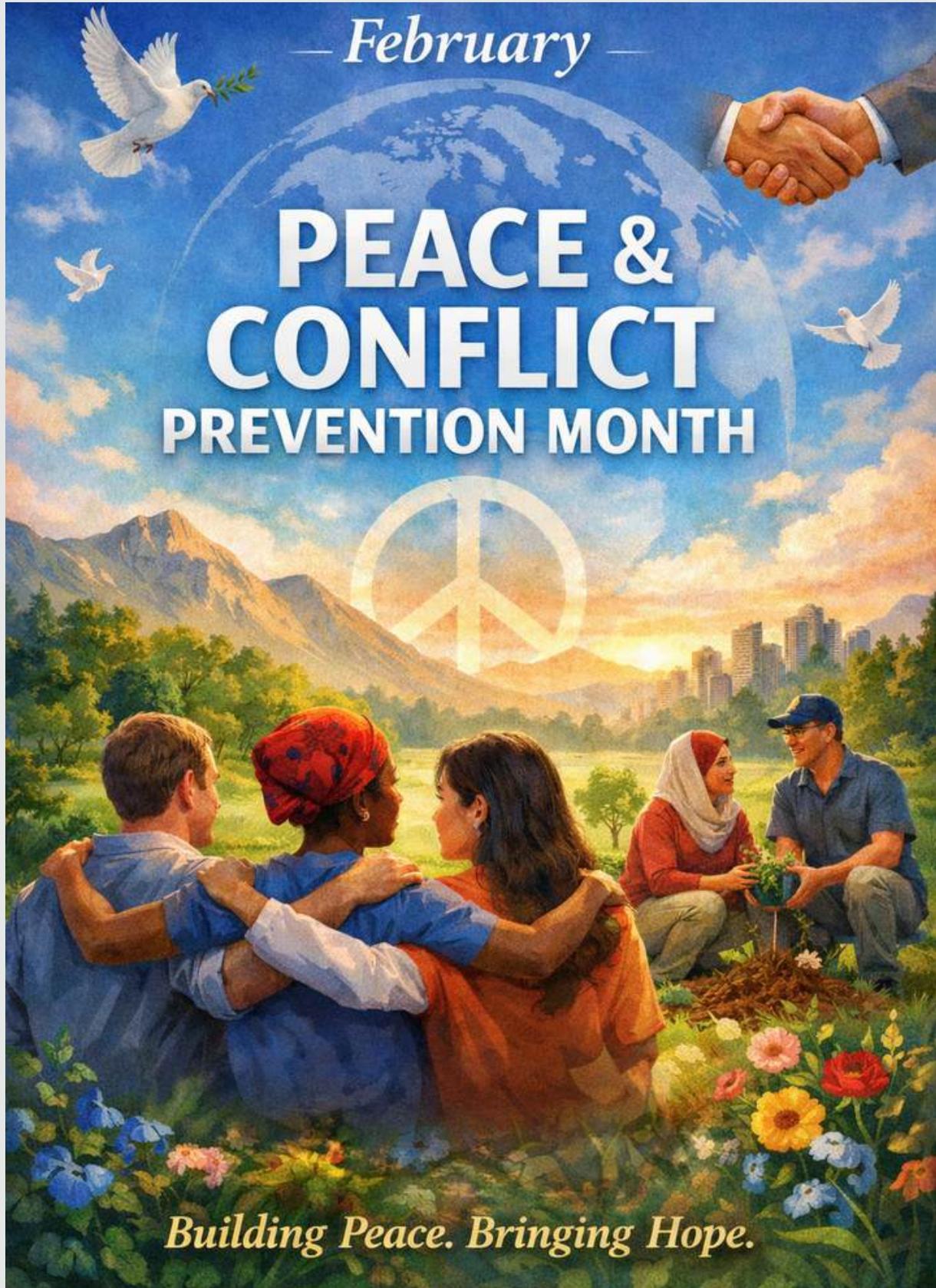




PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH



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February is more than just the shortest month of the year. For Rotary, it carries a powerful message: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. It is a time for communities to reflect on how we can build a world where understanding, collaboration, and compassion overcome division and violence.

Rotary believes that peace begins with personal responsibility and meaningful action. Every club member, every project, and every initiative is a building block for a safer, fairer, and more harmonious world. Conflict prevention is not just a diplomatic term—it is a daily choice: to listen actively, to respect differences, and to foster dialogue in our families, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Peace is the courage to confront injustice, but also the skill to build bridges where walls exist. Rotary clubs worldwide lead programs that empower youth, promote education, and strengthen cross-cultural understanding. February highlights these efforts, reminding us that even small actions can prevent major conflicts.

This month is also a call for collaboration. When Rotary members join forces with other organizations and local communities, they create programs that teach people to resolve conflicts peacefully, build trust, and nurture a culture of empathy. Peace becomes a habit, and conflict prevention a way of life.

Let February remind us that peace is not an abstract idea. It is a choice that starts with each of us. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every initiative for education and inclusion is a step toward a world where people support rather than oppose one another. In Rotary, February is a time to act with courage and faith, to plant the seeds of peace and watch them grow through community, friendship, and cooperation. Peace begins with one person—with you, with me, with all of us as part of the global Rotary family.



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

At last month's **International Assembly**, **President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola** called on members of the Rotary world to live out our **presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.**

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

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From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



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

### **ROTARY TURNS 121: TIME TO LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT**

This year, we celebrate the 121st anniversary of a great movement dedicated to humanity.

Since 1905, Rotary has been guided by the same ideal: **to make the world a better place.**

After 121 years, our question is still the same:

**What mark will we leave on this world?**

### **Public Image & Polio Awareness Summit: A Global Responsibility**

From March 12 to 15, 2026, we will host the Public Image and Polio Awareness Summit in Adana. More than 20 countries' senior Rotarians will join this event.

This summit is not just a meeting. It is a global call to strengthen Rotary's visibility, trust, and commitment to fight Polio.

Ending Polio is no longer just a goal—it is a promise.

The stronger our public image, the wider our impact.

Because when good work is visible, it opens the door to more good.

### **The New Rotary Year: Preparation, Discipline, and Vision**

A new Rotary year is more than a calendar change. It is a new leadership period with new goals and stronger organization.

In our region, which includes **8 Rotary Districts, PELS, RLLS, and Assembly** preparations are in full progress—just like in Rotary districts worldwide.

These programs are not only about sharing information.

- **PELS** helps club presidents define clear goals for the year.
- **RLLS** improves leadership skills and strategic thinking.
- **Assemblies** make sure district plans and targets are shared clearly with all clubs.

Leadership does not only shape a year—it shapes Rotary's long-term strength. Every training session, every planning meeting, and every support you give to clubs directly increases our impact in the field.

Leadership in Rotary is not a title—it is a responsibility. Strong clubs are built by prepared presidents, motivated teams, and clear goals. Every preparation today builds the stronger and more effective Rotary projects of tomorrow.

That is why the theme of the new year is so clear: **Be prepared, plan carefully, act boldly, and leave a lasting impact.**

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

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## **2026–27 Theme: Create Lasting Impact**

Our theme for the next Rotary year is:

Create Lasting Impact.

Our projects should not be temporary—they should last.

Our events should not just be visible—they should make a real difference.

Our leadership should not be for a season—it should leave a mark.

Rotary has been doing this for 121 years.

Now we must do it more consciously, with better planning, and measurable results.

A strong start only matters if it turns into lasting impact.

This is the approach we follow for 2026–27.

## **The Power of Knowledge: Daniel Tanase Rotary Handbook**

**The Rotary Handbook by Daniel Tanase** has been translated into **Arabic, Bulgarian, Serbian, Turkish, and Greek by the Region 25 Public Image Team.**

This work is especially for Rotarians whose first language is not English, so they can easily understand and use it. Knowledge is not only about sharing—it is about making sure everyone can understand it.

We sincerely thank the Region 25 Public Image Team for this important contribution.

Removing language barriers strengthens Rotary's inclusiveness and teamwork across districts. This work is not just translation—it shows our team spirit, international responsibility, and commitment to equal participation.

## **Final Words**

We carry a 121-year legacy.

But our real responsibility is not only to protect the past—it is to build the future.

We will be more visible.

We will train stronger leaders.

We will continue our fight for a Polio-free world.

And most importantly, we will leave a lasting impact.

Because Rotary is not just a club;

it is a movement of conscience.

