

# Public Image Team Monthly Journal - December



# December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month Month

Help us stop the spread of life-threatening diseases around the world like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Rotary believes good health care is everyone's right. Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio.

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We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.



#### Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

*Providing more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.* 

Helping Liberian women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies, reducing new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years.

Rotary's efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

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# **Presidential Message**

In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.



Gordon McInally Rotary International President RY 2023-2024

— Gordon McInally

The term "natural" disaster has long been used to describe tropical storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, but there needs to be an urgent shift in the language we use. While the term may seem harmless, and we've not always gotten it right, we've learned through our work with disaster-affected communities how it perpetuates a dangerous myth that nothing could have been done to prevent people being so badly affected. This misleading and harmful narrative can lead to a lack of action to help people who need it.

The language we use matters. When we frame disasters as natural, we fail to acknowledge the complex interplay between nature and the role of human actions and how they impact communities around the world.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and extreme storms, drought, and flooding occur because of natural processes on Earth. But it is how these events affect people or the environment that has the potential to make them a disaster — outcomes influenced by human factors like where people live, what types of homes they have, political instability, and the lack of proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities. A disaster is the result of systemic inequalities in access to resources and power. Where we live and how much money we have often determines our ability to recover. The people worst affected are those living in poverty, with the least means to protect themselves and few resources to withstand the next event.

**ShelterBox** 

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# **Presidential Message**

By framing these events as natural, we undermine the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities, masking the underlying social, economic, and political instability that makes marginalized and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected. Our teams see firsthand how issues like inequality, poverty, urbanization, deforestation, and the climate crisis can make communities more vulnerable.

At ShelterBox, we simply say "disaster" or are more specific, describing the extreme weather, earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption. I urge everyone to help us in breaking this cycle by committing to language that accurately reflects why people are affected so badly.

Only then does it pave the way to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and work toward a more just and equitable future for all, with the necessary investment, resources, and proactive measures to help protect affected communities.

Disasters are not natural. Let's stop saying they are.

*Sanj Srikanthan CEO, ShelterBox* 



## Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

Starting my words with wishes for health, happiness, and abundance to everyone in 2024, I want you to know that I never lose hope for world peace.

A profession plays an important role in a person's life. It not only provides a means of livelihood but also reflects one's identity, skills, and passions. People often express themselves through their professions and contribute to society. A profession can help individuals discover their life purpose, grow personally, and assist others. Therefore, a profession holds significant importance not just financially, but also in terms of personal fulfillment and meaning.

January is recognized in Rotary as Vocational Service Month, focusing on the service through one's profession. Rotary International brings together leaders, business professionals, and individuals worldwide to collaborate and serve their communities for a better world. Vocational



N. Altan Arslan PP 2005-2006 Ankara Kızılay RC PDG 2018-2019 D2430 RPIC 2023-2026 Zone 21B

Service Month highlights the principle of "Service Above Self" by emphasizing how members can contribute to society using their expertise, skills, and resources in their respective fields. Special events and programs are organized to underscore how members can support vocational education for youth and leverage their professional experiences for community service. Rotary aims to address global societal issues through vocational service, encouraging the use of our professions and skills for the betterment of society. This month provides the Rotary family with an opportunity to utilize our professional knowledge, leadership abilities, and resources to make the world a better place.

Rewarding individuals who set an example in society with their professional achievements and ethical values by Rotary clubs, both raises the professional ethical values of the society and increases the social recognition of Rotary.

When clubs organize such awards ceremonies, they highlight Rotary's efforts to serve the community and promote professional ethics. Such events reinforce Rotary's mission to serve the community and emphasize Rotary's values. Additionally, such award ceremonies encourage the recognition of successful and moral individuals and their role models in society. This increases Rotary's impact in society and makes society more aware of the opportunities and values Rotary offers. Such ceremonies both inspire the society and contribute significantly to the promotion of Rotary. Therefore, this January, we should encourage both Rotary and Rotaract, even Interact clubs, to organize Vocational Award Ceremonies.

## Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

## **RPIC Altan Arslan**

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We are organizing a Forum called Peace and Mental Health in Belgrade next month, which we think will make a significant contribution to all Rotarians. Our main purpose in organizing this forum is to discuss the negative effects of lack of peace on humanity, but especially on the mental health of women and children. We would be

very happy if you support this forum, which we will organize on February 12, 2024, with your participation.

With my belief that our clubs will organize very successful Vocational Service Award Ceremonies, I would like to share my hope to be together in Belgrade! CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Rtn. N.Altan Arslan PP 05-06 Ankara Kızılay RC PDG 18-19 D.2430 RPIC 23-26 Zone 21





## ARPIC Alaeddin Demircioğlu District 2420/2430/2440

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#### **PEDALS AGAINST POLIO**

POLIO Main Committee Chair PP Ayhan Gedikoglu of District 2430, decided to organize "WORLD POLIO BICYCLE FESTIVAL" in Alanya city between 11-12 November 2023 in order to draw attention to POLIO and raise awareness. In collaboration of Rotary Club of Alanya, Alanya Municipality, Alanya Cycling and Performance Club (ALBIS), Alanya

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Alanya Touristic Operators Association (ALTID) were project partners. Alanya Youth and Sports District Directorate and Alanya Municipality Sports Directorate fully supported this great organization.

During the two-day festival, the contestants coming from out of town were welcomed at the hotels on November 10th. The guests arriving the same evening were given a detailed briefing on the festival, its routes and technical issues.



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## **PEDALS AGAINST POLIO**

On the first day of the festival, November 11, professional cyclists pedaled on the 45 km long track. Approximately over 300 cyclists participated in this stage. POLIO flags, visible from all sides, were hung on the crossing route. After the end of the festival on the first day, a conference was held on Polio in

Polio in the conference hall of Alanya Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

District Governor TEOMAN KAYNAR made a presentation, there were approximately 200 participants, information was given about the development process of the Polio vaccination on world and the current status of the disease.

Day 2 was public day. Participants met at the starting point at 9:00 in the morning to pedal 25 km. Around 400 participants wore red t-shirts with the words "END POLIO" written on them. All stages were recorded from air and land, down to the smallest detail. The aim is to draw attention to POLIO.



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## D2420 Project : 4th INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Rotary Club of Suadiye from D.2420 has organized 4th International Photo Contest with the partnership of Istanbul Photograhy and Cinema Amateurs (IFSAK) ) and will be held with the support of the Turkish Photographic Art Federation (TFSF).

#### 4th International Photograpy Contest will be held in 4 sections

- DIGITAL: OPEN (Color)
- DIGITAL: OPEN (Monochrome)\*
- DIGITAL: NATURE (Monochrome & Color)
- DIGITAL: THEME "Women's Creation" (Color)

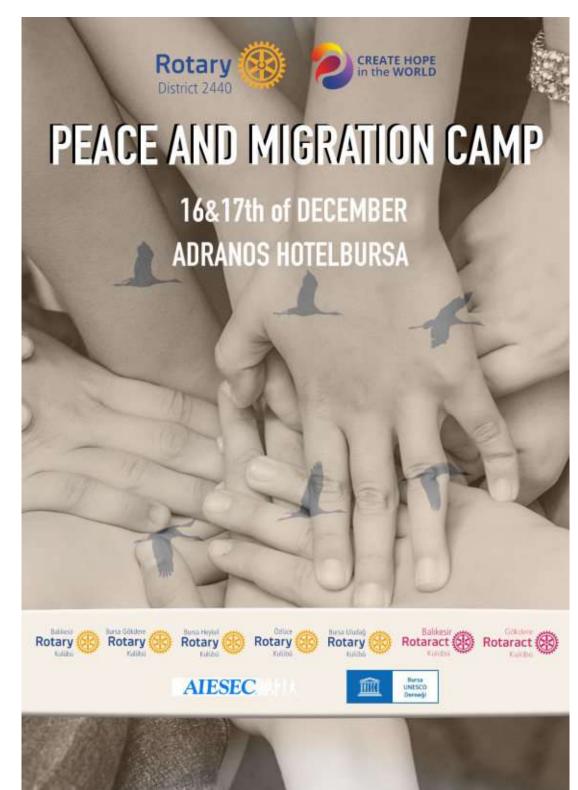
#### To access to contest rules please visit www.suadiyerotary.org website



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## D2440: RC OF BALIKESIR, RC OF GÖKDERE,RC OF HEYKEL, RC OF OZLÜCE, RC OF ULUDAG, ROTARACT CLUB OF BALIKESIR, ROTARACT CLUB OF GÖKDERE- PEACE AND MIGRATION CAMP

The Peace and Migration Camp with the theme of Empathy, organized by Rotary International District 2440, Group 5 Clubs Gökdere, Heykel, Özlüce, Uludağ and Balıkesir Rotary Clubs and Balıkesir and...



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Gökdere Rotaract Clubs, with the contributions of AIESEC and UNESCO Association Bursa Branch, was held in Bursa on 16-17 December 2023.

