

November is Rotary Foundation Month

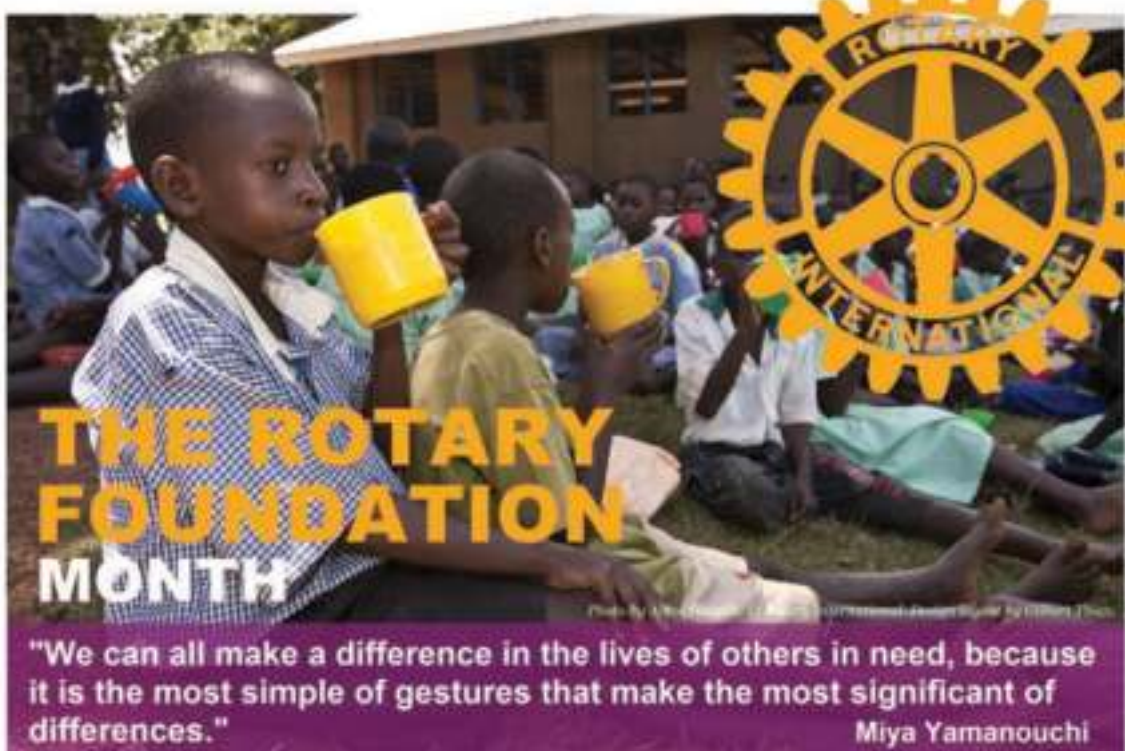
For the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“We are extremely honored to be recognized,” says Foundation Trustee Chair Ron Burton. “It represents the hard work and dedication of countless Rotarians throughout the world. They know their gifts will be used for the purpose for which they were given and that they will, indeed, make a real difference.”

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

NOVEMBER IS



Presidential Message

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth

celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.



Gordon McNally
Rotary International President
RY 2023-2024

Presidential Message

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Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.



Paul Harris on peace

“But, we ask, must the best genius of men be devoted to the science of war and none to the science of averting it?”

— Paul Harris, 1940

<https://blog.rotary.org/2017/02/20/paul-harris-on-peace/>



Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

As you all know, every November is a time when we Rotarians share the importance of the Rotary Foundation with the whole world.

The Rotary Foundation appears as the power that provides the greatest financial support for our Rotary and Rotaract Clubs to find solutions to world-wide problems in 7 focus areas.

The climate change problems experienced in the world actually directly concern our most recently added focus area titled Protecting the Environment.

In addition, our other 6 focus areas, which we have been focusing on for many years, also provide significant financing to our clubs that want to solve very important problems faced by humanity. Frankly, all topics within the scope of interest of The Rotary Foundation cover almost every problem experienced by the world.

For this reason, we need to explain the importance of supporting The Rotary Foundation to all our friends around us at every opportunity. These supports may be financial support or they should be in the form of producing projects in which we will use the Foundation's resources effectively. In addition, effectively promoting the projects produced will be an important support to the Rotary Foundation.

At this point, the Public Image teams of our clubs and districts have an important task. Today, when social media opportunities are extremely developed, sharing project photos and videos with our clubs' social media followers will be extremely beneficial in terms of both promoting the Rotary Foundation and increasing the amount of donations to the Foundation.

As Zone 21 Public Image teams, we have created a new social media channel for our clubs to promote their projects with the Power of Goodness Video Competition we have been organizing for the last four years. This competition provides our Clubs with the opportunity to share their projects with other Rotary clubs around the world and with the society they live in. This is exactly why we should encourage our clubs to participate in this competition.



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PP 2005-2006 Ankara Kızılay RC

PDG 2018-2019 D2430

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Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

RPIC Altan Arslan



Dear Rotarians, Our Foundation is the most important financial supporter of our clubs that seek solutions to many problems experienced in the world by producing projects. We need to support the Rotary Foundation uninterruptedly with our donations so that our clubs do not have financial resource problems and can continue their projects for many years without any problems.

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD TOGETHER

Rtn. N.Altan Arslan

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RPIC 23-26 Zone 21

The
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YEAR

What is The Rotary Foundation and what does it do?

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The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

“We Will Survive” - 26.11.2023 HATAY

In Rotary year 2022-23, our district (D2430) and our people experienced the devastating earthquake in Turkey.

Turkiye had losses but also survivors.

Lives did matter and we, the ROTARIANS, CARED THEM as always! Our country was in great pain and we suffered deeply; but We All Needed To SURVIVE

And WE BELIEVED WE WOULD SURVIVE together!

As Rumi said once: “You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean, in a drop.”

This is how my club, Rotary Club of Samsun Turkey as the host club and our GG partner Rotary Club of Happyhour Huntersville America kicked off with

this global grant project called We Will Survive!

And here we are; after several months of project preparation, approval and payment procedures and plus a couple more months for the manufacturing of the trailer; a DREAM came true.

14 Rotary clubs in District 2430 Turkey contributed \$19,795-

26 Rotary clubs in District 7680, North Carolina contributed \$10,000-

9 District Governors around the world contributed \$89,665-

Rotary International World Fund matched with \$63,440!

We achieved an amazing Global Grant of a total of \$182,900 that supplies a mobile kindergarten to help the children in Hatay, our beautiful city that was devastated in earthquake dated February the 6th 2023.



Ayşe Mine Ergun
Past President
RY2022-2023
Samsun Rotary Club
District 2430



PP Ayşe Mine Ergun on...

**"We Will Survive" - 26.11.2023
HATAY**



From PS...

"We Will Survive" - 26.11.2023 HATAY

Our precious mobile kindergarten has been donated to the Municipality of Hatay who will make it travel to every single village where earthquake survivor children has no access to preschool education.

The kindergarten is now in Hatay, already started to "touch the lives of our survivor children" as of 26.11.2023; with a very touching but hopeful ceremony that took place in Hatay.



PP Ayşe Mine Ergun on...

**"We Will Survive" - 26.11.2023
HATAY**

From PG...