**Warm Rotary regards,**

**&**

**With love and respect,**

**N. Altan Arslan**

**PP 2005-2006 RC Ankara Kızılay**

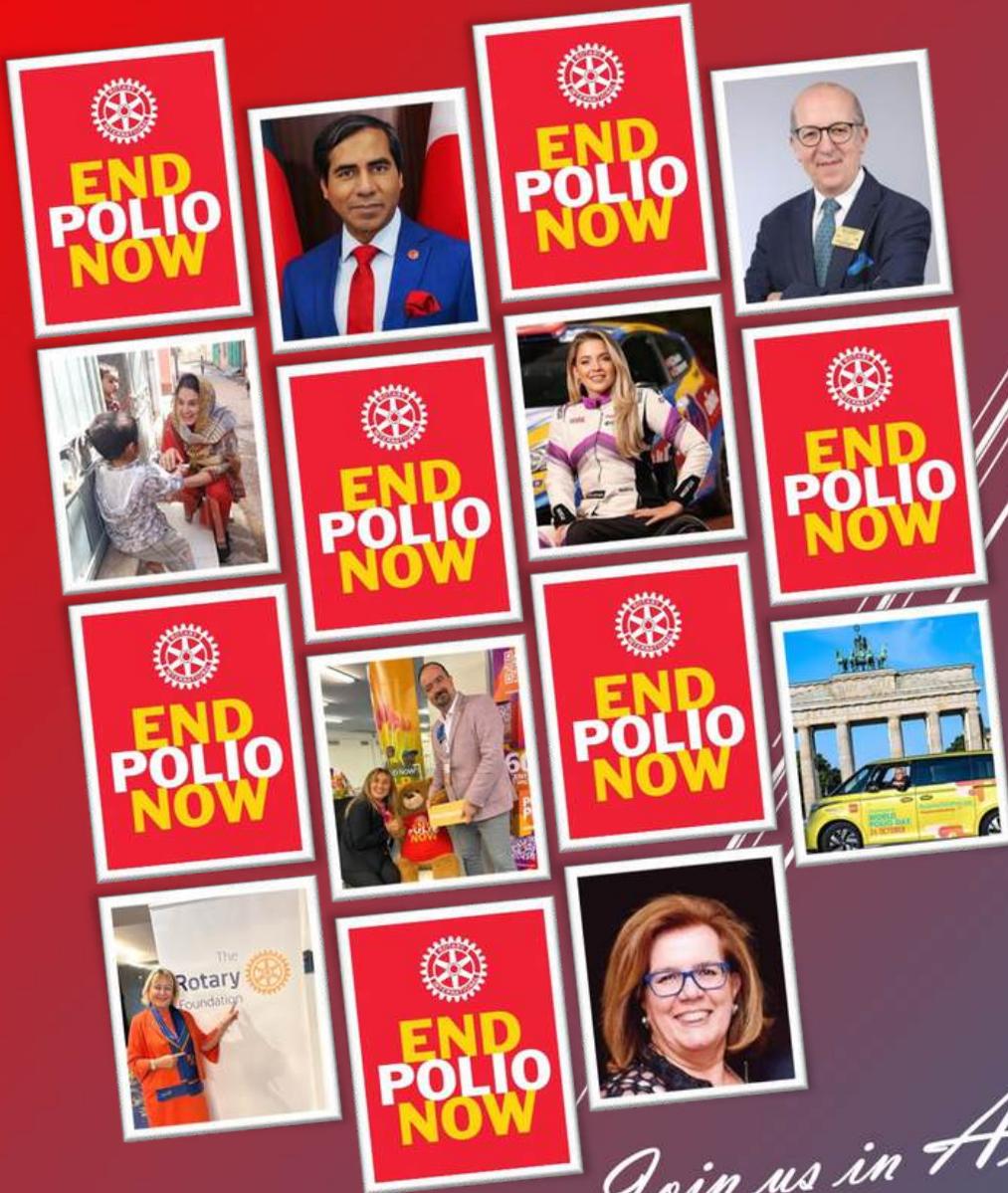
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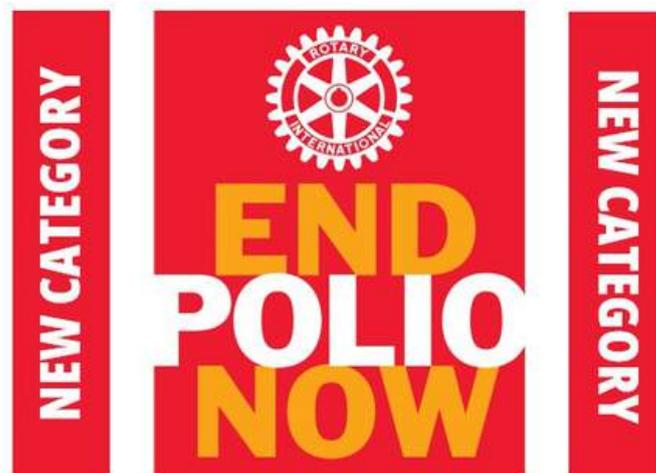
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## GUIDELINES FOR FILMING A VIDEO FOR COMPETITION

### “THE POWER OF GOODNESS”

#### 1. **Plan the filming in advance.**

As you prepare your project or event, decide who will be responsible for filming, what equipment will be used, and which shots will be needed. Assign a dedicated person or team for this task.

#### 2. **Use a drone when possible.**

For outdoor activities, aerial shots provide dynamics and add a professional look to the video.

#### 3. **Include interviews.**

Record short interviews with participants, volunteers, organizers, or beneficiaries. Ask what the project means to them, how it made them feel, or what inspired them.

#### 4. **Tell a story, not just document.**

Focus on emotions, action, and outcomes. Show people, not only activities.

#### 5. **Capture the preparation phase.**

Behind-the-scenes footage of volunteers packing, organizing, or coordinating creates authenticity and highlights the effort behind the cause.

#### 6. **Gather short statements.**

Even one or two sincere sentences from someone whose life has been touched can be very powerful. Seek authenticity rather than long monologues.

#### 7. **Ensure good lighting.**

Whether indoors or outdoors, light is essential. Avoid dark rooms or shooting directly against the sun.

#### 8. **Use stable equipment.**

Unsteady shots are distracting. If you don't have a professional camera, use a tripod or stabilizer for your phone.

#### 9. **Film in horizontal format.**

For higher quality and compatibility with platforms such as YouTube, always shoot horizontally.

#### 10. **Include close-up shots.**

Faces, smiles, and hands in action bring warmth and humanity to the story.

#### 11. **Ensure clear sound.**

Use an external microphone if possible. In noisy environments, consider recording separately or adding narration afterwards.

**GUIDELINES FOR FILMING A VIDEO FOR COMPETITION**  
**“THE POWER OF GOODNESS”**

**12. Show the final result.**

Present the completed project, the happy participants, and the overall impact achieved.

**13. Build a timeline through your shots.**

Show “before, during, and after” the event. This structure helps tell a complete story.

**14. Capture audience reactions.**

Smiles, applause, and emotions are living proof of the project’s impact.

**15. Include children and youth (with consent).**

If children are part of the initiative, ensure parental consent for filming. Their smiles often speak louder than words.

**16. Add supporting images or archives.**

If your project has history, use “before and after” comparisons, documents, or older photos to show progress.

**17. Use music to enhance emotion.**

Neutral, uplifting music reinforces the message. Make sure to use licensed tracks or free-to-use libraries.

**18. Add English subtitles, especially when people are speaking.**

Even short statements should be subtitled to ensure clarity and accessibility.

**19. Display names and roles.**

When showing someone speaking, add their name and role for context.

**20. Start and finish with identity elements.**

Open with a short title/intro and close with your club’s logo.

**21. Include a message or a quote.**

A powerful line or inspiring quote at the end can leave a lasting emotional impression.

**22. Prepare a clear script before editing.**

Decide what story you want to tell, in what sequence, and with which footage.

**23. Show the impact achieved.**

Highlight how lives were improved or what was accomplished. This is the heart of the contest — the lasting mark of kindness.

**24. Respect Rotary branding.**

Use the official Rotary logo, fonts, and colors. Guidelines are available at [brandcenter.rotary.org](http://brandcenter.rotary.org).

**You are not alone in this process! Contact us if you have questions!**

**– Arkan Apturahman, ARPIC D2482 Bulgaria**



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

### 8 FEBRUARY 2026 TRADITIONAL HUMMUS SOUP AND PASTIRMA EVENT RC NICOSIA SARAYÖNÜ

On Sunday 8th February 2026 the members of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Sarayönü held their traditional Hummus Soup and Pastrame Event. As always, PP Hasan Hasipoğlu was the pastrame sponsor, the pastrame (Spicy Cyprus Sausage) was prepared under his supervision. This year the event was held at Heybe Çorba in Gönyeli. Members of the club were joined by other Rotarians from clubs in Nicosia and Kyrenia, together with some friends of Rotary.

Special guest of honour was Mr Khassim Diagne, UN Special Representative and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, together with his partner.

The attendees enjoyed a fulsome brunch of hummus soup and pastrame served grilled in Cyprus pitta bread.

Fellowship was of course also on the menu, and the non-Rotarians participating were impressed by the fraternity and opportunity of service to our communities, enhancing the reputation of Rotary. There will surely be some who will seriously consider joining Rotary.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### CELEBRATION OF THE 121ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026 - D2452 CYPRUS

On Monday 23rd February 2026 four clubs, RC Kyrenia Liman, RC Nicosia Sarayönü, RC Kyrenia StHilarion and RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan met at the Celsus Business Center to celebrate the founding of Rotary in 1905. PDDG Demetris Pantazis joined the meeting and in his capacity as the 2026 D2452 District Conference Organising Committee Chairperson, shared information about the conference to be held in Larnaca 21-23 May 2026. Members were urged to register for the conference before the deadline for the Early Bird rate. We have not had a District Conference in Cyprus since 2018, so the opportunity of attending in our own country should be taken by all Cypriot Rotarians. An essential part of being a Rotarian is using the organisation to network with persons with similar ideals and aspirations as ourselves. There will be hundreds of Rotarians visiting from all the nine countries in our District and Rotarians from other Districts.

Past President Ali Vudalı of RC Kyrenia StHilarion was honoured by his club for his service, by being made a Paul Harris Fellow. PDDG Demetris Pantazis pinned PP Ali Vudalı and gave him his PHF certificate.

President of the Rotaract Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan Merve Güralp Gazi shared information about their Bicommunal Fellowship Event taking place at the MOD Cafe on the 28th February 2026. After the meeting the members moved to the Big Chefs restaurant to enjoy a dinner together.



**THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



**ARPIC MARIA MASTORA  
DISTRICT 2475**

**MESSAGE OF RID 2475 DG STEFANOS  
ANASTASOPOULOS  
FEBRUARY 2026 (1/2)**

Dear members of our great Rotary Family,

There are moments when an idea goes beyond the limits of a simple thought and turns into a mission. At this year's International Assembly, the President-elect of Rotary International, Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola, called on us to do exactly that: to transform our presence into a meaningful and lasting impact. Not something temporary. Not something superficial. But something that will endure.

February reminds us of one of the most fundamental reasons for Rotary's existence: building the conditions that allow people to live with safety, opportunity, and dignity. The absence of conflict is not enough. True stability is born when people have access to knowledge, when they feel they belong, and when they can envision tomorrow without fear.

The world around us is changing rapidly and often with instability. Within this shifting reality, Rotary remains a steady force for creation. It does not merely observe. It intervenes. It does not wait. It leads. It creates opportunities where there were limitations and opens pathways where there were dead ends.

Our District is part of this global effort.

The Global Grant we are implementing at the Children's Hospital "Agia Sophia" is now in its final phase. This is an initiative that will substantially strengthen the capacity for accurate and timely diagnosis of serious pediatric conditions, contributing decisively to the quality of care received by the most vulnerable patients. Behind every technological capability lies a human story. A child. A family. A future that deserves to be protected.

**THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

**MESSAGE OF RID 2475 DG STEFANOS  
ANASTASOPOULOS  
FEBRUARY 2026 (2/2)**

This is the meaning of service: to create the conditions for a better tomorrow.

Dear friends,

With the same spirit of anticipation and creation, we are approaching a highlight of our year. The 66th Panhellenic Conference of District 2475, which will take place in Rhodes from April 17 to 19, is already becoming a landmark event. The Rotary Clubs of Rhodes and Rhodes Colossus, together with a broader team of dedicated Rotarians, are working with enthusiasm, consistency, and a strong sense of responsibility to design a conference that combines substance, inspiration, and an international perspective.