In the event where speakers and participants from countries such as Turkey, Indonesia, Iran, Ukraine, Egypt, Egypt, Syria, Bulgaria, New Zealand, Chad, Algeria, Mali, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, India, the concepts of empathy, peace and migration were discussed.

Prof. Dr. Barış Özdal, Head of the Interdisciplinary Migration Department of the Department of International Relations of Uludağ University, and , Mr. Cumhur Aksan, President of the Mudanya Branch of the Lausanne Exchange Association were speakers. They focused on the causes and etymological structure of migration and Lausanne Exchange, the first and largest mass exchange made through official means.



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## D2440: RC OF BALIKESIR, RC OF GÖKDERE,RC OF HEYKEL, RC OF OZLÜCE, RC OF ULUDAG, ROTARACT CLUB OF BALIKESIR, ROTARACT CLUB OF GÖKDERE- PEACE AND MIGRATION CAMP

At the end of the day, Rotary International Peace Group Coordinator Arzu Alpagut emphasized the importance of empathy by playing an empathy game with young people in her workshop.

On the second day of the event, Ayça Şentürk, a member of Balıkesir Rotary Club, talked about their trips abroad based on the international friendship exchange activities carried out within Rotary and mentioned the importance of the exchange organization for international partnership in Rotary Projects carried out to serve the society.

Prof. Dr. Emre Ertürk, who is a Computer and Software educator in New Zealand, talked about the differences and similarities between countries as well as the difficulties he experienced when he went to New Zealand.

In the empathy workshops led by Barış Erzeren, a member of Gökdere Rotary Club, foreign participants tried to empathize with refugees, while their experiences as immigrants, expectations and intercultural communication concepts were examined.

At the end of the day, Ömer Faruk Akay, Chairman of AIESEC Bursa Board of Directors, talked about the AIESEC program. İlker Özaslan, President of UNESCO Bursa Association, informed the participants about UNESCO and the concept of World Leader Atatürk.

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## D2440: PEACE AND MIGRATION CAMP RC OF BALIKESIR, RC OF GÖKDERE,RC OF HEYKEL, RC OF OZLÜCE, RC OF ULUDAG, ROTARACT CLUB OF BALIKESIR, ROTARACT CLUB OF GÖKDERE-

While the effects of peace and empathy on migration were examined with the pleasant workshops held during the event, Turkish culture was also introduced to the foreign students participating in the event.

At the end of the event, the participants and speakers were honored by Rotary Past District Governors İsmail Rodoplu and Serdar Durusüt, Rotary Federation Vice President Mehmet DAL and many Rotary Club Presidents presented Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's relief and commemorative plaques with the words Peace at Home, Peace in the World.

The event ended with the singing of Rotary International's slogan "Create Hope in the Worl", which is the theme of the period, and a photo shoot.



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## D2440: DISASTER AND FIRST AID TRANING BY ROTARY CLUB OF TOPHANE AND BAKUT

Rotary Club of Tophane from D.2440 and Bursa Search and Rescue Association (BAKUT) carried out disaster and first aid training at Sakarya Secondary School.



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## D2440: DISASTER AND FIRST AID TRANING BY ROTARY CLUB OF TOPHANE AND BAKUT

Students,Rotary Club Tophane Club President Sabahat Karakaşlılar and Sakarya Secondary School Principal Erhan Şimşek attended the training at the school.

In the program, BAKUT Instructor Mustafa Aydın first informed the participants about disasters and first aid.

After the theoretical training, a disaster drill was held throughout the school.



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#### 16.12.2023 - Cumartesi

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## D2440: DISASTER AND FIRST AID TRANING BY ROTARY CLUB OF TOPHANE AND BAKUT



10:00 Opening Speeches	CP-CC-ASTG	
10:15 Introduction	Participants	
10:45 Peace and Empathy	Prof. Dr. Barış Özdal	Uludağ Uni International Relations Department Head of the Department of Interdisciplinary Migration
11:20 Coffee Break		
11:35 World's First Forced Migration - Lausanne, Exchange in 100th Year	Cumhur Aksan	President of the Lausanne Exchanges Foundation
12:30 AIESEC	Ömer Faruk Akay	AIESEC Board Chairman
12:45 Lunch Break		
13:40 Living in Turkiye as an Immigrant	Reza Karimi	Business Person - Entrepreneur
14:00 Living in Turkiye as an Immigrant	Evelina Şinasi	
14:20 Coffee Break		
14:30 Breaking the Ice - Let's Greet	Özer Şahin	Uludağ Rotary Club President
15:00 Expectations, Reality, Dreams	Arzu Alpagut	International Rotary Peace Action Group Director
16:30 Review of the First Day		
17.12.2023		
10:00 Starting the Day		
10:15 Rotary and International Relations	Ayca Sentürk	Balıkesir Rotary Club Past President

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10:45 Living in New Zealand as an Immigrant
11:15 Conflicts - Solutions Game
12:30 Lunch Break
13:30 Being an Immigrant - Empathy Coffee Break
14:30 A Leader of All Cultures, Ataturk
15:00 Film Presentation
15:30 Award Ceremony and Closing

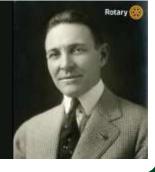
Ayça Şentürk Prof. Dr. Emre Ertürk Barış Erzeren	Balıkesir Rotary Club Past President New Zealand Taradale Rotary Club Gökdere Rotary Club
Workshop	

İlker Özaslan

UNESCO President of Foundation

"Rotary will not go backward nor can it remain stationary. It must push forward."

> Arch C. Klumph 1916-17 Rotary president Letter to club presidents, 1929



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## Citizonship and Climate Crisis Geology in the city

## Where is the Blephant?



## D2440: RC OF EFES PROJECT : WHERE IS THE ELEPHANT

#### Where is the elephant?

Cities are a key contributor to climate change, as urban activities are major sources of greenhouse gas emissions with a growing majority of people living in cities.

Information about and attitudes towards the environment begin to take shape in the preschool period, and that environmental awareness acquired in preschool years is an important determinant of positive attitudes towards the environment in the future.





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## D2440: RC OF EFES PROJECT : WHERE IS THE ELEPHANT

İzmir Efes Rotary Club has organized workshops for 5 years-old children to educate young people about the climate crisis, enable them to take action and prepare them for a greener future; empowering the next generation of climate changemakers.

160 children will be joining the workshops throughout the year.

The first of the workshops themed "Ecology in the City" was realized with the participation of 30 children on November 28th, 2023 in cooperation with "Zeytin Okulu" and "Izelman Kindergartens".



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## D2440: RC OF EFES PROJECT : WHERE IS THE ELEPHANT

The workshops aim to raise ecological awareness among children and help them to start caring about nature, flora and fauna by engaging them in

1) Interactive drama activities of direct experience with nature and aims to help

children develop positive emotions and attitudes towards nature and its components.

2) Search for the elephant in the city; discussions for the children to learn about simple ecological principles and basic concepts like the water cycle, oxygen cycle, recycling, how vegetables grow, and why fresh water resources are vital for life on earth.







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D2440: RC OF EFES PROJECT : WHERE IS THE ELEPHANT





"Workshops" is a part of the "Urbanite and Climate Crisis" event of the club, which is organized every year. Environmental education and awareness of young citizens has been one of the priorities of Izmir Efes Rotary Club.

## D2420, 2430, 2440 MENTAL HEALTH, ANXIETY AND MANAGEMENT



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## MENTAL HEALTH, ANXIETY AND MANAGEMENT