**"We Will Survive" -
26.11.2023 HATAY**

What we did was just IMAGINE ROTARY and SERVE ABOVE SELF!

Now We See We CREATED HOPE in our world. We saw this in the eyes of our survivor children who already started to get the education they needed in our Rotary Mobile Kindergarten.



PP Ayşe Mine Ergun on...

**"We Will Survive" - 26.11.2023
HATAY**

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**"We Will Survive" -
26.11.2023 HATAY**



PP Ayşe Mine Ergun on...

**"We Will Survive" - 26.11.2023
HATAY**

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**"We Will Survive" -
26.11.2023 HATAY**





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District 2420/2430/2440

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PEDALS FOR ENDING POLIO

In the 2-day festival, professional cyclists will cycled 45 km on the first day, and on the second day, competitors with the participation of the public cycled 30 km. Red t-shirts with the words "END POLIO NOW" written on them has been distributed to all competitors. Images and flags with this theme were placed at the beginning and end. All stages has been recorded from air and land, down to the smallest detail.



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D-2440: Rotary Club of Mavişehir

SAFE FOOD FOR CHILDREN SYMPOSIUM,
20.November.2023

SAFFI Safe Food for Children Symposium, organized by Izmir-Mavişehir Rotary Club member spouse Prof. Dr. Ülgen Ok, where District 2440 and Rotary Club of Izmir-

Mavişehir were among the main sponsors, and where many academic members of our club participated as speakers, was held on Monday, November 20, 2023

100+

SAFFI
Safe Food for Infants
in the EU and China

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Sempozyumu

Symposium on Safe Food for Infants (SAFFI)
20 Kasım (November) 2023, Izmir

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D.2440: Rotary Club of Cesme

Leucemia Awareness Cortege

The first week of November is commemorated as 'November 2-8 Children with Leucemia Week' in Turkey. Rotary Club Cesme organized a 'Leucemia Awareness Cortege' for the first time in Çeşme in order to raise this awareness. Before the cortege march, a talk was held, hosted by Çeşme Rotary Club, with the cooperation of Rotary Club of Güzelyalı and Red Crescent, and with the support of Çeşme Municipality.

In the talk held at the Hagia Haralambos Cultural Center, information about 'Red Crescent, stem cell donation and leucemia' was given. Municipal Council Member Vehbi Özen, UR 2440 Regional Health Committee President Banu Lebe, Güzelyalı Rotary Club management members Sercan Altınordu, Eda Toksöz, Çeşme Rotary Club members and citizens attended the conversation.



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D.2430: Rotary Club of Perge

Amateur Theater Event- Hürmüz with 7 Husbands

The best individuals are people who think more about the society they belong to than themselves and who devote their lives to protecting its existence and happiness" said Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Rotary, which was founded in 1905, is the world's oldest voluntary service organization and is represented in the United Nations. Rotary's goal is to touch individuals with a vision of "Service Above Self," to enhance their lives, and to be "Hope for the World," as our slogan in this term.

We are kind individuals who are trying to figure out how to better serve the society in which we live.

To achieve this, the Perge Rotary Club is bringing you the play " 7 Kocalı Hürmüz (Hürmüz with 7 Husbands)" performed by an amateur theater ensemble consisting primarily of healthcare professionals working in the Provincial Health Directorate and environmental organizations.



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D.2430: Rotary Club of Perge

**Amateur Theater Event-
Hurmuz with 7 Husbands**

One of Rotary's seven major priority areas is disease prevention and treatment, with the other being maternal and child health.

Tonight, we will touch the lives of children with your contributions. The earnings of the night will be used to help our children who have been exposed to neglect and abuse and for the Polio vaccine.

Thank you all for your support.

Rotarian Who Values Respect and Love

Defne Dilsiz

Chairman of the Perge Rotary Club during the years 2023-24.



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Child Neglect and Abuse

Perge Rotary Club organised a project to raise children's awareness of child neglect and abuse, to make them aware of the potential for abuse and neglect, and at the same time to have a positive impact on people's lives.

On Monday, November 6, a presentation titled "How to Protect Ourselves from Dangers" was held at Şehit Serhat Genç Primary School, with the participation of 120 children. The presentation was made by a member of Rotary Club of Perge, Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist Fatih Volkan Yüksel. In the presentation, he explained in detail to 120 students the topics of peer bullying, physical-psychological violence and abuse, sexual abuse, our private parts, the importance of saying no, how to protect ourselves, and answered questions raised by children.

Child Neglect and Abuse Perge Committee 2023-2024 President Özke Kara and 2023-2024 Term President Defne DİLSİZ

D.2430: Rotary Club of Perge



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D.2430: Rotary Club of Denizli



Cervical cancer vaccination, Rotary

Cervical Cancer vaccination project, Rotary Club of Denizli, D2440.

Denizli Rotary Club has undertaken an important project to protect the health of girls. Within the scope of the project aiming to protect girls between the ages of 9-13 against cervical cancer with HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine, it started a series of vaccination activities in cooperation with Bozkurt Municipality.

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D.2430: Rotary Club of Denizli

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During the event, girls and their families were informed about cervical cancer and the importance of vaccination. After the first dose of vaccines was administered, preparations began for the second dose of vaccines to be administered six months later.

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D.2440: Rotary Club of Cakabey, Rotaract Club of Agora, Rotaract Club of Güzelyali

My Body My Privacy

Rotary Club of Izmir Cakabey, Rotaract Club of Agora, and Rotaract Club of Guzel-yali and UCIM (Struggling Against Child Abuse Assosiation), have initiated the "My Body, My Privacy" project with the aim of raising awareness about child abuse. In the first phase of our project, we welcomed UCIM Representatives in to one of our weekly meetings. When we decided to move forward together, in collaboration with Rotary and Rotaract Academy, we organized and held two comprehensive and certified informative training sessions.

First one of these sessions was about the legal and psychological dimensions of child abuse in our community whereas the second one was about cyberbullying. We also actively followed and supported UCIM's cases during this process. Our next steps are outlined as follows:

- Providing training to raise awareness of parents and teachers at the community schools we have selected in our region and named as "Community Union Schools"
- Organizing an informative theatrical play for children.
- Hosting a comprehensive seminar, which will serve as the final event of the project, with the participation of all the team members included in this project.

President of Rotary Club of Izmir Cakabey
- Rtn. Duygu Hazar

President of Rotaract Club of Agora -
Rtc. Efe Erdem

President of Rotaract Club of Guzeyalı -
Rtc. Işınsu Özgüney



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D.2430: RC of Cankaya

Smart Villages

Clean and safe water, renewable energy and sustainable food are essential for human well-being. But almost 800 million people in the World is unable to access to clean water. People, most of the time, walk barefoot to get water from distant, often contaminated, sources. Usually, women and children take this dangerous journey. Attack of wild animals, rival tribes, rapes, miscarriages of pregnant women are very commonly reported during these hikes. Children wastes their valuable school times to be able to obtain a small cup of water. Lack of water gives rise to many epidemic illnesses among poor people. Families cannot farm and produce sufficient food due to absence of water. Therefore; cycle of poverty and hunger goes on and on. Contaminated water takes many more lives then, every war on earth.