Rhodes, a place of historical significance and timeless symbolism, will provide the ideal setting for us to meet, exchange ideas, and strengthen the bonds that unite us. A modern and fully interactive digital environment (website) has already been created, through which every member can complete their registration, organize their participation, and follow all developments related to the conference.

I invite you to become part of this shared experience. Each person's presence adds value to the whole. The strength of Rotary lies in its people.

At a time that tests the resilience of societies, our mission becomes even more significant. It is not enough to preserve our values. We must express them through our actions. To strengthen trust. To create prospects. To prove that collective effort can transform reality.

This year's message, "United for Good," is not merely a phrase. It is our compass. It is a reminder that when people unite around a common purpose, they can achieve more than they ever could alone.

Let us continue, therefore, with the same determination.

Let us continue to create value.

Let us continue to leave a mark that will stand the test of time.

Because this is Rotary.

And this is our work.

With appreciation and deep rotarian love,

Stefanos Anastasopoulos  
DG 2025-26 / RID 2475



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID 2475

#### Meeting of Zone 21 Governors in Durrës, Albania (February 13–15, 2026)

With great success and strong symbolic significance, an important meeting of District Governors of RI from Zone 21 was held from February 13 to 15, 2026, in Durrës, further strengthening the bonds of friendship, cooperation, and joint action among the Districts.

The event was impeccably organized by the Albania–Kosovo District and brought together the Governors of the participating Districts.

The two-day program included substantive working meetings among the Governors, as well as a special forum dedicated to the exchange of experiences, best practices, and strategic priorities aimed at strengthening Rotary's work in the countries of the region. A highlight of the meeting was the signing of a Multiple Twinning Protocol among the participating Districts, sealing their commitment to closer cooperation, the development of joint initiatives, and the further empowerment of the international Rotary community.

Greek District 2475 was represented by Governor Stefanos Anastasopoulos and Assistant Governor Rachel Topalidou. During the proceedings, the Governor presented the vision, initiatives, and significant projects of the current Rotary year that have already been implemented, as well as the strategic planning for the upcoming period. He also had the opportunity to cultivate meaningful contacts and lay the foundations for new collaborations with the participating Districts, promoting the spirit of international understanding and shared service.

The program was complemented by cultural visits, guided tours, and hospitality events that highlighted the rich history and distinctive beauty of the region, while also creating an excellent environment for fellowship and the exchange of experiences.

The excellent organization and warm hospitality of the Albania–Kosovo District contributed decisively to the success of the meeting, which left the best impressions and reaffirmed the dynamic role of Rotary International as a global force for cooperation, friendship, and service.

The two-day gathering in Durrës was a meaningful investment in the future of inter-district collaboration, further strengthening the shared vision of a world with greater understanding, solidarity, and collective action.



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RID 2475

MEETING OF ZONE 21 GOVERNORS IN DURRËS, ALBANIA (FEBRUARY 13–15, 2026)



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**RID 2475 - RC IRAKLIO CANDIA**

On the initiative of RC Iraklio Candia , for another year on February 5, 2026, and with the sponsorship of MARE HERAKLION RIVIERA, with the participation of our Club members, a lunch was offered to the children and their companions from the ZODOCHOS PIGI Foundation.

The event was honored by the presence of Mr. Christos Tzamousis, Director and father of all the children of the Foundation. Also present were all the caregivers of the Foundation and friends of our Club.

In a unique festive venue at Mare Heraklion Riviera, with a rich and delicious menu, the owner Manolis Kalokyris gave all his love to these children.

Club members Marianna Papadaki and Mania Simantiraki offered gifts to all the children and their companions.

Director Christos Tzamousis offered the club and its members the lucky charm of the year.

We sincerely thank the owner of Mare Heraklion Riviera for his contribution and love for our club.

On behalf of all the members of RC Iraklio Candia, we would like to once again warmly thank Mare Heraklion Riviera for



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID 2475 - DISTRICT GRANT RC KORINTHOS AND KOROPI

RC Korinthos, in collaboration with RID 2475 and RC Koropi, effectively supported the work of volunteer fire safety teams in the area of Xylokastro Municipality by realizing a particularly important infrastructure and social contribution project.

The project involved the supply and installation of a complete photovoltaic system at a guard post used for fire surveillance and prevention. The system ensures the necessary energy autonomy for the operation of critical equipment, such as communications, radio charging, drones, and any other device that requires electricity, contributing significantly to the effectiveness and readiness of volunteers.

The action was not limited to financial and logistical support. Members of the Rotary Club also actively participated in the installation itself, supporting the crew with their personal labor under particularly difficult weather conditions. The goal was to complete the project in time before the start of the fire season.

This initiative is a prime example of Rotary's philosophy of selfless service and practical support for the local community, proving that when cooperation meets volunteerism, the result can make a real difference.



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### RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS

RC Peristeri Anthoupoli, as part of its social activities, delivered a quantity of sweets to rtn Dimitris Karkanorachakis and his initiative "For the People," providing practical support to vulnerable families.

With this initiative, our Club reaffirms its ongoing commitment to social solidarity and support for initiatives with a meaningful social impact.



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### RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI OMONOIA

With great success, the winter getaway of RC Athinai Omonia took place in Elati, Pertouli and Trikala.

Forty Rotarians and friends shared moments of relaxation and fellowship in a truly wintery landscape. On Saturday evening, our Club cut the traditional New Year's cake (Vasilopita) in the presence of all participants. The lucky coin was found by our beloved, always smiling Rotarian Mary Geoganti, to whom we wish health, joy, and all the best for 2026.

Before our President Argyris cut the cake, the Governor-elect Haralambos made a brief reference to Rotary and wished us a Happy and Creative New Year.

RC Athinai Omonia thanks everyone who joined us and helped make this three-day trip a truly special experience.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475

### “GIVE THE GIFT OF ACCESS 2.0” PROGRAM

#### Donation of a Wheelchair to the Hellenic Maritime Museum

At the Hellenic Maritime Museum, a place filled with history and memories of our country's great maritime tradition, we delivered another wheelchair as part of the program “Give the Gift of Access 2.0.” This year, in its second cycle, the program is being implemented by the Rotary Clubs eClub of Greece, Agia Paraskevi, Anoixi Semeli, Patras Kostis Palamas, Preveza, Kifisia Kastri, Chalandri, and Psychiko.

On behalf of the Museum, we were warmly welcomed by the President, Ms. Anastasia Anagnostopoulou-Paloumbi, who in her words of thanks praised the purpose of the “Give the Gift of Access” Program, emphasizing that the donation of the wheelchair will solve a long-standing accessibility problem for visitors with mobility challenges who were previously unable to tour the Museum due to physical limitations.

Subsequently, the Curator of Collections and Head of Educational Programs of the Hellenic Maritime Museum, Ms. Cleopatra Rigaki, offered the attending representatives an excellent guided tour of the Museum. At the same time, she reminded those present that the history of Greece is inextricably linked with the sea from antiquity to the present day, serving as a foundation of culture, economy, and geopolitical strength. Greeks, as a seafaring people, developed navigation, trade, and exploration, shaping the Greek world through the Aegean and the Mediterranean.

The representatives of the participating Clubs left inspired and, above all, proud of our country's maritime history, reflecting on the words of Thucydides (Histories 1.143.5) with which Ms. Rigaki opened the tour:

“Great is the power of the sea.”



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA

On February 8, 2026, RC Kifisia donated an electrocardiograph to the 3rd Internal Medicine Clinic of the General State Hospital of Nikaia.

The electrocardiograph was a donation from the company PAPAPOSTOULOU N. S.A. to the Rotary Club of Kifisia, which in turn offered it to the hospital as part of its practical support for public health.

The handover took place to the Director of the Clinic, Mr. Ilias Skopelitis, by the President of the Club, Rotarian Aristotelis Vlasiadis.

Nikaia Hospital stands on the front line every day. With increased needs, constant pressure, and difficult conditions, doctors, nurses, and all staff provide care with professionalism, resilience, and deep humanity.

Today's action is a small way of saying, "we are here" — to support their work and to recognize that public health remains standing thanks to people who do not step back.

For us, this is the meaning of service: to stand by people where there is real need.



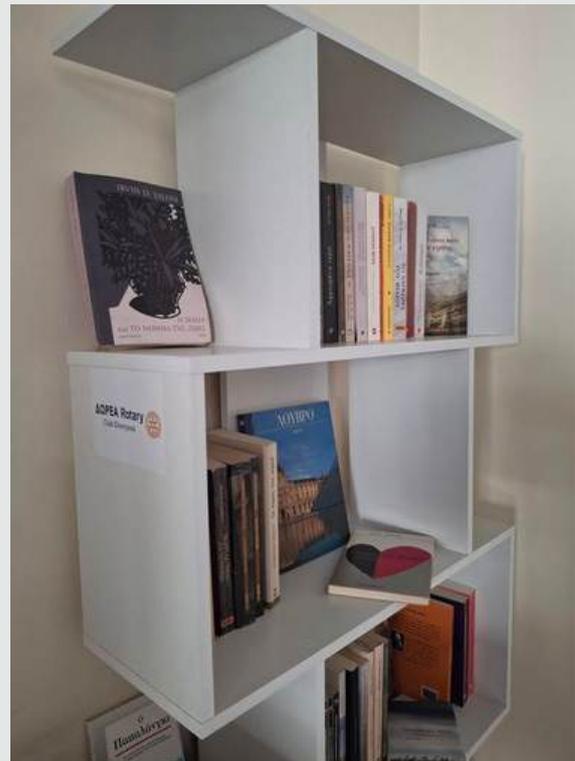
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### RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RC Dionysos donated a library unit and books to the General Oncology Hospital “Agioli Anargyri” of Kifisia.

The Club’s donation was installed in the entrance lounge, accessible to visitors, patients, and hospital staff.

The handover was carried out by the President of the RC Dionysos, rtn Kalliope Oikonomakou, and the donation was received by the Deputy Administrative Director, Mrs. Evangelia Petrou, and the Secretary of the Oncology Clinic, Mrs. Elpida Chamilothori.



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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI ALEXANDER THE GREAT

As part of the initiative “We Turn Love into Action,” RC Thessaloniki ‘Alexander the Great” donated, on February 9, to the AROGI Thessaloniki S.A. Rehabilitation and Recovery Center a reclining armchair with electric controls that provides massage at six points.



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### RID 2475 - RC PENTELI

In a beautiful and emotionally uplifting atmosphere, RC Penteli organized an outstanding recreational event for children hosted at Penteli Children's Hospital. The rich program presented by animatrice Grace Niarrou offered laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments to the children.