RC of Izmir,RC of Alsancak and RC of EfesD.2420,D.2430 and D.2440





EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE

**PASSION** TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

HARRIET TUBMAN



ARPIC Sertaç Gümüş District 2452

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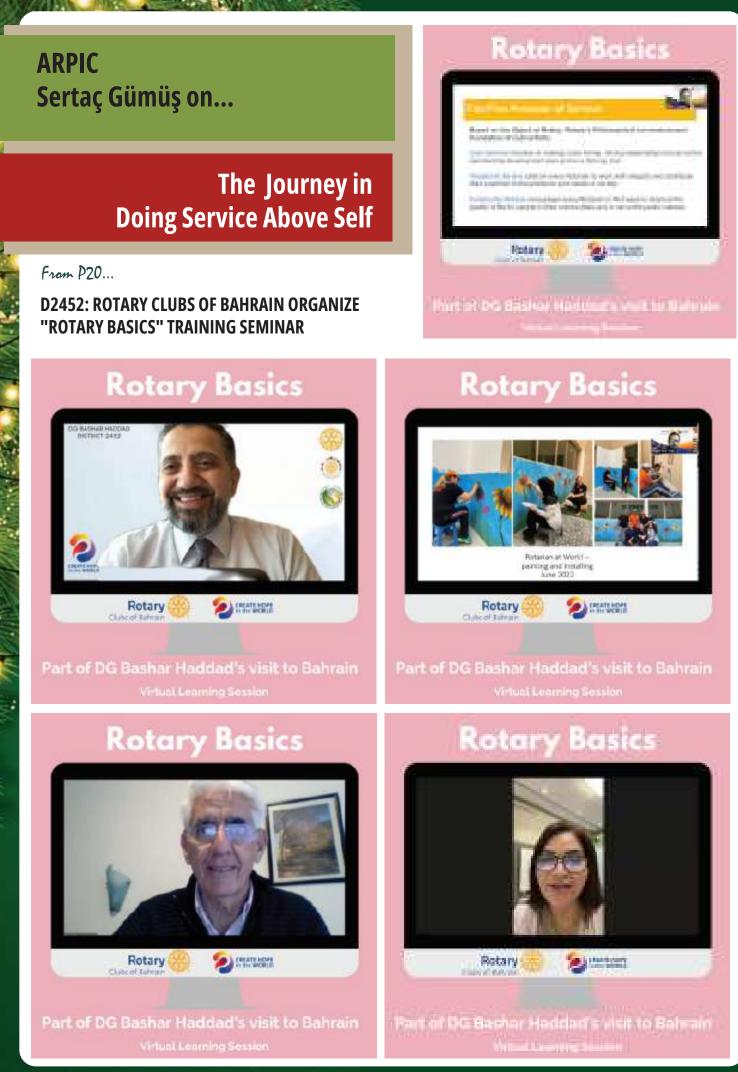
#### D2452: ROTARY CLUBS OF BAHRAIN ORGANIZE "ROTARY BASICS" TRAINING SEMINAR

As part of DG Bashar Haddad's visit to Bahrain (part of Rotary District 2452), the Rotary Clubs of Bahrain organized the "Rotary Basics" learning seminar over zoom. The session was conducted in the presence with DG Bashar with the opening address by PDG Jamil Mouwad the District 2452 Learning Facilitator Chair. DDG Amira Ismail chaired the meeting with PP Faisal Juma the Learning Facilitator Country Chair of Bahrain conducting the seminar. There were over 40

attendees from all over the Rotary world who participated. The session was an interactive learning seminar where attendees engaged with topics such as ; My Rotary, Rotary Ethics and Vocational, Engaging Members, Creating Service Projects and the Rotary Foundation.

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D2452: ROTARY CLUBS OF BAHRAIN ORGANIZE "ROTARY BASICS" TRAINING SEMINAR



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## D2452: BAHRAIN INTERACT CLUB-BRITUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S DAY

Britus International School celebrated Children's Day on Monday, the 20th of November. To truly honor this momentous occasion, members of the Britus Bahrain Interact Club prepared several activities that aim to promote unity between their brilliant students. The highlight for many

students was the artwork of a tree painted by several talented students in the Interact Club. Many students from every grade level provided input in the creation of the artwork by stamping their fingerprints around the branches of the tree to make it appear like leaves.



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## D2452: BAHRAIN INTERACT CLUB-BRITUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S DAY

This simple yet creative art piece symbolizes the unity of the students and their willingness to work together for the betterment or child welfare. The tree itself references nature and growth, therefore simultaneously teaching students the importance of responsibility and the value of improving oneself. To further encourage these important life lessons all students were asked to bring potted plants. These plants were placed around the school to proudly display what the students were able to achieve on this day.







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D2452: BAHRAIN INTERACT CLUB-BRITUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S DAY



## D2452: ROTARY CLUBS OF BAHRAIN IGNITE YOUNG LEADERS FOR A MONTH OF IMPACT WITH RYLA 2024 OPENING CEREMONY

The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain (Rc Manama, Salmaniya, Seef Bahrain, Rotaract Club of Bahrain, Muharraq and the Interact Club of Britus), with the support of the Capital Governorate, launched the RYLA 2024 with an opening ceremony on the 6th of January 2024 at the University of Technology Bahrain with the collaboration of Britus International School Bahrain.

The ceremony began with inspirational speeches by DDG Amira Ismail, DRR Melia Haddad, and the RYLA Bahrain Chairperson Mohamed AlHaddad. RYLA Leadership Trainer Reem Marhoon conducted the first Leadership workshop and the welcoming address was delivered by PP Faisal Juma, the RYLA Public Image Chair, serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

Under the guidance of Reem Marhoon the, the participants were allocated into groups based on community development topics that are themed on the Rotary seven areas of focus. The groups met in the classrooms with their mentors and started work on their project presentations. All the mentors are from each Rotary and Rotaract Club in Bahrain.

The event ended with presentations from the group leader pitching their ideas, showing great enthusiasm towards the upcoming projects. The ceremony was closed by PP Faisal Juma acting as the master of ceremonies. ARPIC<br/>Sertaç Gümüş on...From P2S.The Journey in<br/>Doing Service Above SelfErecter Hoppe<br/>CREATE HOPPE<br/>bu futbolit

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## D2452: ROTARY CLUB OF MANAMA COMPLETES ITS INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF COCHIN KNIGHTS

The Rotary Club of Manama in Bahrain part of District 2452, completed its international service project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Cochin Knights, building a house for a family in Kerala, India. The project was initiated by PP Robert Timmers and PP Fareed Bader of the Rotary Club of Manama.









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ARPIC Maria Mastora District 2475- Rotary & Rotaract

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#### **RID 2475 - RC PSYCHIKO**

RID 2475 - RC PSYCHIKO organised on December 3rd an excursion in the mount Hymittos and Kesssariani Monastery, with participants members of RC Psychiko as well as from other Rotatry Clubs.



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## **RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS**

The two-day activity of RC Dionysus Rotary Club in collaboration with the Panhellenic Association of Parents of Mentally Handicapped Children (PEGAP NY) was completed with great success. The aim was to to strengthen the Association. The fatigue is great, but the result is also great. The participation and the contribution of BOD members of RC's Dionysos was great. PP organized the musical presentation of the children with a lot of love, knowledge and patience. Many thanks to the people who responded to our call for donation. Happy holidays with positive thinking and love for our neighbor.









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#### **RID 2475 - RC IRAKLEIO EL GRECO**

Dr. Eleftheria Darivianaki-Borboudaki offers for free her services to Children SOS Village of Crete. On November 24th, it was agreed with Responsible of Children SOS Village Mr. P.Papadakis, that the children of the village can benefit for free medical examinations in "Irakleio Diagnosis" medical center.

Also, member of RC Irakleio El Greco, who wants to maintain her anonymity, offered important quantity of food to Children SOS Village.

RC Irakleio-El Greco supports all humanitarian efforts that help and are in favour of Children SOS Village of Crete.



#### **RID 2475 - ICC AFRICA PEACE FORUM**

On November 17th-18th took place in Cairo -Egypt a very successful meeting of ICC's Committees of RI. ICC's Committees aim to promote peace, international understanding and goodwill, to strengthen friendship and cooperation, by realising important programs, priorities of RI, which concern humanitarian and intercultural programs aiming to connect different communities. From RID 2475 were present PG and ICC President Taskforce expansion Maria Delivoria and PG and ARC Dora Kemou with her husband PAG Nikos Kemos.



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**RID 2475 - ICC AFRICA PEACE FORUM** 

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## **RID 2475 - RC VOULA**

Kyriakos Spiliopoulos, the honorary member of RC VOULA, finished his race at the 18th Diaplo Vouliagmeni with great success and with the silver medal of second place in the category! The members of RC VOULA attended the event in Vouliagmeni Club, promoting Rotary International's message End Polio Now!



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#### **RRID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA POLITEIA**

Members of Kifissia Politeia wrote Christmas cards with wishes and participated to the" Love Visit" by



sending their positive energy together with their wishes and support to our fellow persons, who fight against cancer. The "Love Visit" is organised by the non profit association "Win Cancer" by sending Christmas cards to the sick persons in the anticancer hospitals.



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#### RID 2475

In Athens, on Sunday, November 19th, took place the Rotary informative Seminar and Grants Management Seminar with organizer RC Psychiko. The Seminar simultaneously transmitted was live-streaming via platforms ZOOM, You Tube and Facebook with the technical support of e-Club's members. It was successfully held with great physical and on line participation of more than 200 rotarians. It was a different - innovative seminar, as admitted by the participants present. A Certificate of Attendance was given to all physically preset rotarians and will be also send to the on line participants recorded. Technology at the service of education!



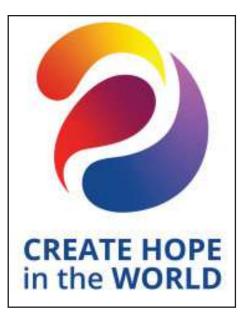


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**RID 2475** 





#### **RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI & ROTARACT AGIA PARASKEVI**

On November 26th, at the Old Parliament House, RC and Rotaract Club Agia Paraskevi, under the auspices of RID 2475, jointly organized, along with the Association of Graduate Officers of the Fire Brigade (UGOFB), the scientific conference titled : "Climate Crisis and Civil Protection:The challenge of societal resilience against natural and technological disasters". During the event, Mr. Christos Zerefos, Supervisor of Atmospheric Physics and Climatology Research Center and General Secretary of Athens Academy, National Spokesperson for Climate Change, Emeritus Professor of National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), was honored.