In the light of above facts; Cankaya Rotary Club of D2430, has initiated a \$154.160 worth Global Grant Project “Smart Villages” together with D9214. A clean and safe water and reliable solar electric power supply project in 5 villages of Uganda. With this project, approximately 3500 people shall access to clean and safe water. They could manage irrigated farm and produce sufficient food for their families as well. By the help of easily accessible water; hygiene needs of people, especially children will be fulfilled, which will yield to immediate

recovery of illnesses such as diphtheria, dysentery, scabies etc. In short, water will transform lives. In this scope, with the help of fellow Rotarians of Uganda geological surveys are completed, water wells are bored and pipe systems are under construction. Upon completion of the project soon, fountains in neighbourhoods, schools and gardens will supply clean water to inhabitants. Neighbourhoods, in addition, will be furnished with solar panels to supply electrical energy. Saplings and seeds will be provided to villagers to encourage them to farm and produce safe crops using clean water. Attached are before and after views of water sources.

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**D.2440: Rotary Clubs of Bostanlı,
Bornova, Gundogdu and Kusadasi
Guvercinada**

Intercultural Peace Forum Project

A Week of Intercultural Peace

"Intercultural Peace Forum" and "Music for Peace Musical" shootings were held in Izmir.

A first was achieved in Izmir, hosted by International Rotary District 2440 Rotary Clubs of Bostanlı, Bornova, Gündoğdu and Kuşadası Güvercinada.

The Intercultural Peace Forum, where cultural differences and diversity, mutual understanding and communication are the most important and enriching values, and the Turkey part of the "Music for Peace" project, which tries to raise awareness about many social problems with short musicals around the world, were completed simultaneously.

Historical, sociological and economic perspectives on culture and peace
Definitions of peace according to different cultures;
Common points and ways to reproduce with respect,



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Intercultural Peace Forum Project

Cultures and communication - Culturally, the language of peace and common words, meanings, stories, Activities where young people have the opportunity to shed light on the future with their ideas on examples from history and adaptable scenarios for different cultures to live together and shelter, and the works were carried out in Izmir's historical places such as the Historical Coal Gas Factory, the Historical L'agora Hotel, Kemeraltı Bazaar, the historical elevator and Dario Marino street and Foça Sailing Rocks, after the Musical shootings held for 1 week in Eski Foça, İzmir Chamber of Architects Seminar was held in the halls.

In this context, in addition to TEV scholars, Erasmus etc. exchange program students coming from different countries and studying at various universities in Izmir, 2-day workshops and studies on the richness of cultural differences and their contribution to peace in the world, as well as a half-day MUN study, took part in Peace and Culture on the path to peace. They examined the importance and impact of values. A total of 60 young people from 10 different countries



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Guvercinada**

Intercultural Peace Forum Project

came together and The forum, in which our great leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's words "Peace at Home, Peace in the World" were referred to many times, was completed with a half-day Culture Rally held in Historical Kemeraltı.



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Intercultural Peace Forum Project



Intercultural Peace

03 – 05 November 2023, İzmir

a. Main concept will take place in an environment that is historical and hosts different cultures. It will consist of presentations and workshops on the history and the development of cultural peace.

b. Locations: Izmir Chamber of Architects (<https://www.izmimod.org.tr/iletisim>) – Kemeraltı (L'Agora Hotel - <https://www.lagoraoldtown.com/>)



c. Participation Fee: FREE

d. 25 participants

e. Historical, sociological and economic perspective on culture and peace

f. Definitions of peace according to different cultures; commonalities and ways of reproduction with respect

g. Cultures and communication – Culturally the language of peace and its common words, meanings, stories

h. Examples from history and adaptable scenarios for the coexistence and accommodation of different cultures

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Guvercinada**

Intercultural Peace Forum Project



Event Program

Day 1 (03.11.2023)

- 10:00 – 10:30 Entries and Registration
10:30 – 11:00 Opening
11:00 – 12:00 Introduction (İnci Tokatlıođlu) – (ice breaking session)
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 15:00 1st Session (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sinem Unaldılar - Speaker Presentation and objectives)
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:30 2nd Session (Group formations)
Activities: -Word Hunt
-Culture Canvas
18:00 – 22:00 Dinner and Event (.....)

Day 2 (04.11.2023)

- 09:00 – 11:00 3rd Session (Team Work) (Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Saylan)
Let's Make Peace through Knowing Each Other
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30 3rd Session (Mediation Simulation Training – Prof. Dr. Tarkan Kaçmaz)
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 15:30 4th Session (Team Work – Nevin Can & Barbaros Salman)
Teamwork: Let's Rule the World Together: Mediation Simulation
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 – 18:00 Presentations and Discussions (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sinem Ünalldılar & Barbaros Salman)
“I Have a New Way”
20.30:00 – 22:00 Free Time
20.30:00 – 22:00 Event (Serenat Bađcan Concert)

Day 3 (05.11.2023)

- 10:00 – 12:00 Culture Rally (Kemeraltı)

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Guvercinada**

Intercultural Peace Forum Project



Start Point : İzmir Clock Tower

End Point : L'Agora Hotel

12:00 – 12:30 6th Session (Closing and Rally Award and Certificate Ceremony)

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“Peace cannot be
kept by force. It
can only be achieved
by understanding.

-Albert Einstein





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The Journey in **Doing Service Above Self**

D2440 Rotaract Club of İzmir

Pedaling for Empowerment

Sümeyye Şahin, who resides in the Netherlands and is not a Rotarian or Rotaractor, set off on 2 September 2023 to travel by bicycle from Enschede to Hatay province in order to raise awareness for the 6th of February 2023 earthquake.

This project was realised under the leadership of the Rotary Club of Hilversum-West and the Rotary Club of Kuşadası and with the participation of many other Rotary and Rotaract clubs, in partnership with the Hatay Metropolitan Municipality.

There are 3 main ideas that the project aims to address, the first of which is to raise awareness of the situation of women engaged in agriculture in Hatay province, which is an earthquake zone. With the income and donations obtained from the project, it is aimed to meet the needs of suitable agricultural land, seeds, grains and many other needs for our women engaged in agriculture in Hatay province through Hatay Metropolitan Municipality.

The second aspect is awareness of carbon footprint. The realisation of the project through bicycles aims to encourage people to use harmless vehicles such as bicycles instead of environmentally harmful motorised

vehicles and to raise awareness about the reduction of carbon footprint.

The third and final idea is that projects do not have to be realised by a Rotary, Rotaract or Interact Club member. Sümeyye set out on this path without any affiliation with any Rotary club and realised a project in which many Rotary and Rotaract clubs were partners. This clearly shows that it is not at all necessary to be a club member to realise projects with Rotary clubs.

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Nisa Ildız Çelebioğlu on...