Hospital executives, as well as officials and members of the Club, attended the event.

Special thanks are extended to animatrice Grace Niarrou and her husband for sponsoring and delivering the excellent program, to Ms. Ivi Polychroniadou for coordinating the event, and to our Club member Elsa Apergi for sponsoring gifts for the children.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

#### Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Gastronomic Friendship Weekend (1/2)

With great joy and emotion, RC Alexandroupolis participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Gastronomic Friendship Weekend, held from February 6–8, 2026, in Vitsa, Ioannina, hosted by RC Ioannina and organized by Rotarian Vasilis Papagiannis.

This initiative, which began in 2024 by RC Alexandroupolis and RC Panorama Thessaloniki with the first event in Volakas, Drama, aimed to strengthen Rotary friendship and cooperation in the Balkans through gastronomy and culture.

In 2025, RC Yambol, Bulgaria, proudly took up the baton, confirming that the event has now become a beautiful Balkan tradition.

This year's gathering was hosted at the atmospheric venue "Epekeina Chora," in the stone-built village of Vitsa in historic Zagori. With the valuable contribution of the Epirus Gastronomy Club, the hosts presented a gastronomic journey into the culinary heritage of Epirus.

Participants had the opportunity to taste selected local delicacies, accompanied by wines from indigenous grape varieties such as Malagousia, Debina, Vlachiko, Bekari, and Agiorgitiko.

The event was attended by RC Panorama Thessaloniki, RC Corfu–Kapodistrias, RC Korçë, RC Yambol, Bulgaria, as well as members of the Inner Wheel Club of Yambol, further strengthening the spirit of cross-Balkan cooperation and friendship.

As initiators of the original idea, we feel proud to see this institution grow and become stronger each year.

The Rotary Gastronomic Friendship Weekend is not merely a cultural event; it is a living institution of friendship, cooperation, and mutual respect among Rotary clubs across the Balkans.

We warmly thank our friends from the Rotary Club of Ioannina for their impeccable hospitality and look forward to our next gathering, continuing to build bridges of friendship through our shared values and actions.



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RID2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

PARTICIPATION IN THE 3RD ROTARY GASTRONOMIC FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND (2/2)



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#### RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

RC Voula Panorama delivered 250 kg of plastic bottle caps on February 16, 2026, to the plastic recycling factory Caradi Hellas Plastics OE in Aspropyrgos.

These caps are recycled and subsequently transformed into wheelchairs, which are then donated wherever there is need, actively supporting the spirit of social service and solidarity.



#### RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

On Friday, February 27, 2026, RC Voula Panorama donated a wheelchair to the Emergency Department of Asklepieio Hospital in Voula.

The wheelchair was received by Ms. Angeliki Kanata, Head of the Emergency Department, and Ms. Vaia Chatzikoukoutsis, Nursing Services Sector Head of the Hospital.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### RID 2475 - DISTRICT GRANT - SANTORINI OIA

RC Santorini–Oia officially delivered the project to enhance the educational infrastructure of the Messaria Primary School of Santorini, within the framework of the District Grant 2025–26 of RID 2475.

The project was implemented with the cooperation and contribution of the Rotary Clubs of Alexandroupolis, Athens–Parthenon, Corfu Kapodistrias, Parnitha, and Chalandri. The Santorini–Oia Rotary Club warmly thanks these clubs for their valuable support.

More precisely, a modern electronic equipment was delivered, including laptops, a printer, and a microphone system, aiming to support students and teachers in their daily needs. This equipment will be utilized both during lessons and in presentations, school events, and creative activities, offering enhanced opportunities for learning and expression.

The handover ceremony was attended by the President of the Santorini–Oia Rotary Club, Ioanna Alafouzou, members of the Board of Directors, the President of RC Athens–Parthenon rtrn Emilianos Katsaros, and Assistant Governor Arsenis Moutsos.



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### RID 2475 - E-CLUB GREECE

#### AN EVENT OF LOVE – DONATION OF A SMART TV TO THE CHILDREN'S Rehabilitation and Recovery Center IN DRAPETSONA BY ROTARY eCLUB OF GREECE

On January 24, 2026, a four-member delegation of the BOD of Rotary eClub of Greece had the honor and deep emotion of visiting the Children's Rehabilitation and Recovery Center of Voula in Drapetsona — a facility that does not simply host 14 people of different ages, but 14 unique souls who struggle daily with dignity, strength, and quiet courage.

Our visit was not the typical "formal donation." The 55" Smart TV we delivered was not merely an object. It was a window to the world — a small promise of entertainment, companionship, and joy for people who have learned to live with far less than they deserve.

That day was dedicated to the memory of our beloved Past President, Georgios Moraitis. A person who deeply believed that a Rotarian is not measured by words, but by the footprint of service left behind. In that space, we felt that we honored his memory in the most meaningful way.

The atmosphere was made even warmer by the presence of Iakovos Apergis, recently awarded "European Chef 2025" by the European Council of Winemakers and Gastronomy. With his pastry creations and generous spirit, he added a festive touch to the occasion, cooking with us the Foundation's traditional New Year's cake (Vasilopita), which we then cut together in the presence of the residents and the facility's staff. The lucky winner of the evening was the head of the center and heart of the foundation, Mrs. Katerina Petreka.

It was not just an event. It was a meeting of hearts



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**ARPIC ARKAN APTURAHMAN**  
**DISTRICT 2482**

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



Dear Rotary friends, Rotaractors and Interactors,

February is a special month for all of us. We celebrate 121 years since the founding of Rotary International – an idea born of friendship that has grown into a global movement. For more than a century, Rotary has proven that it is not merely an organisation – it is a way of thinking and acting. A way of being of service. A way of changing lives and helping dreams come true.

This month's theme – "Peace and Conflict Prevention" – is deeply connected to our identity. Today it resonates more strongly than ever. We live in a world of local wars, in a world searching for a new global order. In such a reality, our role as Rotarians is clear – to restore humanity where it is most threatened. Peace begins within each of us – in the way we live, work and interact every day. Through our friendship, we have the power to build peace not only locally but also on a global scale.

Peace is far more than the absence of war. We cannot speak of true peace where there is hunger, insecurity or a lack of opportunities for a dignified life. Genuine peace requires freedom, opportunity for development and deep respect for human dignity. That is why conflict prevention lies at the heart of our service.

Often, the greatest obstacle to peace is fear – fear of change, of difference, of losing identity. Yet fear cannot be overcome through isolation or aggression. It is healed through knowledge and understanding. In Rotary, we believe that knowledge is the first and most essential step towards peace. Through our Peace Centres and educational initiatives, we demonstrate how awareness builds trust. We empower communities to find their own path to understanding, transforming conflicts into constructive solutions and creating lasting impact.

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**Plamen Tsvetkov District Governor 2025-2026**

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

The world is changing at an ever-faster pace, and the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. Our message, “United for Good”, unites us in the effort to prevent conflicts through concrete action – by supporting the Rotary Peace Centres, which prepare young leaders and future builders of sustainable peace; through the International Youth Exchange, which gives young people the opportunity to act as our ambassadors of understanding and to discover that the world is better when we know one another; and through our club projects, which turn our values into real action at local level. It is precisely there, step by step, that trust is built and dialogue replaces confrontation.

Our new global message, “**CREATE LASTING IMPACT**”, builds upon everything achieved so far. True change is long-term transformation. When we support peace projects, we change both the environment and the way people think. Our goal is for every action to leave a sustainable legacy. We are people of action, and it is our results that define us in a world that needs courage, optimism and idealism.

I address every club with a call to action: this February, let us bring the motto “Peace through Friendship” to life through tangible initiatives. Let us use our club meetings and public events to promote dialogue, invest in the future by seeking candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships, and set an example – an example that even in times of division, Rotary remains a space for tolerance and co-operation.

February is also a month for preparing for the next Rotary year. Our new goals help us focus on what matters most – a world in which people unite to create lasting, positive change for the long term. It is also an appropriate moment to share our stories with the media and the wider public.

In May, we will have the opportunity to celebrate our achievements together at the Annual District Conference in Burgas, to be held from 15 to 17 May 2026. Registration is now open, and we look forward to welcoming you:

<https://www.rotarydistrict2482.org/bg/event/3185>

Thank you to each and every one of you for being part of this family. Thank you for the dedication and purpose you bring each day as we serve Bulgaria and the world together.

*With respect and friendship,*

**Plamen Tsvetkov**

**Governor 2025–2026**

**Rotary International – District 2482**

## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Strategic Multidistrict Partnership with the Participation of District 2482 Durrës, Albania - 14 February 2026

On 14 February 2026 in Durrës, Albania, nine European districts stood shoulder to shoulder and set out a shared vision for future international projects. District 2482, represented by District Governor Plamen Tsvetkov, signed a Certificate of Multidistrict Cooperation – a document laying the foundation for long-term partnership and coordinated initiatives.

This was a meeting with a clear direction and a strong sense of unity. Lengthy speeches were unnecessary. Everyone present arrived with the same understanding: when we work together, the scale of good grows. The signing of the Certificate is a commitment to joint initiatives and coordinated action that deliver sustainable results – turning good ideas into real solutions for people.

The meeting was held at the invitation of the District Governor of Albania and Kosovo, Arben Dushi (District 2485), who hosted the event. The signatures on the document marked the beginning of a partnership framework between the following districts and countries:

- District 1910 – Republic of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Ralf Peters)
- District 1911 – Hungary (Júlia Molnár)
- District 2232 – Ukraine (Olia Paliichuk)
- District 2240 – Czech Republic and Slovak Republic (Jan Bílek)
- District 2420 – Republic of Türkiye (Fuat Yalçın)
- District 2475 – Hellenic Republic (Stefanos Anastasopoulos)
- District 2482 – Republic of Bulgaria (Plamen Tsvetkov)
- District 2483 – Republic of Serbia and Montenegro (Veliša Stamatović)
- District 2485 – Republic of Albania and Republic of Kosovo (Arben Dushi)



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Different countries, different contexts, different realities – and that is precisely the strength of this partnership. The Certificate is a declaration of friendship and a shared commitment to promoting international understanding and goodwill through long-term partnership and international service.

During the meeting, each governor presented their district in figures and highlighted the key projects led by Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs. Behind the data, one message could be clearly heard: communities seeking solutions; people taking action; clubs turning sustainable change into everyday practice.

The hosts from District 2485 presented the results of a project for early diagnosis of spinal deformities in children. The topic naturally became central to the discussion – both as a working model and as a genuine opportunity for replication across the region and further development as a Program of Scale. In other words: not a one-off effort, but a programme designed to grow, multiply and leave a lasting impact.