Significant scientists/speakers participated, such as :

- Mr. Pleionis, President of Athens National Observatory and Professor of Physics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH),
- Mr. Lekkas, President of the Organization for Earthquake Protection, Professor of Dynamic Tectonics, Applied Geology & Natural Disaster Management,

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#### RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI & ROTARACT AGIA PARASKEVI

- Mr. Chalaris, Assistant Professor at Chemistry Department, of International University of Greece, Research Director on risk matters, crises and security at the Institutional laboratory "Hefaistos", retired Colonel F.B.
- Mr. Kolidas, Director of the National Meteorological Center and
- Ms. Nikolopoulos, Head of the Samaritans-Rescuers and Lifeguards Department of the Hellenic Rescue Team.







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#### RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI & ROTARACT AGIA PARASKEVI

Warm congratulations to the organizers and especially to RC Agia Paraskevi President rtn Vicky Peziri for the outstanding event on the Environment, which constitutes an area of focus for the actions of Rotary International and District 2475.

#### All together "we create hope to the world"!





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#### **RID 2475 - RC PALLINI GERAKAS**

On December 5th, members of RC Pallini Gerakas offered toys and ornaments to theXmas bazar of Palliative Care Unit "Galilaia", organized for the 12th consecutive year by volunteers and charitable organizations. The proceeds of this large bazar will be allocated to the operating costs of the unit, that offers relief and care to cancer patients and patients with motor neuron disease.



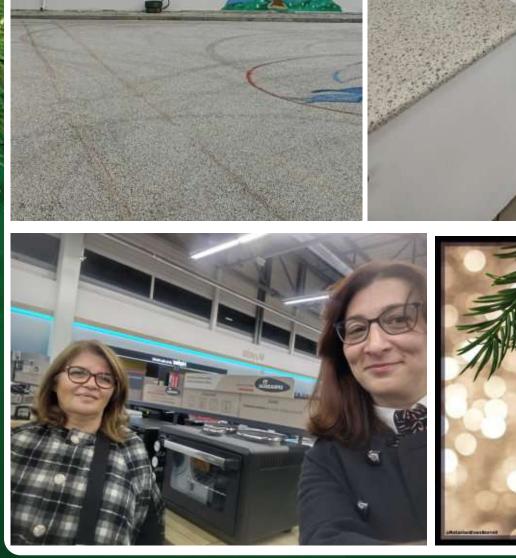


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### The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

#### **RID 2475 - RC PALLINI-GERAKAS**

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#### RID 2475 - RC KOROPI

Covering preparatory courses for a girl student for entrance in an art high school.

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#### **RID 2475 - RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS**

On December 2nd, R.C. Rhodes-Kolossos, donated three (3) Floating Fire Pumps and one mobile gasoline-powered pump to the Rhodes Fire Brigade Department. The resources for the donation came from a grant from the Rotary Foundation through the "Disaster Response Grant", following a request from the 2475 District and a needs'

investigation by R.C. Rhodes - Kolossos, following the July 2023 devastating fires in Rhodes. This donation aims to enhance forest protection on the island and beyond.



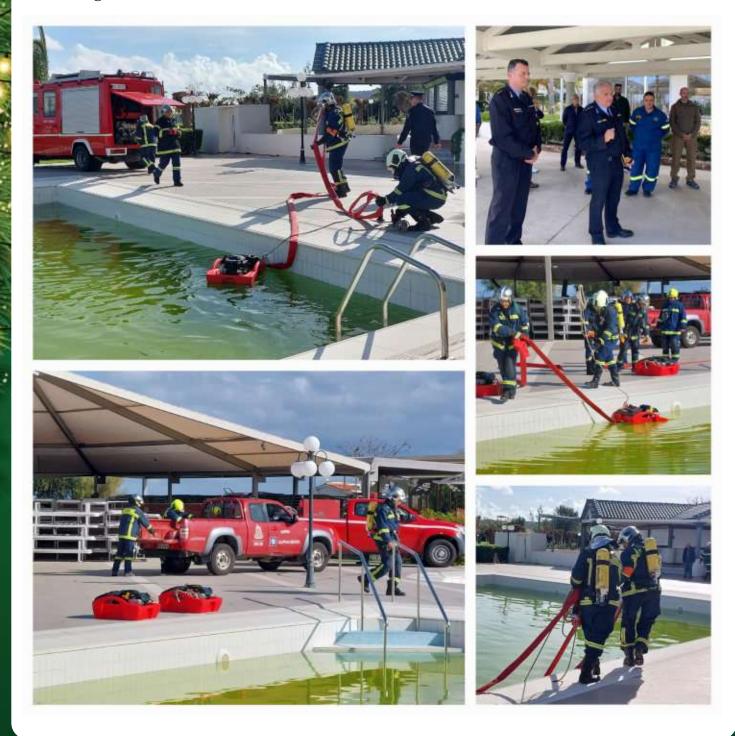
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#### **RID 2475 - RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS**

The handover of the floating fire pumps was carried out at the headquarters of the Rhodes Fire Department, by RID 2475 DG Dimitris Bekos, Club President Vaso Moutafi and Club members, with the presence of Chief of the Rhodes Fire Department, Fire Chief Mr. Veniou, members

of the Dodecanese Fire Brigade, and local media, fulfilling a vital request of the Rhodes Fire Department. Additionally, 10 firefighting hoses were offered to representatives of the Volunteer Fire Protection Organizations of Rhodes and the Dodecanese.



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#### **RID 2475 - RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS**

Following the donation, a team from the Rhodes Fire Department, conducted an exercise simulating a fire scenario showcasing the exceptional firefighting capabilities of the three pumps in a hotel pool. These floating pumps will be stationed at the headquarters of the island's three fire

stations, enabling uninterrupted firefighting when deployed to any open water source without the need for electricity supply. They will also supply larger firefighting vehicles, capable of in turn feed-ing smaller professional and volunteer vehicles during operations.

The support provided to the Rhodes Fire Department with this firefighting equipment, significantly strengthens the local firefighting capabilities, while at the same time, it constitutes best practices and sets a benchmark as one of the few services nationwide equipped with such resources. Together "We create Hope in the World" !



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#### **RID 2475 - RC KOROPI**

RID 2475 - RC KOROPI offered to the men's prison of Korydallos a Printer multipurpose machine Epson for the needs of prisoners attending the program lifelong learning. Important quantity and good quality of men's clothing was also given.



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Ευχαριστούμε για τα ρούχα και τον εκτυπωτή που μας προμηθεύσατε ενισχύοντας με αυτό τον τρόπο το έργο μας. Ευχαριστούμε εσάς και τους συνεργάτες σας για την άμεση ανταπόκριση και για την εμπιστοσύνη που μας δείχνετε. Η βοήθεια που μας παρέχετε, έρχεται σε μια δύσκολη οικονομική και κοινωνική συγκυρία και αποτελεί ένα απαράμιλλο παράδειγμα αγνής προσφοράς και αλληλεγγύης. Τα ρούχα ελέγχθηκαν και διεπιστώθει ότι είναι εξαιρετικής ποιότητας, ενώ ο εκτυπωτής θα εξυπηρετήσει τις ανάγκες του σχολείου δεύτερης ευκαιρίας του καταστήματός μας. Ευχόμαστε σε εσάς και τους συνεργάτες σας καλή υγεία , δύναμη και αντοχή για το έργο που επιτελείτε και ευελπιστούμε σε συνέχεια της καλής συνεργασίας μας.

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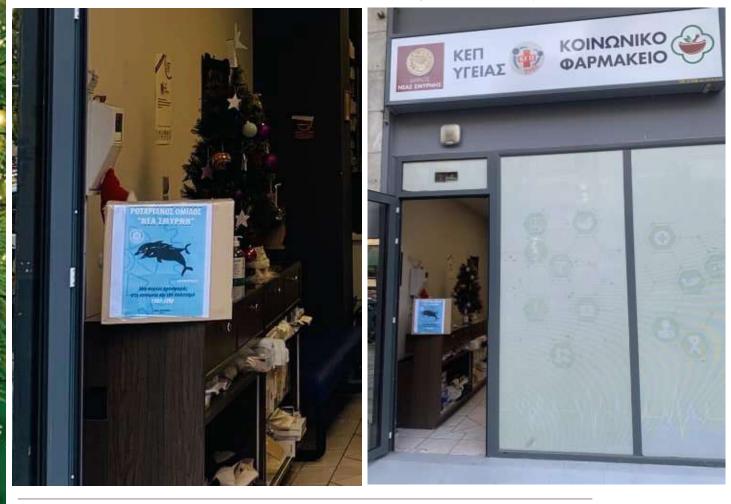
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#### RID 2475 - RC NEA SMYRNI

RID 2475 - RC NEA SMYRNI faithful to the principles and values of Rotary, delivered medicines of great value to the Social Pharmacy of the Municipality of Nea Smyrni.