The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

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D2440 Rotaract Club of İzmir

Pedaling for Empowerment

On 30 September 2023, Sümeyye arrived in Çeşme and was welcomed by the members of İzmir Rotaract Club. She had breakfast at Alaçatı June and after breakfast she was taken to the house where she will be hosted for rest. After the rest, she attended the Membership Development Seminar, a programme of Rotary. She was welcomed by our Rotary Governor Ayda Özeren at the seminar. Sümeyye talked about her own project. After the seminar, together with Tansu Aydın, President of İzmir Rotaract Club, they had lunch at Yüzde Yüz Restaurant in Alsancak Gül Street, followed by dessert at Reyhan Patisserie. After lunch, a short break was taken to listen. In the evening, they had a pleasant time at the home of club member Mert Berken Ünal for the İzmir Rotaract Club's ocakbaşı event. Sümeyye ate delicious Turkish food. They played board games, danced and sang together. After completing the night in a fun way, on Sunday morning, we went to Proof breakfast place in Karşıyaka Bostanlı with the members of İzmir Rotaract Club. After the traditional Turkish breakfast, Sümeyye said goodbye to the club members and set off to leave İzmir centre.



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Nisa Ildız Çelebioğlu on...

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D2440 Rotaract Club of İzmir

Pedaling for Empowerment

They travelled to Kuşadası with the President of İzmir Rotaract Club and met with the members of Kuşadası Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Kuşadası welcomed Sümeyye and President Tansu Aydın on behalf of the Rotaract Club of İzmir with flowers to thank them. They came together by the sea. They cycled together on the bicycle path on the beach. Mithat Sucuoğlu, Past President of the Rotary Club of Kuşadası, explained Sümeyye's project once again. After staying in Kuşadası, Sümeyye set off again to continue her route in Turkey.

Rotaract Club of İzmir
Yiğit Efe Limoncuoğlu



How did Rotaract Start?

The first Rotaract club, the Rotaract club of the University of North Carolina, was found on the 13th of March 1968.

The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Charlotte, North Carolina.

Today, it has grown into a major organization of 11,172 clubs spread around the world and nearly 170,000 members in 189 countries and geographic areas.

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Leadership
Programs Sponsorship Scholarship
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Development
Inclusive Accomplishment Feathtaking Growth
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NEW INTERACT CLUB OPENS IN BAHRAIN - DISTRICT 2452

A new school-based Interact Club was opened at Britus International School in Bahrain (District 2452), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain (RCSB).

Deputy District Governor (DDG) Amira Ismaeel, RCSB President Adnan Alameer, Past President Faisal Juma (Membership Attraction, Engagement & new Club country chair of Bahrain), along with RCSB Board Members, attended the Opening Ceremony of the Britus Bahrain Interact Club.

The club is open to all Britus International School students aged 12 to 18. The club is designed to provide opportunities for students to get involved in their community and make a difference.



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NEW INTERACT CLUB OPENS IN BAHRAIN - DISTRICT 2452

"We are excited to open this new club and provide students with an opportunity to get involved in their community," said Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain President Adnan Alameer.

"We believe that everyone has the power to make a difference, and we hope this club will help students find ways to do just that, to contribute positively to their communities."

The club will focus on various projects, including but not limited to, environmental awareness, community service, and youth leadership.



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RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA - DISTRICT 2452

RC Nicosia Lefkothea at the European University event : "How Artificial Intelligence is Transforming the World"

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was a sponsor and supporter of the Artificial Intelligence Seminar that took place within the Framework of the 11th multi-disciplinary biomedical congress organized by the European University medical School (Nicosia- Cyprus). Club President Adib Mounla delivered the welcome note of the event on behalf of the Club and emphasized on the important of AI and how it can also transform how Rotary operates and conducts its projects. The speech also included information about Rotary, the Polio Rotary Campaign and information about the activities of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea. The event was attended by hundreds of professionals, academics and students and was a good occasion to create awareness about Rotary.



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**RC SEEF BAHRAIN, ZAHLA CAPITOL, AND
JORDAN ECO - DISTRICT 2452**

**VIRTUAL SESSION:
"THE MAGIC TRANSFORMER"
HELD BETWEEN DISTRICT 2452 AND 2451**

The Rotary Clubs of Seef Bahrain, Zahla Capitol, and Jordan Eco located in the countries of Bahrain, Lebanon, and

Jordan from District 2452 and Rotary Club of Alexandria El Nozha located in Egypt in District 2451 jointly organized a virtual meeting "The Magic Transformer". The meeting was a regional wide session on The Rotary Foundation in line with November themed as Rotary Foundation Month; presented by guest speakers Past District Governor Michal Jazar from District 2452 and Past District Governor Abdul Hamid El Awa from District 2451.



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**VIRTUAL SESSION:
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RC KYRENIA LIMAN, RC NICOSIA SARAYONU,
RC KYRENIA ST. HILARION AMD RC KYRENIA
COSMOPOLITAN- DISTRICT 2452

4 Rotary Clubs namely RC Kyrenia Liman, RC Nicosia Sarayonu, RC Kyrenia St. Hilarion amd RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan in Northern Cyprus organised a joint meeting and had the guest speaker PDG Hasan Akbayrak.

PDG Akbayrak gave information with relevant examples about the Rotary Foundation as month of November theme in Rotary was Rotary Foundation on Monday, 13th of November 2023.

The event was titled as Joyful Foundation Talks and indeed it was a very joyful and informative event.

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

JOYFUL FOUNDATION TALKS..

With Special Guest
PDG HASAN AKBAYRAK

E /MGA 2021-24 Region 25
Endowment & Major Gifts Advisor
PNGIA 2023-25
Peace Major Gifts Initiative Advisor
DRFC D2420 2023-24
District Rotary Foundation Chair

HOSTED BY
KYRENIA LIMAN ROTARY CLUB

DATE: 13
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
Dome Hotel, Kyrenia
19:00



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**RC KYRENIA LIMAN, RC NICOSIA SARAYONU,
RC KYRENIA ST. HILARION AMD RC KYRENIA
COSMOPOLITAN- DISTRICT 2452**

PDG Akbayrak was honoured to proudly announce "the very first Major Donor" from the Rotarians of Northern Cyprus, Past President Özcan Bundak, whom he designated her as 'A great soul determinedly dedicated to "Service Above Self".

PDG Akbayrak congratulated PP. Ozcan Bundak and praised her by announcing 'The unconditional trust you place in The Rotary Foundation and the precious support you generously offer to its services, the path you opened for even more goodness is beyond words. My sincere feelings of gratitude & congratulations are for you, dear PP. Özcan Bundak'



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ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA -
DISTRICT 2452



PRESS RELEASE

Rotarian Event with Guest speaker Dr Popi Kanari, Minister of Health (MoH)

“Healthcare in Cyprus: State of affairs and prospects”

The Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Aspelia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Ledra invited the Minister of Health Dr Popi Kanari to be their guest speaker at a joint dinner event they organised at the Cleopatra Hotel on the 5th December 2023.

Introducing the Minister, Assistant Governor Demetris Pantazis highlighted her highly respected professional background but also her service to humanity through the Karaiskakio Foundation and pivotal contribution to many Rotarian projects as a Past President of RC Nicosia Lefkothea and long serving member of Rotary.



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The M of H presented her assessment of the current situation of Healthcare in Cyprus analysing the strengths and challenges that exist highlighting a credible comparison of indices that suggested that on average Cypriots compare favourably with their European fellow citizens, nevertheless there are still significant improvements required which are being addressed.

She went on to elaborate the actions taken to redefine the role of her Ministry away from providing elements of the healthcare service, inter alia, to one of defining and implementing strategic healthcare goals, setting healthcare national policies and quality criteria and professional KPIs for healthcare providers. She also expressed her full support to the General Health System (GHS) and its revolutionary effect on Healthcare in Cyprus but also the need for its sustainability and financial viability.