**This cause is also close to our District. In Bulgaria, many Rotary clubs annually support similar examinations and screening initiatives – because prevention is care delivered in time.**

For District 2482, this partnership represents an important step towards more active participation in regional and transnational initiatives – initiatives with the potential to develop sustainably and to deliver results measured not only in numbers, but in trust, connections and real human stories.

The document that formally launched this multidistrict partnership establishes a foundation for future international projects and coordinated efforts for their implementation. By signing the Certificate, District 2482 affirms its readiness to play an active role in the development of international projects in the region.

Sometimes the strongest “yes” is simply clear. And after it, processes begin to move. That is precisely what happened in Durrës.

## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Interview with PDG Ayda Özeren



Ayda Özeren, a Rotary past district governor, is a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers and a Positive Peace Activator. She joined a Rotaract club in 1994 and became a member of the Rotary Club of Izmir-Gündoğdu, Turkey, in 2003. Her Rotary career includes leadership roles at the club and district levels and as a participant in a Group Study Exchange.

**What does it mean to you to receive an award associated with the name of Sylvia Whitlock?**

To me, this award represents more than just recognition; it is a tribute to the path Sylvia Whitlock carved for women like me. She showed us how to advocate for our place at the table. It is a sobering truth that, even today, women's participation in top leadership remains a struggle against outdated norms. This award is a reminder that we are not just fighting for ourselves, but for every woman who continues to encounter the glass ceiling in our communities

**Has this recognition changed the way you view your own leadership?**

Before this recognition, I viewed my work as simply fulfilling a duty—a necessary commitment to empowering women and educating girls. However, this award has fundamentally shifted my perspective. It has been a profound reminder that leadership is often quiet, but its impact is deafening.

I have realized that while we may work in the shadows, the world is watching. We often underestimate the weight of our own influence, yet every girl I support and every woman I uplift carries a spark that can ignite an entire community. This recognition has taught me that my leadership isn't just about the tasks I complete; it's about the Butterfly Effect. One act of courage creates a ripple of change that I may never see the end of. It has fueled my passion to lead not just with my hands, but with the unwavering belief that when we empower one woman, we are, in fact, changing the world.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Interview with PDG Ayda Özeren

#### **Do you believe that women in Rotary have to prove themselves more than men?**

Yes, I believe women in most organizations often have to prove themselves twice over. While a man is often judged on his potential, a woman is frequently judged only on her proven results.

As women, we are not just leaders; we are the primary architects of our homes, the emotional anchors for our families, and the managers of our businesses. We carry a 'mental load' that our male counterparts do not aware often.

To be a leader in Rotary while balancing family, spouse, parents, a household, and a career requires a level of multi-tasking that is, in itself, a form of high-level management." Being a member can be indeed easy; it requires only a checkbook and a bit of time. But being a leader means standing tall even when you are tired from the 'second shift' at home, and remaining kind even when you are the subject of whispers. I believe we have to prove ourselves more because we are doing more—we are leading in the boardroom, the community, and the living room simultaneously.

#### **What advice would you give to a newly admitted female Rotarian?**

Do not just take a seat; take the lead. Our world is hungry for a specific kind of healing that only a woman's heart can provide. I truly believe that sustainable peace is only possible when we tap into our 'mothering' instincts—that innate, fierce capacity to protect, to nurture, and to refuse to let a child go hungry or a community suffer. As women, we carry the 'peace-building genes' of empathy and intuitive problem-solving. So, my advice is to take action not just as a member, but as a guardian of the future. When you lead, you aren't just filling a position; you are weaving a safety net for the world. Be bold, be empathetic, and remember when a woman leads with her heart, she doesn't just change a club—she changes the course of history.

#### **And what advice would you give to clubs that still show resistance to admitting women?**

I believe Rotary has changed a lot after 2000. When I had retired from my Rotaract Club in 1994, i haven't been permitted to be a member of my host Rotary club since they were all men. After 30 years when i became the governor to my district there was only one men club which they changed this attitude under my leadership. Now my district has more than 40 % women participation which I am proud of.

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### Interview with PDG Ayda Özeren

#### Which project or cause do you consider your most meaningful battle?

My most meaningful battle is the fight for financial literacy and the economic liberation of women. I have conducted many courses with a single, unwavering goal: to put the power of financial independence into the hands of those who need it most.

I believe that a woman's contribution to the household economy should not be limited by the four walls of her home. Whether a woman is entering the formal workforce or finding innovative ways to generate income from her living room, her ability to manage, grow, and protect her own resources is her greatest shield. This is a battle against the systemic dependency that often keeps women silent or stuck. By teaching a woman how to navigate the economy, I am not just giving her a skill—I am giving her a voice, a choice, and the dignity of knowing that she can sustain herself and her children. To me, every course I lead is a step toward a world where no woman is held back by the 'poverty of information,' but is instead empowered to be the CFO of her own life."



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### Interview with PDG Ayda Özeren

**When did you realize that you were not only participating in the process, but actually influencing thousands of women?**

It was a long time ago, in a forgotten Anatolian village, a place so remote its name was unknown even to maps, that my journey began. A small community, perhaps a few hundred souls, called this place home. My company had sent me, a financial literacy lecturer, to meet with the village farmers, to speak of money and awaken an understanding of financial matters.

Stepping into the village's sole coffee shop, I was met with an unexpected sight: a room filled not with farmers, but with their wives and daughters. I hadn't anticipated such a gathering of women in this isolated corner of the world. I soon learned the farmers, disinclined to attend a session led by a woman, had sent their female relatives in their stead. A wave of surprise, disappointment, and nervousness washed over me. I longed for a more familiar, more polished setting, but after a two-to-three-hour drive, weariness settled in, and I simply wished to finish my task and return home.

Then, I truly saw them. Their eyes, wide with curiosity and impatience, were fixed on me. As I began to introduce myself and explain my purpose, an elder woman gently interrupted, revealing a poignant truth: only ten women in the room could read or write. Teaching financial literacy, she warned, would be a profound challenge. Despair pricked at my heart.

Nevertheless, I began, speaking of wise spending and saving for needs and wants. When I finished, packing my belongings, a young woman approached me, her shyness palpable, her gaze averted. I offered a warm smile, hoping to grant her courage. Without looking up, she quietly asked for my number, and I handed her my business card. "I wish I become like you," she whispered, her voice barely audible. "Call me if you need anything," I encouraged her, my heart softening.

Months later, back in my office, a gentle knock graced my door. Standing there was a young woman, her arms laden with the most exquisite flowers. It took me a moment to place her, but then, the memory of that distant village, that humble coffee shop, and her shy gaze flooded my mind. She introduced herself, and then, with a radiant smile, she told me her story. My lecture, that day in the village, had planted a seed. She had become a flower cultivator, transforming her life by selling the very blossoms she now held.

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Her success, born from such a small offering, reminded me of the timeless story of the starfish. A wise man once walked along a beach, strewn with thousands of stranded starfish, dying under the morning sun. A young boy was gently picking them up, one by one, and tossing them back into the ocean. "Why bother?" the man asked, "You can't possibly make a difference; there are too many." The boy looked at the starfish in his hand, then back at the vast expanse of the beach. With a gentle toss into the waves, he said, "I made a difference to that one."

And so, it was with this young woman. In a place where I felt my efforts might be lost, where the challenges seemed impossible to overcome, a single seed of hope had been sown. And in that moment, I understood that even in the most overlooked corners of the world, a single act of kindness, a single shared lesson, can spark a transformation, one beautiful life at a time. I had made a difference to her, and that, in itself, was everything.



## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### The Language of Good: How the Colors of Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Tell the Story of Our Impact

The world of Rotary is rich in symbolism that reflects its history, professionalism, and spirit of service to the community. Colors are no exception. Their choice is not accidental - they convey a message of stability and energy.

#### **Rotary International**

The official colors of Rotary are Royal Blue (Rotary Royal Blue) and Gold (Rotary Gold). They were officially adopted in 1929 to give the organization an authoritative and recognizable appearance.

**Rotary Royal Blue:** It symbolizes loyalty, perseverance, depth, and truth. It reflects the serious commitment of Rotarians to their ethical principles and the sustainability of the projects they implement.

The color blue traces its origins back to ancient times. In Egypt, blue was associated with the sky and divinity. The Egyptian god Amun painted his skin blue so that he could fly invisibly across the sky. Blue was also believed to protect against evil - many people around the Mediterranean still wear blue amulets to shield themselves from misfortune. Blue glass was produced in Mesopotamia and Egypt as early as 2500 BC, using the same copper ingredients as in the Egyptian blue pigment. Cobalt was also added, yielding a deeper blue - the same hue used during the Middle Ages in the stained glass windows of the cathedrals in Saint-Denis and Chartres. The Ishtar Gate in ancient Babylon (604-562 BC) was adorned with dark blue glazed bricks, which served as a background for depictions of lions, dragons, and wild bulls.

During the Middle Ages, the color blue gained immense popularity among the French nobility, spreading from there throughout all of Europe.

After World War II, blue was adopted as the color of important international organizations such as the UN, the Council of Europe, UNESCO, the EU, and others.

The emergence of Royal Blue is associated with French and England and symbolizes power, trust, and distinction.

**Gold:** It personifies nobility, high standards, and hope. Gold is a symbol of the light that the organization brings to communities and of the „gold standard“ in professional ethics. This color, symbolizing divinity and wealth, has been revered since ancient civilizations such as Egypt (around 3000 BC), which used it to represent the skin of the gods and immortal power. Historically, it symbolizes royal dignity, wisdom, and the sun.

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#### **Rotaract:**

The primary color of Rotaract is Cranberry. This color symbolizes the resilience of Rotaract. It shows that the organization is not just a “flash in the pan” that flares up and fades away, but possesses the strength to implement long-term and challenging projects.

**Accessibility and Inclusion:** This is the color of action backed by thought and planning. It symbolizes Rotaract’s open door to diverse cultures and ideas, emphasizing that the leaders of tomorrow are, above all, people who know how to build bridges.

**Dignity and Nobility:** This shade is closely related to wine tones, which have historically been associated with dignity. In Rotaract, this emphasizes ethics - young professionals act with self-confidence, but also with profound respect for the principles of service.

#### **Interact**

**The primary color of Interact is Sky Blue.**

Symbolism: Sky Blue is a symbol of optimism, open horizons, and limitless possibilities. Since Interact is aimed at students, this color reflects the purity of their ideas and their desire to explore the world through service.