The medicines were offered by our member Pharmacist Cleopatra Gizanis and the action was carried out by the general secretary Dimitris Oikonomou.



#### **RID 2475 - RC KIFISIA-POLITIA**

Members of RC Kifissia Politia supported for one more year "Ergastiri"" (Association of parents, guardians and friends of people with disability) as well as the "Christmas Love Festival" 2023, with their voluntary presence during opening hours.

From December 7th to 9th, in the multi-purpose hall of Metro Syntagma, those interested, chose Christmas gifts from the handmade creations of the beneficiaries of the Association of Parents, Guardians & Friends of People with Disabilities "To Ergastiri" as well as from the large collection of products offered by companies that support their action.



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#### **RID 2475 - RC RODOS-COLOSSOS**

RID 2475 - RC Rodos-Colossos held on 09/12/23 an action full of children's smiles and beautiful smells at the Rhodos Girls' Orphanage.

The Committee for the Support of Vulnerable Social Groups of the Club prepared a Christmas atmosphere for the children.

Members of the Club made Christmas cookies together with the children! We prepared the dough, kneaded and cut out the designs, baked and decorated our cookies with sugar paste!

We created memories that will be etched in their souls as well as ours!

Our Club would like to thank and congratulate our member Dora Koutsospyrou who organized and coordinated the production of the delicious biscuits.

We are very grateful to all members who made it happen and filled our soul with smiles, smells and Love!

We also warmly thank the President of the Child Care Centre, Mrs. Maria Korakaki, who allowed us to organize our action and hosted us in the structure.





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#### RID 2475 - ROTARACT CLUB THESSALONIKI EAST

RID 2475 - Rotaract Club Thessaloniki East supports "LAMPSI", Association of Parents of Children with Neoplasmatic Diseases of Northern Greece, at their Christmas Bazaar.



#### **RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI**

As a permanent sponsor of Agia Paraskevi Municipality's Social Kitchen, offered big quantity of meat which was delivered by the President of the Service Committee, rot. Christiane Wulf.



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#### **RID 2475 - ROTARACT TRAINING SEMINAR**

RID 2475 - Rotaract training Seminar was successfully held on December 3rd.

The qualified Rotarians and Rotaract lecturers inside and outside the District shared their knowledge with us and tried to answer every question arising from the rich topic of the Seminar.

### Certificate of Appreciation

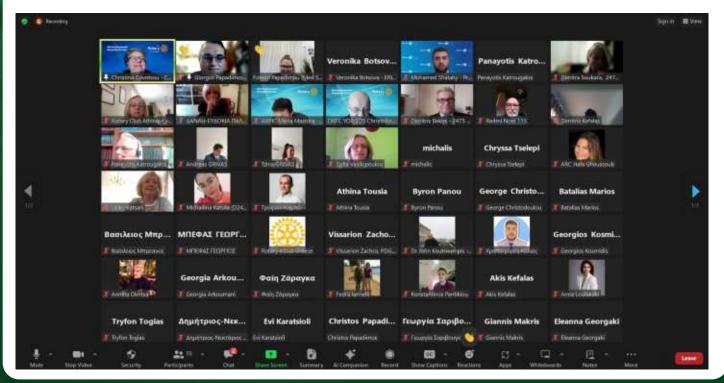
is presented to:

#### **ARPIC Maria Mastora**

for her extraordinary presentation to our district's Online Rotaract Training Seminar on Sunday, December 3, 2023

#### Giorgos Papadimos

R.I.D. z475 Rotaract Representative



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#### **RID 2475 - ROTARACT TRAINING SEMINAR**

The participants received a Certificate of Attendance electronically, the recording of the seminar is available for anyone who wishes to watch it via the YouTube platform, while the presenters' presentations are available via the ROTA - ASK platform. Stay tuned!



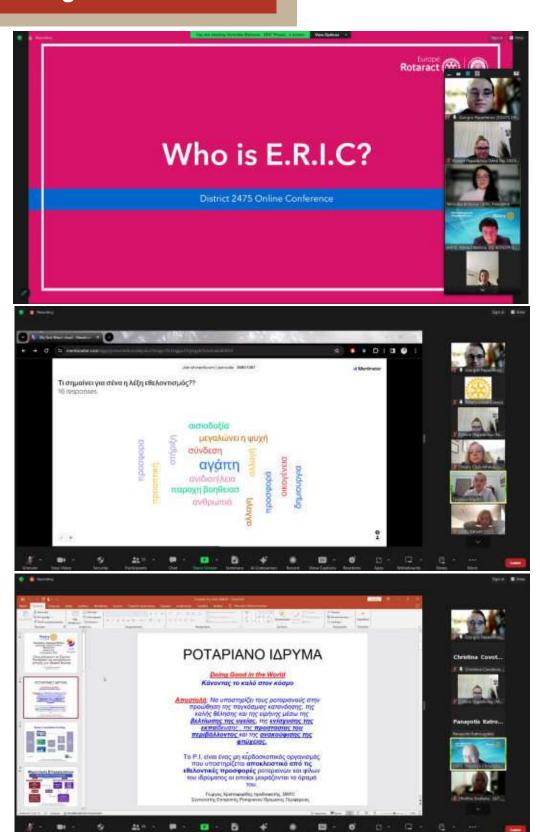
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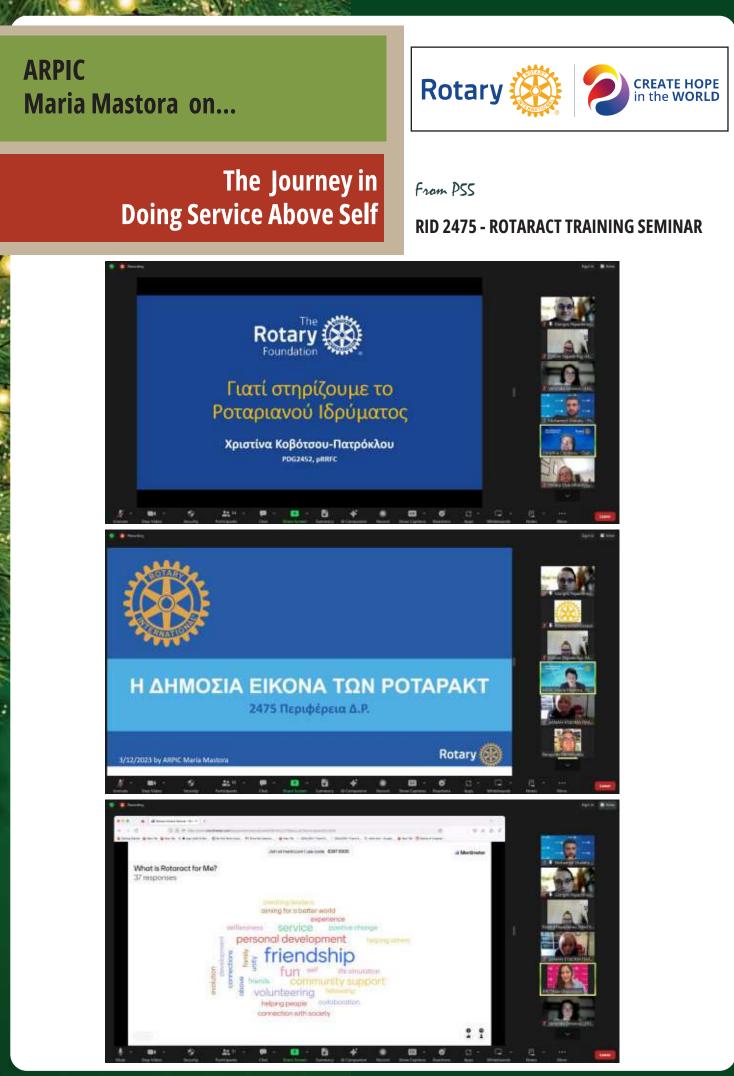
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#### **RID 2475 - ROTARACT TRAINING SEMINAR**

We sincerely thank:

- All our Lecturers for honoring us for taking part in our seminar.
- All Rotarians and Prospective Rotarians for their online presence.





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#### **RID 2475 - RC KOS**

Listening to the needs of the Special Vocational Education and Training Laboratory (EEEEK) of the island, proceeded on December 15th, with the donation of electrical appliances for the laboratory room-kitchen. The new building where the EEEEK is expected to be moved, with high school age pupil with special educational

needs, needs immediate completion of the infrastructure, both structurally and logistically, in order to be suitable for housing the children. RC Kos, always next to those in need, responded immediately by offering new brand-name appliances: washing machine, oven with hotplates, freezer, refrigerator, grill, multi blender, Fry Grill, etc.