Referring to additional current developments she described the introduction of technology that will provide electronic records of patients, giving them easy access, better control, and accessibility from anywhere with an internet connection. Such a development will also enable referral of difficult cases to specialists outside Cyprus.

The Minister also referred to the steps that are being taken to implement the European programme of Capacity Planning which will enhance the ability of her Ministry to ensure the efficient and uninterrupted provision of quality healthcare services to all.



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The Minister responded to the many questions of the audience with sincerity and clarity.

The event was a remarkable success that was attended by more than 100 Rotarians and friends.

A commemorative plaque was given to the Minister to commemorate the occasion.

Past District Governor Kevork Mahdessian closed the meeting congratulating the Guest Speaker and expressed his appreciation for the huge attendance.

More on Rotary

Rotary is a global network of volunteer leaders who are committed to addressing the most pressing challenges facing humanity. Rotary connects 1.4 million members from more than 46,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Their work improves people's lives both locally and internationally by helping those in need and furthering the effort for a polio-free world. For more information, visit www.rotary.org.

Since World War II, The Rotary Foundation has funded projects around the world, offering more than four billion dollars, while providing approximately 47 million hours of volunteer service each year for the greater good of humanity.

Rotary in Cyprus

Locally, the Cyprus Rotary is one of the few organizations that operate beyond the dividing line of our country since Rotarians from all communities of Cyprus work together harmoniously and with pride to serve humanity.

The Rotary Clubs (RCs) of Cyprus have played for years a decisive role in the implementation of many projects to meet the needs of all communities.

The grandest and most emblematic project of the RCs is the recent purchase of equipment for the Children's Cancer Diagnostic Centre at the Karaiskakio Foundation. The \$400,000 state-of-the-art lab determines the type of cancer in children and young adults and recommends a treatment that minimizes collateral damage from cancer treatment.



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**WELCOME DISTRICT 2452
GOVERNOR BASHAR HADDAD**

On November 7th, the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was honored with the visit of DG Bashar Haddad, accompanied by DGN Peter Ashdjian, DDG Tastan Altuner and AG Annie Hadjimarcou. The Club's Board and the Club's committees Directors presented the achievements and projects delivered so far and those in progress. DG Bashar expressed his congratulations for the work and performance of our club and shared some ideas with the attendees and provided guidance and stewardship to the Club's activities.



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DG BASHAR VISIT TO ROTARY PROJECTS IN NICOSIA

On November 7, 2023, DG Bashar visited the Karaiskakio Foundation- Rotary Laboratory. The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea, as the host club, worked on two global grants of USD 275,000 and USD 70,000 to purchase equipment that enabled the establishment of the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Center. The center provides free of charge, guidelines to the healthcare providers that minimizes collateral cancer treatment damage to children and young adults to all communities in Cyprus.



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The same day, DG Bashar also visited Ithaki where a multi-sensory room was provided to the center by our club. Ithaki is a day care centre for people suffering from dementia.



DINNER WITH DG BASHAR HADDAD AND HIS SPOUSE MAIS & PINNING CEREMONY OF RCNL NEW MEMBER ELINA PETTERMIDES



Following the meeting with DG Bashar Haddad, Nicosia Based Rotary Clubs organized a dinner event at Prosilio Restaurant. The event was attended by Rotarians and Guests. During the event, our Club welcomed a new member Dr Elina Katsiai-Pettemerides- who was provided the Rotary Pin by PDG Kevork Mahdesian at the request of DG Bashar. RC Kyrenia also welcomed a new member R Marina Gabriel pinned by DGN Peter Ashdjian.

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RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA AT THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY EVENT : "HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS TRANSFORMING THE WORLD"

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JOINT DINNER MEETING BETWEEN RC NICOSIA SALAMIS AND RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA "OUTLINE THE EFFECT OF DRUGS ON CYPRUS AND WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT BY THE POLICE"



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JOINT DINNER MEETING BETWEEN RC NICOSIA SALAMIS AND RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA “OUTLINE THE EFFECT OF DRUGS ON CYPRUS AND WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT BY THE POLICE”

The Rotary Clubs of Nicosia Salamis and Nicosia Lefkothea held a joint Dinner meeting on November 20th, 2023 at the Semeli Hotel. The guest speaker was

Mr. Stelios Sergidis Deputy Commander Y.K.A.N. - Member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus and European Addictions Authority for Narcotics Observatory. Mr. Sergidis presented the Effect of Drugs on Cyprus and discussed how the police is dealing with it . The dinner was attended by a large number of Rotarians and friends .



RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA PANEL DISCUSSION ON “SCHOOL BULLYING: THE ROLE OF THE SOCIETY AND EDUCATION IN CYPRUS NOWADAYS”

Under the auspices and participation of Mrs. Annita Demetriou President of the House of Representative, The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea organized a Panel discussion, in Greek, on “School Bullying: The Role of the Society and Education in Cyprus nowadays”.



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JOINT DINNER MEETING BETWEEN RC NICOSIA SALAMIS AND RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA "OUTLINE THE EFFECT OF DRUGS ON CYPRUS AND WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT BY THE POLICE"

The event was held at the Strovolos Cultural Center and the attendance exceeded 100 persons. The guest speakers: Mrs. Annita Demetriou, Dr Katerina Gregoriou,

Dr Nikola Yiasoumis, Rotarian Dr Elina Petteimerides, Rotarian Panayiota Georgiou and Mr. Markos Clerides, all shared their experiences and insights on how we can tackle this important issue and create a safe and inclusive learning environment for our children. The purpose of the discussion was not only to raise awareness but also to provide practical solutions to the problem. The discussion was followed by a Q&A session. The event was also covered by media (please refer to page #23). A special thank you to the following Rotarians who organized the event, Elina Petteimerides, Panayiota Georgiou, Anastasia Orphanou and Tania Eojourian and to Makkas Winery.



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**PARTICIPATION AT CYPRUS ROTARY EVENTS
ROTARY CYPRUS POLLINATOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL
TASKFORCE TREE-PLANTING EVENT IN
GALINIS PARK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH 2023**

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea participated in the activity organized by the Rotary Cyprus Pollinator and Environmental Taskforce. Apart from gardening and cleaning the park, the participants (including

kids) had a chance to participate in the creation of natural paints from leaves and flowers. There was also a presentation about the importance of pollinators in the times of climate change and present some tips and ideas on the construction of the bee houses and homes for other pollinators



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ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA IN THE MEDIA

Signalive article on the Panel of Bullying organized by the Rotary Club of Nicosia lefkothea



Εκδήλωση με θέμα τον σχολικό εκφοβισμό και τον ρόλο της κοινωνίας και της εκπαίδευσης στην Κύπρο σήμερα πραγματοποιείται σήμερα το απόγευμα από τον Ροταριανό Όμιλο Λευκωσίας - Λευκοθέας.