**Boundless Horizons:** Sky Blue is the color of the sky and the sea - symbols of the vastness. For an Interactor, this means there are no limits to what can be achieved. It inspires “out of the box” thinking and big dreams.

**Sincerity and Purity:** Light blue is associated with honesty and tranquility. In Interact, the emphasis is on building character and friendship at an early age, and this color symbolizes the pure intention to help without seeking personal gain.

**Optimism and Hope:** While the deep blue of Rotary inspires respect and authority, the sky blue of Interact brings a sense of lightness and faith in a better future. It is a visual promise that the world is in good hands.

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#### Why is this difference important?

Rotary International places extreme importance on these color codes in order to:

**Preserve Identity:** Ensuring that every club worldwide is instantly recognizable.

**Show Evolution:** Moving toward brighter colors like Cranberry and Sky Blue for Rotaract and Interact aims to make them more appealing to the new generation.

#### Why does their combination work?

When you see the three logos together, a natural gradation emerges:

**Interact (Sky Blue):** Dreams and the first steps in service.

**Rotaract (Cranberry):** Passion, professional growth, and empathy.

**Rotary (Royal Blue):** Experience, stability and established authority.

This palette shows that the Rotary family is vibrant, colorful, and evolving, drawing inspiration from its rich traditions to build an even more dynamic future.

To learn more about how to use the correct colors when branding our materials, you can find further information here: [https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/our-brand/brand-elements/colors?](https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/our-brand/brand-elements/colors?cid=soc_adsgrant2526_20260213_soc_google_pub_general_npm_na&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAnoXNBhAZEiwAnltcG4CK3K7pIUZyYcexAidetsd5tDwbXS1x9i7Pylv36gpM3FIOxUilGBoCwr4QAvD_BwE)

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**Brand Officer of District 2482**

## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### District Team Learning Seminar: From Vision to Implementation

The District Team Learning Seminar in Haskovo set a clear framework for the Rotary year 2026–2027: focus, measurability and accountability. The event evolved into a strategic forum where the vision for the district was translated into clear directions for action and shared responsibility.

Governor-elect Alexander Petrov brought the experience of the International Assembly in Orlando to the participants, presenting the strategic orientation for the coming year. The emphasis was placed on measurable impact and leadership grounded in personal responsibility.

The four global priorities—increasing our impact, expanding our reach, enhancing engagement and improving adaptability—were clearly defined as the compass guiding the district’s work.

It was emphasised that sustainable projects begin with an analysis of real needs, clear indicators and impact that can be monitored over time. Partnerships, continuity beyond a single year and the opportunity for further development were highlighted as key elements of contemporary Rotary projects.



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### District Team Learning Seminar: From Vision to Implementation

The discussion on **“Increasing Our Impact”** focused on the quality and sustainability of projects, a systematic approach, needs analysis, measurable outcomes, work with the community, partnerships with institutions and business, as well as the strategic role of The Rotary Foundation. Public image was considered a tool for transparency and trust rather than a secondary element.

The topic **“Membership – Engagement – Club Culture”** directed the conversation towards the club experience. The importance of the club environment, purpose, respect and the active involvement of every member was emphasised. The theme of young people was addressed in the context of genuine participation and the creation of formats that respond to the dynamics of new generations.

The discussion **“Change – Evolution, Not Revolution”** was devoted to adaptability. Flexible models of work, new types of clubs, digital communication and more efficient processes were explored. The message was clear: innovation does not reject tradition—it develops it.

In the workshop **“Leadership in Service,”** the conversation turned to continuity and long-term thinking. The district team was defined as a structure supporting the clubs. Leadership was viewed as the ability to develop the potential of others. The feedback at the end of the day demonstrated a shared readiness for clearer coordination, less formalism and a stronger focus on substance.

The message is clear: **lasting impact is not created by intention alone, but by action and results.**

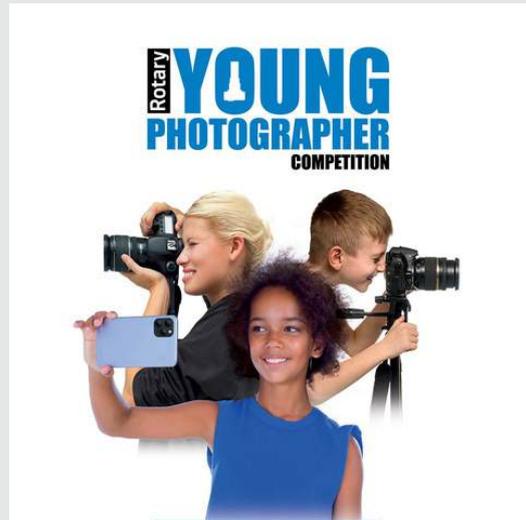
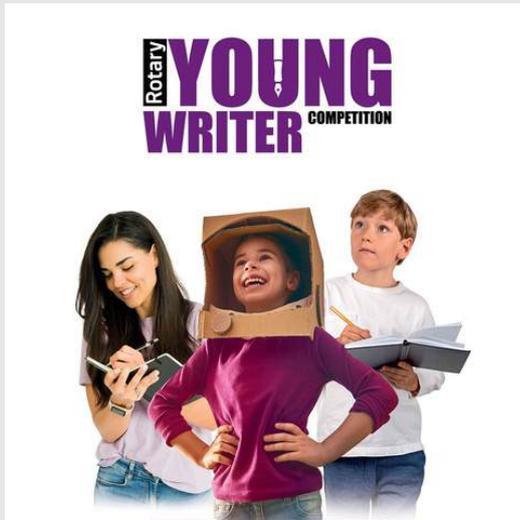


## THE JOURNEY IN DOING SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### The winners of the “Young Writer” and “Young Photographer” competitions have been announced

With great excitement, pride and gratitude, this year’s edition of the competition organised by Rotary Bulgaria – District 2482 and Rotary District 1240 in Great Britain and Ireland has come to a close. Once again, young people proved that talent knows no borders, and that words and images can connect countries, cultures and hearts.

This year we received inspiring works filled with depth, courage and imagination. The competition was exceptionally strong, and the juries faced the challenging task of selecting the very best among so many outstanding participants.



#### Young Writer Competition

The literary works were carefully evaluated by a jury consisting of:

**Zdravka Evtimova – Chair**

**Roza Boyanova – Member**

**Desislava Kracholova – Member**

With professionalism and dedication, they reviewed each piece, searching for that spark which transforms a text into a true experience.

#### Winners – Young Writer Competition

##### Junior:

*1st place – Velina Nikolova Ishkueva – 289 points*

*2nd place – Katalina Krasimirova Ivanova – 196 points*

##### Intermediate:

*1st place – Konstantin Mishinev – 293 points*

*2nd place – Kristina Svilenova Spasova – 282 points*

##### Senior:

*1st place – Beatris Borislavova Petrova – 154 points*

Every line written by these young authors carries hope for the future of Bulgarian literature.

And to those who did not reach the top places this time – keep writing, because true writers are born from the courage to share their hearts with the world.

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### Young Photographer Competition

This year, the lenses captured stories without words – powerful, moving and sincere.

The jury consisted of:

**Plamen Ilarinov – Chair**

**Nikolay Dinov – Member**

**Yavor Michev – Member**

**Zhecho Planinski – Member**

**Bedros Azinyan – Member**

**Maria Yovcheva-Hristova – Member**

They faced the difficult task of selecting the most impressive images among many remarkable photographs.

### Winners – Young Photographer Competition

#### Junior:

*1st place – Aiden Edward Georgiev Livingston – 406 points*

*2nd place – Aleksandra Samuilova Sotirova – 383 points*

#### Intermediate:

*1st place – Vyara Atanasova Nikolova – 424 points*

*2nd place – Antoniya Dimitrova Velkova – 416 points*

#### Senior:

*1st place – Elis Tundzhay Aynur – 449 points*

*2nd place – Svetoslav Todorov Hristov – 448 points*

The differences in points were minimal – clear evidence of the exceptionally high level of talent in every age group.

And to all the young photographers who did not see their names among the winners – never stop looking at the world through your lens, because it is your unique perspective that makes the world more beautiful and more authentic.

Today we celebrate more than just winners.

We celebrate dreams.

We celebrate the courage of young people to express themselves – through words and through images.

Congratulations to all those recognised for their remarkable achievements. We are proud of the talent, creativity and dedication you have shown.

Our sincere thanks also go to all participants who made this competition so special. You are the reason this initiative continues to grow and inspire.

We look forward to the next edition – with new stories, new perspectives and new young talents ready to illuminate the world around us.