We hope that the donation of RC Kos will facilitate the work of the teachers and help the children to reach their educational goals.



#### **RID 2475 - RC ANOIXI-SEMELI**

Continuing this year the long institution of the "Tree of Love", members and friends of RC Anoxia-Semeli collected long life food which was offered to the Church of Profitis Ilias, Rodopoli, Dionysos, for covering needs of the daily meal the church offers to the needy.



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#### **RID 2475 - RC ANOIXI-SEMELI**

In the photo, Priest John, the soul of the Church, who does many charitable activities, surrounded by rotarians Daizy Koryllou and the Aris Gavriilidis. Happy New Year!



### The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

# RID 2475 - COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

Voluntary Blood Donation Committee Rotary means offering and love to the unknown fellow man!!!!

On December 11th was the starting point of a very beautiful journey full of love, altruism and emotion!!!!



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## RID 2475 - COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

The Voluntary Blood Donation Committee of RID2475 warmly thanks the RC's of Heraklion, Heraklion - Candia, Heraklion- El Greco, Heraklion - Kazantzakis, Rethymno, Chania and eClub Greece, the Association

of Voluntary Blood Donors and Organ Donors "Hematocrit" of Crete as well as Irini Gergianaki for the cooperation, the volunteer group Inlibrovita "Give the book life" and Sevasti Krasanakis confectionery for their offer.



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#### RID 2475 - COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

But above all, the Committee thanks all the Rotarians and friends of Rotary who came regardless of whether they were able to donate blood or not.

It's not 29 units of blood, it's 29 love bombs that can save up to 90 people!!!!! Today we proved once again that:

"The Rotarian has it in his blood to be a Volunteer Blood Donor TOO!!!!!"

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Το Σάββατο 16 Δεκεμβρίου 2023 και από τις 9,30 έως τις 14.00 η ώρα , ο Παγκρήτιος Οργανισμός Αιμοδοτών και Δωρητών Οργάνων Σώματος

<< ΑΙΜΑΤΟΚΉΤΗΣ>> σε συνεργασία με τον Δήμο Ηρακλείου και την επιτροπή εθελοντικής αιμοδοσίας της 2475 Περιφέρειας Διεθνούς **ROTARY**, με τους Ροταριανούς Ομίλους Κρήτης :Ηράκλειο - Ηράκλειο **CANDIA** - Ηράκλειο Ν. Καζαντζάκης - Ηράκλειο **EL Greco**- Χανίων – Ρεθύμνης και τον **eClub Greece**.

Κάλεσαν τους εθελοντές αιμοδότες στην ΛΟΤΖΙΑ για να προσφέρουν την αγάπη τους στον συνάνθρωπο.

Ήταν μια όμορφη εκδήλωση γεμάτη αγάπη και ανιδιοτελή προσφορά στον άγνωστο πάσχοντα συνάνθρωπο.

Όπως γνωρίζετε η όλη εκδή λωση έγινε σε μια προσπάθεια ενίσχυσης της Τράπεζας αίματος της 2475 Π.Δ.Ρ. και θα θέλαμε να παρακαλέσουμε τα μέλη των Ρ. Ομίλων και τους φίλους του **ROTARY** που δεν μπόρεσαν να δώσουν Αίμα, μπορούν να το κάνουν σε όποιο Νοσοκομείο Θέλουν ή στην ΛΟΤΖΙΑ τ ου Δημαρχείου Η ρακλείου κάθε Σάββατο ,όπου θα υπάρχει κέντρο αιμοδοσίας για τους εθελοντές αιμοδότες εντελώς δωρεάν. Πάντοτε με το ΑΜΚΑ τους και τον κωδικό της Τράπεζας αίματος (12941).



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Όλη Η 2475 Π.Δ.Ρ. καθώς και όλοι οι όμιλοι Κρήτης , θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε από καρδιάς τους εθελοντές αιμοδότες που με αγάπη προσήλθαν στημκδήλωση μας με σοπό να προσφέρουν στον συνάνθρωπο.

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Η ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ ΑΝΝΑ ΚΟΚΚΙΝΟΥ

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#### RID 2475 - RC PATRA

On Saturday, on the pedestrian street of St. Nicholas inPatras, the city was filled with the voice of giving and love.The charity event titled "Give Take Warmth" exceeded all expectations, as the participation was simply incredible.

The initiative belonged to RC Patras , which worked with IEK DELTA 360 in order to create this moving event. The main purpose was to offer love and support to those who have less luck, gathering new socks for the ones need them.

People responded with enthusiasm, bringing in socks of various sizes and designs, demonstrating their generosity. A sense of community was possible as people came together for a common cause.

The participation and coordination of the two organizations proved that we can bring changes and give warmth to the hearts of the people who need it; a memorable day that will be engraved in the memory of all those who participated and contributed to this wonderful initiative.



#### The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

#### **RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA-POLITEIA**

Following the tradition of the Club, as every year during Christmas period, offered Christmas sweets to the most deprived people of the Church Agia Triada in Kifissia. Boxes with traditional sweets were bought by the Association of Parents, Guardians and Friends of Disabled Persons "Workshop" and delivered to Father Sergios.

It was a gesture of support and giving that will bring joy to those in need these days.



#### **RID 2475 - RC SAMOS**

Another large donation was advanced by RC Samos, to the Intermunicipal Social Grocery of Samos, for the support of 320 families registered beneficiaries(more than 1,500 people).

More specifically, a large amount of meat was offered to cover these Families, 320 bottles of the fine multi-awarded wine of Vakakis Wines (Nikolaos Vakakis's offer), children's clothes and shoes.

RC Samos was represented by Nikolaos Vakakis (President), Dimitrios Kyriazis(past President) and Evgenios Haradellas (Founding President).

Since its establishment, RC Samos has supported and continues to support the Intermunicipal Social Grocery of Samos, which operates as a catalyst, effectively helping our fellow citizens in need.



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RID 2475 - RC SAMOS







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#### **RID 2475 - RC ERMOUPOLIS**

RID 2475 - RC ERMOUPOLIS realized anohter of its planned actions. On December 15th, it proceeded to the official delivery of modern beds that contribute to the modernization of Vardakeion and former General Hospital of Syros pathologic clinic.

The entire cost of the purchase of the beds was covered by the member of our Club, Aristotelis Xanthopoulos, a rotarian with a special contribution to the local community abnd the Rotary Foundation.



#### RID 2475 - RC KOROPI

RID 2475 - RC Koropi supports the Artemida Pet Animal Welfare Association by offering animal feed and for their Christmas Bazar valuable small items and household items.



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#### RID 2475 - RC & ROTARACT KIFISSIA KASTRI

Like every year, they delivered 170 king pies to the NeA Erythraia Social Grocery. The delivery was made by RC Kifissia-Kastri the President Evita Psoni and Secretary Vicky Katsari.

Happy holidays to all families and good health!



# Wishing you all peace and joy this 2024!

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### The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

#### **RRID 2475 - RC PALLINI-GERAKAS**

RID 2475 - RC PALLINI-GERAKAS helped the flood victims of Magnisia's Prefecture by buying and sending electrical appliances for the kitchen equipment of the 2nd Primary (Georgian) school of Agria Volos after being informed by the teaching staff about the needs of the school.



### The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

#### **RID 2475 - RC PATRA KOSTIS PALAMAS**

According to its social contribution program to the institutions of Patras city, the president of RC Dimitris Lymberopoulos visited the institutions " KIVOTO TIS AGAPIS" and the "ASYLO ANIATON" (hospice).

This last is one of the institutions that RC has embraced and is helpful in the efforts made by the members of the institution members' BOD. In this context, RC Kostis Palamas offered the traditional turkeys - various meats - food - hygiene items for the Christmas and New Year's table.



#### RID 2475 - RC KOROPI

RID 2475 - RC KOROPI offered flip flops for the inmates of Korydallos Prison for covering their needs, following request of prison's director.





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#### **RID 2475 - RC ILIOUPOLIS**

RID 2475 - RC ILIOUPOLIS organized a speech with subject "The development of Taekwon Do ITF and the evolution of Greek athletes, in our country and internationally, in the last decade" The speaker was Mr. Panos Dovas, federal Taekwon-Do ITF coach.





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#### **RID 2475 - RC ILIOUPOLIS**

During the event, distinguished athletes were awarded! Congratulations to RC Ilioupolis for the organization!



#### **RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS**

RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS collected and delivered food items for the needs of children, to the Association of Parents and Guardians of Persons with Disabilities of Western Attica ELPIDA.



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### **RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS**

The reception was done by the president of the Association Mrs. Kaiti Katsanaki. Many thanks to the members of our RC for their support in our action!



### **RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA**

RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA delivered food in collaboration with the local section of Red Cross to vulnerable families. Also present during this action was the Corfu member of the Parliament Stefanos Gikas.