Η εκδήλωση, που τελεί υπό την αιγίδα και τη συμμετοχή της Προέδρου της Βουλής, πραγματοποιείται το απόγευμα στο Πολιτιστικό Κέντρο Στροβόλου στις 19:00.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS: GLOBAL GRANT 2352702: IN SUPPORT OF LIFE II

The Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea RD 2452 (Local Host Club) in partnership with the Rotary Club Bietigheim-Vaihingen RD 1830 (International Partner Club), with the support of other Rotary Clubs from Cyprus and abroad, submitted the Global Grant application under the Disease Prevention and Treatment Area of Focus of Rotary International, for the donation of the required equipment, namely, a Panthera Puncher 9 with its Plate shaker 220V, a Plate Dispenser and two Dispenser Units to the Centre for Preventive Pediatrics "Americos Argyriou" (CFPP).



The equipment to be provided will enable the Centre to enhance its current program of preventive diagnostic screening with additional tests, which are provided free of charge, to ALL neonatal infants born in the Republic of Cyprus, irrespective of ethnicity religion or social status, and background. The global grant application is submitted to the Rotary Foundation for review.

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EARLYACT CLUB OF KYRNIA COSMOPOLITAN

The Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan is proud to have started the first and only Earlyact Club in Cyprus. The project which started in 2022, has recently pinned a new cohort of members on Thursday 30th of November 2023 at Karsiyaka Primary school. DDG Tastan Altuner, AG Sertaç Gumus, RCKC President Olgun Topalcik

pinned new members and the presidential medallion was given to newly elected President of ECKC who then gave a short speech on the aims and vision of their club. The ceremony was also attended by IPP Ayten Benoit, PP Ben Benoit, Headmistress of the school Ulgen Osmanli, Earlyacts Support teacher Makbule, other teachers and students.



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EARLYACT CLUB OF KYRNIA COSMOPOLITAN

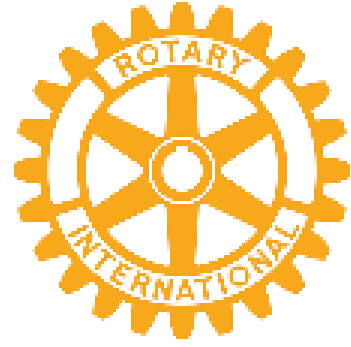
The Earlyacts who have been receiving ongoing training programmes, which includes conducting meetings, preparing agenda, note taking, democratic decision making, planning and executing a plan have also been very active in the planning and maintenance of the RCKC Pollination Garden in their school.

The Earlyacts thanked guests for attending their event and then gave a short presentation of their Pollination garden informing guests of the importance of Pollination and the environment.



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RID 2475 - RC AGIA PARASKEVI

Once more, RC Agia Paraskevi deposited, on October 28th, National Day, a wreath on the War Memorial of Agia Paraskevi, in honor of the war heroes.



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RID 2475 - RC KOROPİ

RID 2475 - RC Koropi offered to the Artemida Pet Animal welfare Association important quantity of decorative items to be sold during their Christmas Bazar, as well as 2 sacs of 20 kg each with animal feed.



RID 2475 - R.O. RHODES-KOLOSSOS

RID 2475 - R.O. RHODES-KOLOSSOS carried out an Interactive Lecture on: **"Where the Mind Meets the Body - Collaboration of Psychology & Physical Well-being"** with speaker Spyros Floros Health & Wellness Coach, Executive Coach (Ac Accredited) Bsc (Hons) Psychology, MBA.



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RID 2475 - R.O. RHODES-KOLOSSOS

RI President Gordon R. McNally since the beginning of his Presidency has designated the Rotary year 2023-24 as a year focused on improving the mental health of our members as well as the people we serve. In recent years we have been going through a long period of continuous upheavals, challenges and pressures that have affected and continue to affect people's mental health and well-being.

While we struggled to overcome the fear and uncertainty brought in our daily lives by the largest health crisis in modern history, the war in Ukraine and now in Israel and Palestine has come to intensify the volatility and recession in every aspect of social and economic life worldwide.

Rotary comes forward and offers its members a valuable gift that improves mental health. **This is the Gift of Universal Friendship!** It motivates us and urges us to be there for each other.



This friendship begins within the Clubs and grows stronger through interaction with Rotarian members from other countries around the world.

As part of strengthening member relationships and empowering their mental well-being, our club invited Spyros Floros Health & Wellness Coach, to present and teach us in a unique and fun way the **methods by which we can integrate physical and mental well-being** into our lives.

Our speaker clarified that mental health does not only presuppose the absence of any mental disorder but is defined as the state of emotional well-being, where an individual can comfortably live and work within the community and be satisfied with his personal accomplishments.

Embracing a harmonious relationship between body and mind is the best way to enhance our mental health. By creating **strong relationships, investing in good health** and supporting our overall well-being, as Mr. Floros pointed out, we protect ourselves against life's adversities. It was an excellent experience for all of us and we sincerely thank the speaker for the **positive energy and knowledge** he shared.

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RID 2475 - R.O. RHODES-KOLOSSOS

As a token of our gratitude, RC President Vaso Moutafi, presented him a plaque with our Club's honorary.

Following, President of Internal Club Relations and PP Elena Gianniki shared with us her experience from her visit to a RC in Bari, Italy where she attended & exchanged our club's banner.

Our Club congratulates the president of our Club's Mental Health Committee, psychologist Matina Sottrilli and the committee members Katerina Papasavva & Louka Georga for planning and organizing the event as well as our friends who honored us with their presence!



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RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS-NEA MAKRI

October 28th, 1940, the 28η Οκτωβρίου 1940, epic, legend, memory, dept!!!

Laurel wreaths, holy liturgies, holy memorials, have been offered as a minimum sign of honor and gratitude to our glorious heroes, at the unknown soldiers memorial, in military cemeteries, memorials. and churches.



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The President of RC Marathonas-Nea Makri deposited a laurel wreath, in homage to their memory.

The president was accompanied by RC's secretary and treasurer.



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RID2475 - RC PATRA - KOSTIS PALAMAS

RID2475 - RC PATRA - KOSTIS PALAMAS celebrated the epic of 1941 and the heroism of Greeks at the historic hill No 731. Speaker was RC president Dimitris Lymberopoulos, who glorified the heroism of the 16 greek soldiers' divisions against 25 Italian divisions. Greeks forced the defeated Italian army to return to Rome and ask for Hitler's help.



“The Help of Rotary gives to our community and the world is priceless!
There’s no better feeling in the world”

Mary E. O’Boyle
Realtor



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RID 2475 - RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS

We support " Rhodes for Life".

"Rhodes for Life "thanks RC Rhodos-Kolossos for their support for one more year.

Members of RC Rhodos-Kolossos bought and wear t-shirts of "Rhodos for Life" during the dinner- speech realised on October 23rd and they will participate to the running race on Sunday, November 5th.

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RID 2475 - RC VOULA-PANORAMA.

Our RC participated to our Municipality's events for the National Day, October 28th, and deposited a wreath on Vari's War Memorial. RC was represented by vice president Popi Lambropoulou.



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Time for WORK.
Time for COMMUNITY.



Time to make
A DIFFERENCE.

Time  Rotary



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RID 2475- RC THESSALONIKI - EAST

RC Thessaloniki East sent 20 blankets to the Rotary Clubs of Larissa, Volos and Trikala to be distributed to the residents of the flood-affected areas of Thessalia and Volos.



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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI

Another excellent event of RC Thessaloniki was held on the occasion of the awarding of Entrepreneur Mr. Diamantidis Simon of DIOPA S.A and President of Greek Exporters Association-SEVE.