With warm regards,

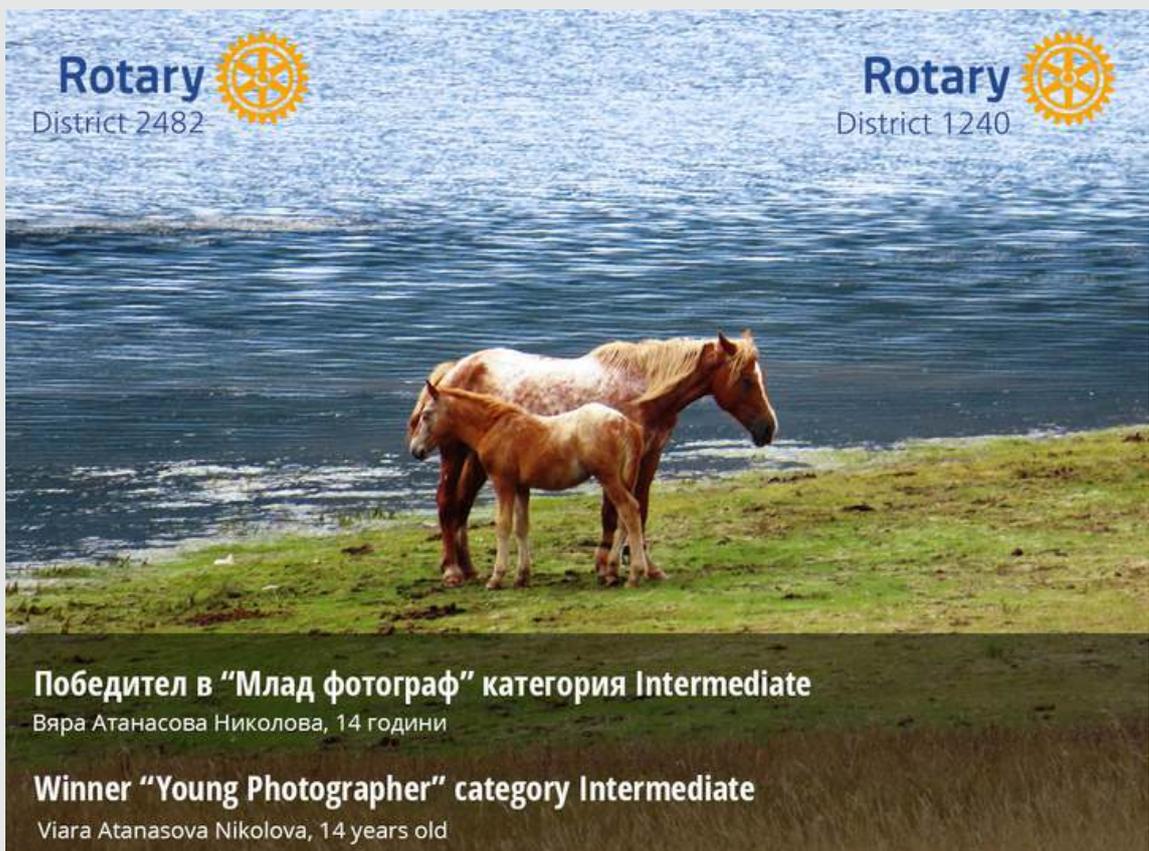
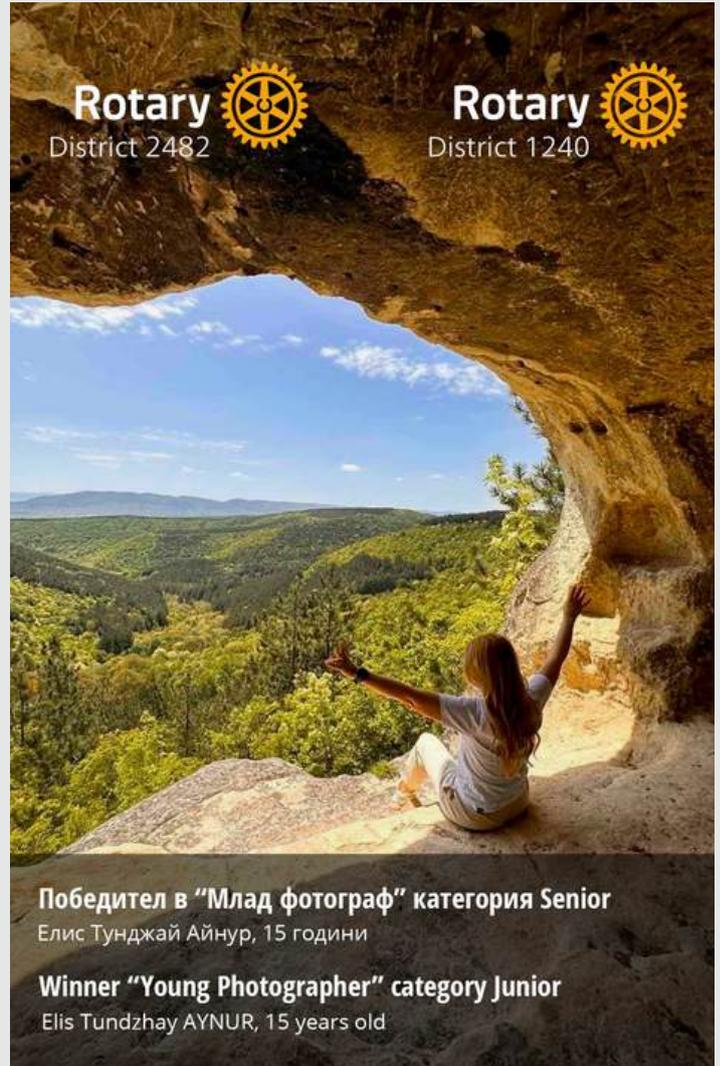
**Gergana Georgieva**

**Chair of the Bulgarian side of ICC GB&I and Bulgaria**

**Rotary Bulgaria – District 2482**

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The winners of the “Young Writer” and “Young Photographer” competitions have been announced



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### Rotary Clubs of Burgas and İzmit Strengthen Cooperation Through ICC Partnership

Between 22–24 February, Rotary Club İzmit paid a special visit to Burgas as part of a cultural fellowship programme and within the framework of the activities of the Intercountry Committees (ICC) between Turkey and Bulgaria. The highlight of the visit was the joint meeting held on the evening of 23 February with Rotary Club Burgas.

Hosted by Rotary Club Burgas in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, members of both clubs exchanged information about their projects and community service initiatives that create lasting value for society. The opportunity to witness how Rotary's guiding principle of "Service Above Self" is implemented across different countries proved inspiring and motivating for all participants.

During the meeting, the delegation from İzmit presented commemorative gifts to their hosts, while Rotarians from both clubs enjoyed meaningful one-to-one conversations that strengthened fellowship and laid the foundation for new friendships and future cooperation.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of Raif Bolat, member of Rotary Club İzmit and Chair of the Turkey–Bulgaria Intercountry Committee on the Turkish side, as well as Mehmed Mehmed, Chair of the Turkey–Bulgaria Intercountry Committee on the Bulgarian side.



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The evening continued with a joint dinner during which the hosts warmly welcomed their guests. The programme also featured a special celebration marking the 121st anniversary of Rotary International. Rotarians commemorated the occasion together by cutting a celebratory cake and sharing moments that symbolised the strong bonds within the global Rotary family.

At the conclusion of the meeting, an important step was taken to formalise and further develop the relationship between the two clubs with the signing of a Twin Club Certificate between Rotary Club Burgas and Rotary Club İzmit. This agreement was regarded not merely as a formal protocol, but as the beginning of enduring friendships, joint service projects, and long-term international collaboration.

The visit will be remembered as a meaningful gathering that reinforced fellowship and solidarity, while allowing participants once again to experience the international reach of Rotary and the privilege of being a Rotarian. It is anticipated that this valuable connection will lead to future partnerships and impactful service projects between the two clubs.



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### Rotary Club Kardzhali – Partner in a Global Grant for HPV Prevention

Rotary Club Kardzhali is participating as an international partner in a Global Grant led by Rotary Club Çorlu, District 2420 – Turkey, aimed at raising awareness and strengthening prevention of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the related oncological diseases it may cause.

The project is implemented with funding from The Rotary Foundation and with the participation of our district through District Designated Funds (DDF), as well as with the support of the Municipality of Tekirdağ. The total value of the initiative amounts to USD 100,000. The funds will be used to provide vaccines and to carry out actual vaccinations for children from socially disadvantaged families, with the goal of protecting their health and future.

During the official presentation of the project, “STOP Human Papillomavirus (HPV)”, we reaffirmed that through knowledge, prevention and international co-operation, sustainable and long-term results can be achieved. The project highlights the importance of early prevention and access to quality healthcare as key factors in safeguarding human life.

An inspiring thought, attributed to the Dalai Lama and shared by our Rotary friends, was also voiced during the event, capturing the essence of Rotary service:

“Things are created to be used, and people are created to be loved. The chaos in the world comes from loving things and using people.”

The partnership between Rotary Club Kardzhali and Rotary Club Çorlu is a clear example of the power of Rotary without borders – when clubs and districts unite their efforts around a shared cause focused on health and the protection of future generations. HPV is not destiny. Prevention is a choice.

Cancer can be prevented when we act in time – and together.



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### Launch of a New Project: “Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases”

National Cardiology Hospital is the largest specialised and leading medical institution in Bulgaria in the field of diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases in both adults and children. The mission of its Cardiology Clinic is to provide the highest level of professionalism in patient care, timely diagnosis and modern treatment.

In support of this mission, the Cardiology Clinic received a donation of state-of-the-art equipment in the form of three ECG Holter monitors from Rotary E-Club Sofia-Nextum. The funds for purchasing the equipment were raised during the Christmas Charity Ball of the Sofia Rotary clubs.

The team of the Cardiology Clinic expresses its sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Rotary E-Club Sofia-Nextum for its strong commitment to people’s health, humanity and dedication in support of the noble mission of serving society.

With the donated equipment, and in partnership with the Cardiology Clinic of the National Cardiology Hospital, a new project entitled “Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases” will be launched. The project focuses on the interrelationship between cardiac rhythm and conduction disorders and coronary artery disease. Rotary E-Club Sofia-Nextum aims, through partnerships with clubs across the country, to extend high-quality healthcare to more people and to those most in need.

Non-valvular atrial fibrillation is the most common sustained arrhythmia worldwide and a leading cause of significant morbidity and mortality. In addition to being a major risk factor for ischaemic stroke, atrial fibrillation is associated with the development of heart failure, limb ischaemia, myocardial infarction and dementia. With advancing age, the accumulation of multiple risk factors and the increasing comorbidity among patients, the incidence of atrial fibrillation continues to rise.

Early diagnosis of asymptomatic or clinically manifested episodes of atrial fibrillation is of crucial importance. A timely approach to its detection and adequate control of risk factors will allow the prompt initiation of pharmacological treatment and the application of the latest modern therapeutic methods, such as radiofrequency ablation. At the same time, early identification of risk factors for coronary artery disease will improve its prevention and help avoid serious events such as myocardial infarction.



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### Association “Insight – IPM” and Rotary Club Pomorie Donate Therapeutic Games to Schools in the Municipality

The Association “Insight – IPM”, with the support of Rotary Club Pomorie, donated therapeutic team-based games to schools in the Municipality of Pomorie. The initiative is part of ongoing efforts to prevent aggression and to create a safer and more supportive school environment. It is being implemented on the occasion of the 121st anniversary of Rotary International – an organisation that for more than a century has worked in service to society and sustainable communities.

The game was developed by a team of psychologists and educators from the Association “Insight – IPM” as a practical tool for working with students aged 7 to 19. It supports school psychologists and educational counsellors in their work with children who have experienced or displayed aggression, by creating a safe and structured space for the expression of emotions. At the same time, it enables specialists to analyse students’ experiences and emotional states and to respond in a timely manner.

The project has been implemented with the support of the Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation under the European INSPIRE programme for combating violence against children.

The initiative is aligned with the current national Mechanism for Counteracting Bullying and Violence in the School Environment and complies with the requirements of the Ordinance on Inclusive Education.

“In a world where aggression often becomes a response to insecurity, stress and social tension, we believe that true change begins with creating a supportive environment and space for awareness,” representatives of the association shared.