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**RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA** 

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### **RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA**

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RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA. A years'old tradition of RC Kerkyra continued this year with the awarding of the excellent performers of the three Philharmonics of our city as well as the Children's Choir. The event took place at the hall of the Reading Society of Corfu, on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Present this year were the representative of the Reverend Metropolitan of Corfu Paxos and Diapontian Islands father Antonios Soueref. the Member of Parliament for Corfu Stefanos Gikas, the Deputy Governor of the Ionian Islands Konstantinos Zorbas, the President of the Medical and Surgical Society of Corfu doctor Maria Mandyla, representatives of the Philharmonic and the Children's Choir, relatives and friends of the awardees.



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### **RID 2475 - RC KERKYRA**

Official speaker of the evening was the dean of Music and Audiovisual Arts School of the Ionian University, Dimos Dimitriadis. The awards of the Rotary Club, this year, were dedicated to the memory of the late great musician and music teacher Anastasios Kazianis. The deceased's daughter Athena was also present at the event.

This year's awardees were: From the Corfu Philharmonic Society Hectors Delaportas (percussion) and Magdaleni Varotsi (violin) who shared the prize, from the Mantzaros Philharmonic Society Eugenia Nika (percussion), from the Kapodistrias Philharmonic Union the Christodoulos Roussinos (flute), while finally Eriketi Triantafillou from the Corfu Children's Choir.

The Rotary Club of Kerkyra wishes the awardees good progress and every success in their goals.



# The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

### **RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI LYCAVITTOS**

UNESCO Maria Callas anniversary year in 2023 for celebrating 100 years since the birth of the great diva and RC Athinai-Ly-cavittons organized a guided tour of the new Maria Callas museum.

We sincerely thank the fellow Rotarians and friends who honored us with their presence!



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### **RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI LYCAVITTOS**

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### **RID 2475 - RC KOROPI**

RID 2475 - RC KOROPI offered female's cloths of excellent quality and condition to an institution of abused women.





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### **RID 2475 - RC PATRA KOSTIS PALAMAS**

RID 2475 - RC PATRA KOSTIS PALAMAS realised on December 23rd a philanthropic Christmas Gala in Royal aiming the financial support of the institutions "Kivotos tis agapes" and "Asylo Aniaton"







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### **RID 2475 - ROTARY E-CLUB GREECE.**

The willingness to give and take action from the members and friends of the Rotary e-Club Greece does not stop even during these festive days.

Festive lunch and dinner offer for approximately 300 of our fellow human beings.



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### **RID 2475 - ROTARY E-CLUB GREECE**

RID 2475 - Rotary E-Club of Greece continues to support the Social Pharmacy of Heraklion Municipality, Crete.

Members of Rotary e-club proceeded with the second delivery of medicines in a week. Medicines for general use, but also insulins, which will meet the needs of our socially vulnerable fellow citizens.

The receipt was made by Ms Maria Prinaraki, Responsible of the social pharmacy. Instead of a greeting card, we are sending you a photo of some of the medicines offered with the hope that in the future there will be no fellow human beings who need medicines...

Happy holidays to everyone!!!!!



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### RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI

For the second year, RC Athinai stood by the 67 students of the 1st Special School of Kallithea and contributed to the modernization and upgrading of the school's logistical and class infrastructure.

On December 22, 2023, the President of RC Athinai rot. Anastassios Ballas, the Secretary rot. Stavros Katsoulis and the Member rot. Panos Vombylas offered on behalf of the Club among others:

3 EPSON inkjet printers,

1 electronic KARAOKE with speakers,

1 Floor water heater,

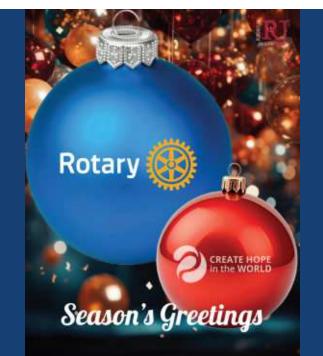
Educational Materials, such as wooden puzzles and Montessori products,

Special Sports Equipment, such as metal mini-fireplaces with a net, rhythmic balls, flat hoops, triangular cones, balance cylinders,

School Supplies, such as drawing blocks, markers, etc.

Supermarket Gift Vouchers.

In view of the festive days of Christmas, let's create pleasant memories for young students and contribute to their knowledge, education and entertainment.



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### RID 2475 - RC RODOS- KOLOSSOS

RID 2475 - RC RODOS- KOLOSSOS continuing its support to the Orphanage for Girls of Rhodes, distributed Christmas Gifts to the children.

The Support Committee for Sensitive Social Groups bought and prepared 18 different gifts, named for each child.

Personal care items in large packages were also given.









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### RID 2475 - RC RODOS- KOLOSSOS

Our Club congratulates Committee Chair Rotarian Sandra Nezi, and committee members Dora Koutsospyros, Marinena Georga Andriana Hatzilazarou and Katia Kanari for the excellent organization and care for the children's gifts!



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### RID 2475 - RC RODOS- KOLOSSOS

We also thank the members who helped deliver the gifts, i.e. President-Elect Mary Agiakatsikas, Secretary Spyros Daliani and member Michalis Kalligeros.

President Vaso Moutafi and the members thank the social workers of the Girls'

Orphanage Mrs. Kokkini Maria & Sarika Margarita for their help in organizing and informing us about the needs of the children.

Our Group wishes happy holidays to all children, with health, love and progress in their lives





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### **RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS NEA MAKRI**

RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS NEA MAKRI organised on Sunday, December 17th, a guided visit to the archaeological site of Ramnouda

Sincere thanks to the University professor Eleni Vassiliou, who shared with the members present her knowledge of the area, the monuments and the history of the place.





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### **RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS NEA MAKRI**

Knowledge which she acquired after years of research in the science of archaeometry, at the University of the Aegean.

The visit was ended followed by lunch in a local tavern.

The member of RC Marathonas Nea Makri, professor Christos Kitsos offered his book to professor Eleni Vassiliou, in memory of this wonderful day.

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### RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS

RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS continuing its support to the Abused Women's Hostel of Rhodes, handed over to the managers of the structure the gifts requested from Santa Claus by the 8 children currently staying at the Hostel.



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### RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS

We congratulate the social workers & psychologists of the Hostel for the love and affection they show to the female victims of gender violence who are accommodated together with their children.

We thank and congratulate the Deputy Municipal Councilor Mrs. Evdokia Patta-Apostolidis for supporting the structure.

We hope to have given the children some moments of joy and hope.

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### RID 2475 - RID 2475 - RC KOROPI

RID 2475 - RC KOROPI offered, as every year, to the Association of Foser Families of Saronic, 10 gift vouchers of 50 euros each and children's clothes of good quality and condition for covering the needs of children of vulnerable families.

From the Foster Families Association, we received the following message:

**#RotaryClubKoropi** is always by our side, supporting Saronic Families in the work of solidarity and offering to vulnerable social groups financial support in gift certificates and other necessities for the upcoming holidays!

Thank you and we wish you Happy Holidays with health, love and prosperity!!





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### RID 2475 - RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS donated 2,000 liters of heating oil to PEGAP-NY(Panhellenic Association of parents and guardians of mentally retarded children). The donation from our Club was made with all the love and support of our members to cover the needs of the building that houses children-adults with Mental Retardation. The handover was attended by president Kalliopi Economakou, treasurer Theofanis Sivris and member of the Board Aspassia Kallierou. Happy holidays to everyone with our main concern being the offer to fellow human beings.





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### RID 2475 - ROTARACT CLUB ATHINAI LYCAVITTOS

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, the President of the Rotaract Athens-Lykavittos Club, Olga Constantakopoulou, and members of the Club, contributed to the children's entertainment by making and decorating pretzels and packing food in love packages! All this in Ilion in the basic goods supply structures, in collaboration with "Edra" and the Hatzigaki Foundation.







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### RID 2475 - ROTARACT CLUB AGIA PARASKEVI & ATHINA & KIFISSIA-KASTRI

ROTARACT CLUB AGIA PARASKEVI in cooperation with the Rotaract Clubs Athens & Kifissia-Kastri wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to "One Child - One World" by delivering the gifts bought in order to bring a big smile to our little friends.







"What Rotary will be one hundred years hence, none living can imagine. There is nothing impossible to Rotary now."

-Paul Harris, 1945

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### RID 24754 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI

RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI offered chocolates to the Institution "Estia Koritsiou" who hosts 23 young girls and is located in Agia Paraskevi.



### **RID 2475 - RC PIRAEUS-EAST**

RID 2475 - RC PIRAEUS-EAST has chosen the last days of 2023 to be close to the people to whom life was not very generous. As an official sponsor, RC offered clothing and food, to the Piraeus SOCIAL INTEGRATION STRUCTURE of Piraeus and Islands UNESCO Club.