A person of our city, leaving his social footprint in Thessaloniki, sensitive to the environment, to unemployment, with his special initiative the Macedonian symbol (Macedonia the great), to be registered on all products originating from Greek Businesses of Northern Greece!

He is the person who promotes his city and Greece to the whole world!

RC Thessaloniki, makes sure to reward worthy individuals of our city, who are sensitive to our society, pioneers in knowledge and ideas!

We are very thankful for the many Rotarians and friends who honored us with their presence.



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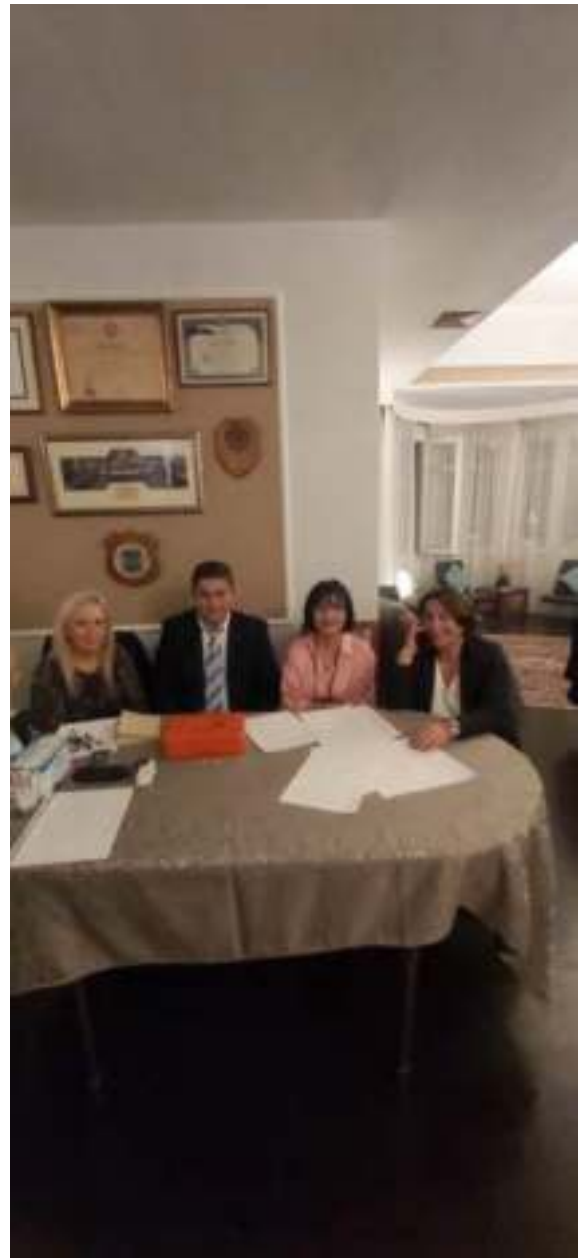
RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI

Many thanks to Rtn. Christos Papatotiriou, for his kind desserts contribution!

Another Rotary evening that shows that Rotary and Rotarians are Worthy Members of our society, with their unique goal of addressing the problems of our fellow human beings. With Dignity, respect and sensitivity, all Rotarians move forward, showing our society, that there will always be Humanity, morality and education!

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RID 2475 - RC SAMOS

Anniversary Gala Event of RC Samos, in Honor of the National Day of October 28th, 1940.

Keynote Speaker the distinguished Academic Dr. Ioannis Mazis,

His high-level scientific presentation and analysis, both on the historical event of October 28th, as well as on the latest burning geopolitical developments, captivated the audience for several hours, followed by a "round table" discussion.

His presence was a special honor for Samos in general and our RC in particular. The entire event concluded, as always, with our National Anthem.

Following is a brief biography of Dr. Ioannis Mazis:

Dr. Ioannis Mazis is Professor of Economic Geography and Geopolitics at the University of Athens and Chairman of the Department of Turkish Studies and Contemporary Asian Studies.

His expertise lies in geopolitical analysis and specifically, systemic geopolitical analysis and International Security issues. He serves as the director of post-graduate programs at the University of Athens and at the European Public Law Organization.

Furthermore, he is the director of the scientific laboratory "Geocultural Analysis of the Greater Middle East and Turkey" and Director of the PMS "Geopolitical Analysis, Geostrategic Synthesis and Defense and International Security Studies" at the University of Athens. He is the author of numerous scientific publications on geopolitical

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RID 2475 - RC SAMOS

Theory and Practice, international security, as well as on the forms, structure and operation of the international Islamist movement.

He teaches at all Postgraduate Schools of Defense and National Security in Greece. His research interests encompass methodology issues in geopolitical analysis and the promotion of research in the geopolitical system of the Greater Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean. He has been a member of the National Society of Greek Writers since 2020.

He was awarded with

- 1) the medal of the Order of the "Knight of the National Order of the Academic Phoenix" of the French Republic (2014),
- 2) the medal of the Order of "Officer of the National Order of the Academic Phoenix" of the French Republic (2022) and
- 3) the title of "Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts" of the United Kingdom (1996).

On December 13, 2023 he will be honored by the Philological Association "Parnassos" by being declared as an Honorary Member and awarded "for all his recognized scientific work both in Greece and abroad".



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RID 2475 - RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS

RC RHODOS-KOLOSSOS president Vassia Moutafi attending the virtual E-ZOOM online Meeting with RI President Elect STEPHANIE A. URCHICK.

Hereunder the report by Rtn Qazi Fida Mohiuddin Memon

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During the meeting, President Elect URCHICK shared her remarkable vision for Rotary and its global impact. She emphasized the significance of establishing an effective public image for Rotary, believing that a strong public image can attract potential Rotarians and bolster our membership. This insight underlines her commitment to enhancing the reach and influence of Rotary worldwide.

Moreover, RIPE URCHICK acknowledged the economic challenges faced by young members in various parts of the world concerning Rotary dues. She expressed her understanding of this issue and highlighted her intention to explore ways to address these challenges in the days to come, demonstrating her dedication to ensuring that Rotary remains accessible to all.

The online meeting allowed Rotarians, Districts, and Clubs to re-connect, network, engage, connect, build goodwill, and friendship on a global scale. The interactions during this meeting were not only enlightening but also inspiring for all who participated.

In addition to RI President Elect STEPHANIE Tom Gump was also present during the meeting, further enriching the experience.

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As we reflect on this meeting, we look forward with great anticipation to the upcoming year under the leadership of President Elect URCIHCK. Her vision, commitment, and engagement give us confidence that we are headed for a brilliant and impactful year in Rotary.

