašević with the Kotor Botunad and the Fankulo band.





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#### XII Humanitarian Rafting – Pljevlja Story

We are very pleased to inform you that the XII Humanitarian Rafting – Pljevlja Story was successfully implemented! This year we gathered 83 participants, and thanks to their humanity and commitment, around €7,000 in donations were collected.

14 clubs from three Rotary districts participated in the action, thus once again confirming the power of unity and commitment to humanitarian goals.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this story being told in the most beautiful way – through socializing, solidarity and helping those who need it most.



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