Let's wish the New Year to be a better one for all of us!

Happy new year with health and love!





### **RID 2475 - RC HERAKLEION EL GRECO**

RID 2475 - RC HERAKLEION EL GRECO continues its humanitarian actions to support and strengthen the vulnerable social groups of our community. This time it send Santa Claus to visit the "Zoodochos Pigi" Center for Special Children, in Nea Alikarnassos.

With the spirit of Christmas prevailing, Santa Claus made this visit, on Friday 22/12, distributing not only sweets but also educational games to the children, bringing smiles of joy to their faces as well as highlighting the importance of education and entertainment in children's lives.



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### **RID 2475 - RC HERAKLEION EL GRECO**

Santa Claus, was accompanied by the President of RC, the Treasurer, Roula Tsarlambas - Petousi, the Dean Yiannis Christodoulakis and the Member Maria Kanaki..

The members of RC Heraleion El Greco were welcomed by the Director of the Center, Mr. Christos Tzamoussis.







### ARPIC Tanya Georgieva District 2482

# ARPIC Tanya Georgieva on...

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### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB CHIRPAN**

Rotary Club Chirpan proudly supports the traditions and creativity of the young talents in our community! We provided a special award in the "Surva-surva, Happy Year" competition, organized by the "Dimitar Danailov - 2013" community center with the cooperation of Chirpan Municipality.

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Our award with a diploma and a gift, a set of acrylic pencils and pastels for drawing, was presented to the youngsters from the community center "Prosveta-2005" in the village of Celina.

This award is a symbol of our support for the talented children and their efforts in maintaining national customs. We believe in the power of cultural heritage and are happy to be part of this exciting competition.

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### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB CHIRPAN**

We would like to thank the community center "Dimitar Danailov – 2013" and the Municipality of Chirpan for the opportunity to collaborate in support of our talented children.



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### D2482: RROTARY CLUB NOVA ZAGORA

On 20th of December 2024, Rotarians from Nova Zagora provided vouchers for baby goods to all newborns in the village of Sadievo. Zdravko Nikov, president of the club, met the mothers in local community.



### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB NOVA ZAGORA**

Rotary Club Nova Zagora has been selected to receive the annual award of the municipality in the category "Overall Contribution to the Development of Nova Zagora Municipality". The traditional event was held for the first time in the format of a festive spectacle.

The Club supports the community in the municipality with numerous and diverse initiatives and activities aimed at various health, educational, social, and other institutions. The award was presented by Mayor Galya Zaharieva. Congratulations!

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### Ротари клуб Нова Загора

"Цялостен принос за развитието на община Нова Загора" 2023 г.

Кмет на Община Нова Загора: /Галя Захариева



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### D2482: ROTARY CLUB RAZGRAD

Together we empower

At the beginning of November, the village of Lavino, Razgrad district, was struck by tragedy. Hurricane wind and heavy rain caused significant damage to the property of the people in the village. The roofs of 165 houses were blown away, there were ...



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### D2482: ROTARY CLUB RAZGRAD

... collapsed walls and fences, doors and windows, chimneys, and electrical poles. The disastrous situation made many people to engage and voluntarily help the victims.

The Rotarians in Bulgaria immediately declared their support. The initiative to raise funds was led by the Rotary Club Razgrad.

Rotarians from Razgrad, Ruse, Sofia, Plovdiv, Pleven, Shumen, Svishtov, and Berkovitsa joined the initiative.

2 dayes before Christmas, Nikolay Tsonev, the president of Rotary Club Razgrad, presented the funds to 12 families from the village of Lavino. These were vouchers for purchasing household appliances.

The purchased appliances will be delivered free of charge to their homes in Lavino. We express our support and empathy for the tragedy that has befallen these people and wish them health, courage, strength, and to believe in the good.





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### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB RUSSE DANUBE**

Sensory Room in Rusalka Kindergarden Mental health of children is a priority of the society nowadays. There are many factors that influence the behavior and the development of next generation.

Rotary Club Ruse Danube provided equipment for a sensory room in Rusalka Kindergarten. The project aims to address one of the problems in the community, the prevention and improvement of the mental health of 3-7 years old children.

Rusalka Kindergarten is one of the largest in Ruse. There are more than 300 children attending it. Some of them have specific needs or require general and additional support. The sensory room provides a calm environment where the psychologist of the kindergarten assists the kids with special needs and those with short-term manifestations of antisocial behavior. The reason for the latter is because of apathy, lack of attention, aggression, and others.

The devices and toys in the sensory room are selected to have a positive effect on the development, to help relieve stress, and to correct the emotional state of the children.

The equipments has been presented to Snezhina Nikova, manager of the kindergarden, by Andrey Dimitrov, past president of the club. The personnel confirmed that the modern devices in the sensory room would be of great help to provide the necessary conditions for education and upbringing, for the full personal development of the children.

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### D2482: ROTARY CLUB RUSSE DANUBE

The project of Rotary Club Ruse – Danube is co-financed by the Rotary Foundation in partnership with Rotary Club Ruse. The value of the purchased equipment is about 12,000 BGN. The efforts of the Rotarians do not stop with just providing the equipment. The members of the club repainted the room personally.

Rotary Club Ruse-Danube has completed large number of projects to improve the conditions for education, health, and sports in kindergartens, schools, and other institutions since its establishment in 2004.







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### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB SHUMEN**

### **Christmas Goodness**

The Rotarians from Rotary Club Shumen proudly share the news that they have distributed over 100 gifts to children in disadvantaged situations and families at risk in the Shumen district.



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### **D2482: ROTARY CLUB SHUMEN**

### **Christmas Goodness**

The gifts have been distributed with the help of the team of the Complex for Social Services for Children and Families– Shumen. The gifts have already reached children from socially disadvantaged families, foster families, and single parents.

The members of the club would like to sincerely thank everyone who made this moment possible.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!





### ARPIC Ljiljana Lajnovic District 2483

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### **D2483: ICC AFRICA PEACE FORUM IN CAIRO**

District Governor Aleksandar Radojicic participated in the ICC Africa Peace Forum in Cairo.

On that occasion, the Governor and PDG Annemarie Mostert signed the MoU between the districts of South Africa and Serbia and Montenegro.







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After this memorandum, the next step will be the signing of an Inter-country agreement between the two districts. National ICC coordinator Vesna Baur and DGN Veliša Stamatović were also in the team of our district.



# ARPIC Ljiljana Lajnovic on...

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### From P11S D2483: ICC AFRICA PEACE FORUM IN CAIRO

The signing of the agreement was attended by the Director of Zones 21 and 22 Patrick D. Chisanga. This agreement represents another step in building international cooperation and promoting peace in the world.



### D2483: GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO DISTRICT 2482

Governor's visit to District 2482 and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Districts of Romania and Moldova, Bulgaria, Hungary and Croatia.

District Governor Aleksandar Radojičić attended the celebration of 90 years since the founding of RC Sofia. On that occasion, at the initiative of our governor, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the districts of Serbia and Montenegro, Romania and Moldova, Bulgaria, Hungary and Croatia.

The districts of Slovenia and North Macedonia and Turkey are also invited to join the joint initiative. We expect the Clubs from the region to raise mutual cooperation to an even higher level. Peace and cooperation at the international level are a priority of the Rotary organization.

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# **90 YEARS ROTARY BULGARIA**

4<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 Hyatt Regency Sofia

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#### D2483: RC ULCINJ-ULQINI DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 6000 SHOE-BOX

Again this year RC Ulcinj-Ulqini distributed more than 6000 shoe-box packets to children from all over Montenegro! For more than 20 years, our club has been implementing the shoebox package project together with the Wessex Rotary Club from England.



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#### D2483: RC ULCINJ-ULQINI DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 6000 SHOE-BOX

This is the oldest project that is still active and has traditionally been realized for more than two decades by the extraordinary efforts of the Wessex Rotary Club in Southampton, which collects shoe box pads, and the Ulcinj-Ulqini Rotary Club, which distributes them in Montenegro. Let us remind you that the initiator of this great project is the oldest member of our club, Mr. Gani Resulbegović. The packets were distributed to all elementary schools in the Municipality of Ulcinj, all kindergartens, the Day Center "Sirena", the NGO sector in the territory of the Municipality of Ulcinj, the Red Cross of Montenegro. The packages also arrived in all other municipalities of Montenegro thanks to the cooperation with RC Bar, RC Budva, RC Podgorica, RC Pljevlja, RC Bjelo Polje to which we also distributed the packages to make the little ones happy in their territories. With photos of gifts and the joy that each act of kindness brings to another, we wish you happy holidays and a happy new year!



#### D2483: GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT – ROTARY DISTRICT 2483

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#### D2483: GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT – ROTARY DISTRICT 2483



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#### D2483:RC ULCINJ-ULQINI DANCED TOGETHER FOR THE ULCINJ BALLET SCHOOL





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