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DISTRICT 2483**

### **1. RC BELGRADE SKADARLIJA: SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED CAMPAIGN "YOU ARE SANTA CLAUS TOO"**

This year, the Rotary Club Belgrade Skadarlija, in cooperation with the Association for the Affirmation of Culture (ASK Center), successfully implemented the traditional humanitarian campaign "You are Santa Claus too", confirming the continuity and strength of one of the club's most recognizable projects. As part of the campaign, more than 2,000 New Year's packages were prepared and distributed, which were delivered to children's centers and institutions throughout Serbia.

The campaign was implemented for the thirteenth year in a row and again recorded growth compared to previous years, both in terms of the number of packages prepared and in terms of the coverage of local communities. The packages were delivered to a total of 19 addresses in 15 cities, bringing joy, attention and a sense of support to almost two thousand children. Members of the Interact Club Skadarlija also participated in the implementation of the project, which further highlighted the importance of involving young people in humanitarian activities



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### RC Belgrade Global: Humanitarian action "Together We Can Do Anything - Open Heart Street"

The humanitarian action "Together We Can Do Anything - Open Heart Street" held on January 1st in Svetogorska Street showed how much power togetherness and humanity have. A large number of citizens, families and people of good will visited our stand with the aim of supporting our Mladen Mitić from the Rotary Club "Bora Stankovic" from Vranje. The event itself also had media visibility with the presence of a large number of television crews, such as the Tanjug news agency, TV Pink, RTV Vojvodina, TV Prva, which recognized the importance of the action itself. Members of RC Belgrade Global allocated not only financial resources but also their time and with their work and dedication on January 1st of this year encouraged fellow citizens to help. Thanks to the large number of donations and the enormous energy of those present, significant funds were collected that will bring Mladen concrete help and hope.

A total of 198,000 dinars were collected, both from donations at the event itself and from funds allocated by RC Belgrade Global members, and the same were paid to the humanitarian organization "Budi humane" in the name of Mladen Mitić on 12.01.2026. This action once again confirmed that a little for each of us - together means a lot. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this action.



**RC Belgrade Neimar: Donation to the Monastery of St. Petka Izvorska and the Home for Children with Special Needs**

On January 6, 2026, on Christmas Eve, the Rotary Club Neimar visited the Monastery of St. Petka Izvorska and the Home for Children with Special Needs, on which occasion they donated milk and dairy products, with the support of friends from the Milky House and Ecomilk dairies from Kaonik. We would like to express our special gratitude to the District Governor, Veliša Stamatović, for the support he provided to this humanitarian action of the Rotary Club Neimar. In the coming year, we will continue our service and joint activities, providing assistance where it is most needed, in cooperation with other Rotary clubs in the District.



### RC Senta: Rotary Without Borders – Budapest Gathering

On January 10, the Hilton Hotel in Budapest hosted a prominent Rotary event organized by the Rotary Club of Budapest Sasad and Rotary Hungary. The evening was not only a humanitarian event, but also a significant opportunity for meetings, the exchange of common values, and the strengthening of international Rotary ties. For Rotary Club Senta, participation in this event was of particular importance, because it is precisely such gatherings that contribute to cooperation and the strengthening of the community. The event was attended by Veliša Stamatović (D-2483), Governor, and Molnár Júlia (D-1911), Governor. Service Above Self – at home and abroad.



### . 15.01.2026 - RC Pirot: School of making traditional specialties from pulled dough as part of the "Christmas School" event

As part of the 20th anniversary event "Christmas School", which was held in Pirot from 12 to 16 January 2026, the Rotary Club Pirot organized a special educational workshop for its members on 15 January in cooperation with the Dairy School "Dr Obren Pejić". In the authentic ambience of the school's bakery workshop, club members attended a school of making traditional specialties from pulled dough - the famous sukana pies and penjurlija. This activity, carried out under the mentorship of top experts from the Dairy School, aimed not only to socialize members, but also to actively promote and preserve the rich culinary heritage of the Pirot region.



**15.01.2026 - RC Sremska Mitrovica: Joint meeting of five clubs in Novi Sad and visit to the exhibition "Lazar"**

On January 15, 2026, RC Sremska Mitrovica had the honor of hosting a joint meeting and visit to the Matica Srpska Gallery in Novi Sad, bringing together friends from five Rotary clubs - RC Sremska Mitrovica, RC Novi Sad Dunav, RC Novi Sad, RC Novi Sad Neoplanta and RC Novi Sad Eco Art, in the presence of ADG Nenad Milašinović.

In the spirit of togetherness, friendship and service, Rotarians together visited the exhibition "Lazar", a guest exhibition of the Mitrovica Gallery "Lazar Vozarević", organized on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of this exceptional artist. The exhibition, which illuminates Vozarević's creative path in a powerful and emotional way, once again confirmed the importance of culture as a universal language that connects people and communities. We were expertly and inspiringly guided through the exhibition by curator Ivana Rastović, one of the authors of the exhibition, whose approach further deepened our understanding of the artistic, spiritual and symbolic layers of Vozarević's work.

This evening was not only an encounter with art, but also another confirmation of the power of Rotarian connections, the exchange of ideas and the joint cultivation of the values that Rotary inherits - friendship, culture, service and lasting cooperation between clubs. Because true value is created when we share art, ideas and friendship.



#### RC Belgrade Čukarica: Donation for a warmer home at the "Zvezda" Center

Members of the Rotary Clubs Belgrade Čukarica, Belgrade Sava and Belgrade Technology, together with the Rotaract Club Belgrade Čukarica, visited the "Zvezda" Center to present a significant donation of 4 tons of pellets for heating during this winter season. In addition to providing warm rooms for the Center's users, the visit was spent in cordial socializing and planning future support steps. On that occasion, a new major project was agreed upon - the construction of a completely new kitchen in the house for the Center's users. This investment will be jointly financed by the "Zvezda" Center, with the wholehearted support of Rotary and the Rotaract Club Belgrade Čukarica, thus continuing the mission of creating better conditions for young people without parental care.



#### RC Belgrade Čukarica and RC Ruma: First district competition "With knowledge for the future"

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Ruma, the Rotary Club Belgrade Čukarica and the Rotary Club Ruma began the implementation of the first of a total of ten district competitions for elementary school students, as part of the mBot 2 robot and drone programming and control program, entitled "With knowledge for the future". The first district competition was held in Ruma as part of the festival of the same name, and brought together nearly 100 students divided into 24 teams. The competition took place in a dynamic and stimulating atmosphere, with a high level of knowledge, teamwork and interest of students in modern technologies. The three first-place teams in each discipline gained the right to participate in the final competition, which will be held on May 30, 2026, starting at 12 noon, at the "Ranko Žeravica" Sports Hall in New Belgrade.



### Rotary Club Zrenjanin: Festival "Knowledge for the Future"

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, the Rotary Club Zrenjanin hosted the second district competition of elementary schools in programming and controlling mBot Robot 2 robots and drones, as part of the festival "Knowledge for the Future". The competition was held at the Elementary School "Žarko Zrenjanin", and brought together 16 teams with a total of 60 students from elementary schools in Zrenjanin, Arad, Kovačica, Stajićevo and Orlovat. The goal of the festival is to encourage children's interest in programming, robotics and modern technologies, as well as the development of teamwork and logical thinking.

The attendees were addressed by representatives of the Rotary organization Vladimir Matić and Vladimir Lalošević, President of the Rotary Club Zrenjanin Siniša Pandurov, Director of the host school Aleksandra Lazicki, representatives of partner institutions and the City of Zrenjanin, and the festival was officially opened by Assistant Mayor Marija Damjanović. The event was realized with the support of Klett Publishing House as the main partner of the festival.

The competition was held in a fair and constructive atmosphere, without any objections to the scoring, and the most successful teams in the drone and mBot robot disciplines secured a place in the final competition. All participating schools were presented with certificates of appreciation, while the students and teachers of the most successful teams were awarded valuable prizes. Rotary Club Zrenjanin continues to actively contribute to the improvement of education and the development of knowledge and skills of children and youth in the local community through such projects.



**Rotary Club Belgrade Skadarlija: Humanitarian Winter Campaign "ZLATIBOR 2026"**

The Winter Campaign "ZLATIBOR 2026" (January 22–25, 2026) was successfully held in the beautiful surroundings of the Satelit Lux Hotel on Zlatibor, in the spirit of friendship, solidarity and true Rotary values. During this inspiring gathering, funds were collected that will be directed to the humanitarian activities of the RC Belgrade Skadarlija, thus confirming once again that together we can create concrete changes in the community. We were greatly honored and delighted by the presence of dear friends from the Rotary family: Governor Veliša Stamatović (RC Budva), RC Vinkovci (Croatia), RC Strumica (North Macedonia), RC Čačak, RC Sremska Mitrovica, Rotary Club Ljubljana International, as well as numerous friends of the club.

In addition to warm fellowship, we enjoyed touring the sights of Zlatibor, skiing, evenings filled with song and wine, as well as an exceptional wine tasting, which was officially opened by this year's club president Finko Avramovski, while our member Slobodan Dimitrov expertly and inspiringly led the tasting itself. The humanitarian raffle, charmingly and humorously moderated by Igor Špadijer, further contributed to the fundraising and the cheerful atmosphere of the event. We are particularly proud of the fact that we displayed the sign at the entrance to the hotel that Satelit Lux is a "Rotary Friendly Place", as a symbol of the values we cherish and the community we build.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our members Srđan Vasić and Dušan Goločevac, who, with their dedication, organization and provided amenities, made our stay at the Satelit Lux hotel at the highest level — with exceptional food, a pleasant atmosphere and a top-notch spa program. Thank you to all the friends who were part of this action and who, with their presence, energy and solidarity, made "ZLATIBOR 2026" more than just a trip — a true testament to the Rotary spirit at work. Together in service to the community. Unite for Good.



**Interact Club Belgrade Skadarlija: Donation Distribution to the Bethesda Association from Bačka Topola**

In December, the Interact Club Skadarlija organized a New Year's gathering with board games and a festive atmosphere at the Pinecone Theater. On that occasion, sweets, books, toys and clothing were collected, which we lovingly packed for our friends from the Bethesda Association from Bačka Topola. The donations were distributed on January 27, on the eve of Saint Sava. A big thank you to everyone who supported our campaign:

DRR Nikola Jelenković, RTC Center Belgrade, RTC Dedinje, RTC Singidunum, as well as friends of our community who donated funds.

Our sub-campaign represents a small but symbolically important part of a large humanitarian initiative that has been organized for 13 years in a row by our mentor club, the Rotary Club Skadarlija, in cooperation with the Association for the Affirmation of Culture "You Are Santa Claus Too". This year, together, they broke the record and distributed more than 1,800 New Year's packages.



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