Report by Rtn Qazi Fida Mohiuddin Memon



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District 2475 Greece



Thank you for the opportunity to meet so many beautiful people 🙏 RC Rodos-Kolossos District 2475 Greece

RID 2475 & ITS CLUBS

Collection and Distribution of Humanitarian Aid to the Flood Victims of Thessalia

RID 2475 with DG Dimitris Bekos, the RC's of Thessalia (RC Volos represented by President Joël Tambourakis, RC Volos-Argos, RC Larissa-Pineios River represented by President Giorgos Vaiopoulos,

RC Trikala represented by treasurer Stella Komata) and coordinator RC Larissa East, President rot. Eleni Katsaouni and a group of the Club's Rotarians, on , October 31, organized a "humanitarian convoy", which started at 09:00



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Σοτήριο, Λάρισα



Υπέρεια, Λάρισα



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and returned to Larissa at 19:00, with the mission of distributing humanitarian aid sent by Rotary Clubs from all over Greece (bedding, long life food, hygiene items, clothing & footwear, cleaning items, baby food, milk, etc.) to the flood affected villages: Pineida, Keramidi, Megala Kalivvia (Trikala prefecture), Palama (Karditsa prefecture), Vassili, Hyperia, Koutsochero, Sotirio (Larissa prefecture), "White Butterflies" foundation (Volos prefecture).

Action Timeline

Since the end of September when the action of the District was announced to the R.Cs. in order to assist by shipping items according to a list issued. With initiative of R.C. Larissa East, President Eleni Katsaouni took on the coordination for the collection and storage of the packages sent in large quantities daily by Clubs from all over Greece, packaged with the Rotary logos of the Clubs and the District attached.



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The storage space was immediately made available by Thessalia Prefecture. The items were sorted by members of RC Larissa East through several days of voluntary work, so that the distribution would be targeted, according to the needs reported by the affected communities and per Prefecture.

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Finally, a 5-ton truck was rented to have both the necessary space for transportation, and to be at the disposal of RID 2475 throughout the day. It was accompanied by rotarian volunteers in all villages, so that the unloading and distribution of aid would be done by them on-site.

The truck clearly displayed Rotary and RID 2475 emblems, , the 2023-24 Rotary logo, on all sides, as well as those of the RCs who sent the aid to Larissa. October 31st, 2023 was set as the date for the action, which started at 09:00 and ended in Larissa at 19:00, after being crowned with complete success, promoting Rotary in 4 prefectures (Larissa-Karditsa-Trikala and Volos).

An action of RID 2475 in Greece, always close to the suffering fellow humans, ready to support them and "Create Hope in the World"!!!

Congratulations!!!

Dimitris Bekos
Governor 2475 R.I.D



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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI-EAST

RID 2475 - RC Thessaloniki-East, joins as International Partner to Global Grant "AIC Childcare Centre Kajiado Wash Project" in Kenya.

Fulfilling a commitment promised during the previous Rotarian Year, RC Thessaloniki-East, joined through a \$1050 donation

as an International Partner to the recently approved Global Grant #2349839, titled "AIC Childcare Centre Kajiado Wash Project". The project, falling under the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary area of focus, is led by RC of Nairobi Thika Road, RID9212, Kenya and aims to provide a permanent water source to ensure access to clean and quality water to the AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre, a Charitable Children's Institution in the Republic of Kenya that is dedicated to the full rehabilitation, empowerment and education of physically disabled children. Additionally, it will also support the supply of water to three nearby schools with approximately 3130 students, and approximately 150 households from surrounding community members. In all, more than 4300 persons are expected to be directly benefited by the project. For the community to start benefitting from an already drilled borehole in the area, the project (with a total budget of around \$51500) will finance the construction and operation of an efficient and sustainable water pumping and storage system, with most of its subsystems running on solar energy. A schematic diagram of the system to be built is shown in the following figure.

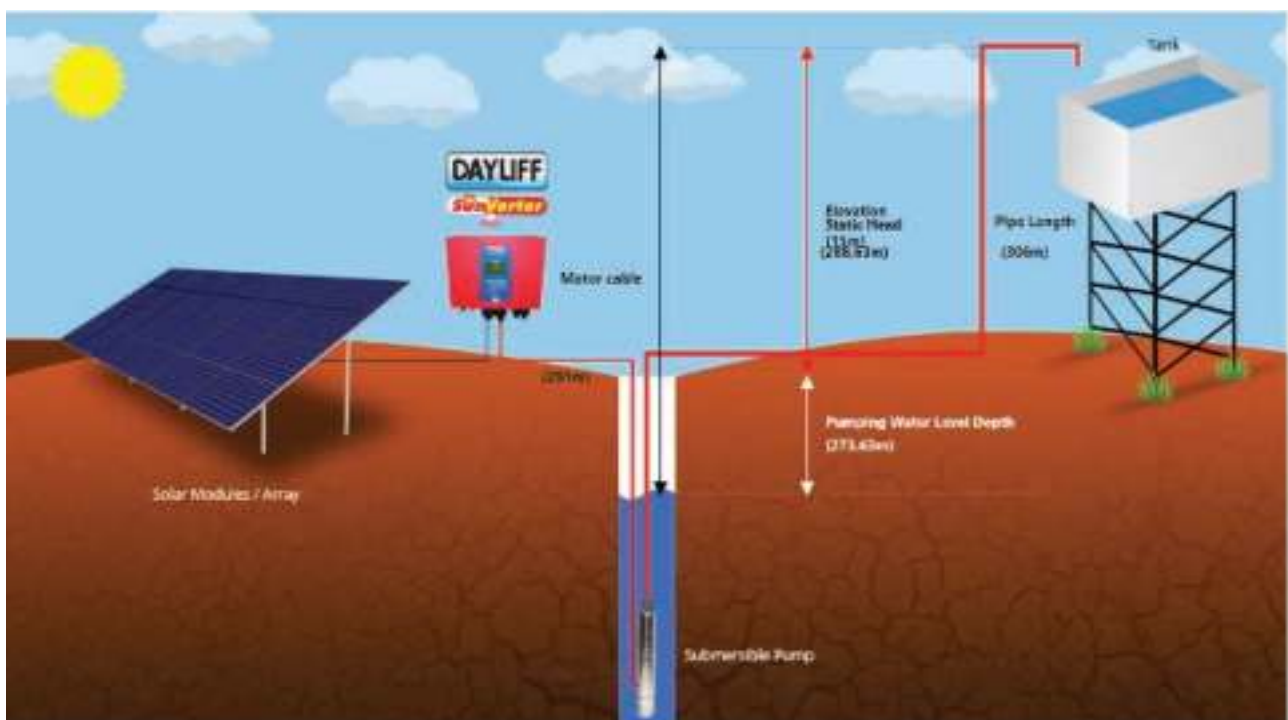
All members of RC Thessaloniki-East are excited and proud to support this very significant Global Grant project, which is in full accordance to the 2023-2024 Rotary Theme "Create Hope in the World" and we wholeheartedly wish our Rotarian friends of RC of Nairobi Thika Road the best success in its implementation!

On behalf of the RC Thessaloniki-East

Rtn Christos Karakostas, PP, President of Club TRF Committee 2022-2024

Rtn Romi Pappa, President, 2023-2024

Rtn Thomas Tegos, IPP, 2022-2023



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RID 2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

RID 2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS / Grants Management Seminar took place in Alexandroupolis on Sunday, November 5th, successfully organised/ hosted by RC Alexandroupolis. Attendance Certificates were issued for the participants.



RID 2475 - RC HERAKLION - EL GRECO

RID 2475 - RC HERAKLION - EL GRECO continues its non profit offer to the local community. On October 31st, RC Heraklion-El Greco President Eleftheria Limniou, PAG Litsa Christodoulaki, PP Stelios Christodoulakis and members Popi Vartholomou, Maria Kanaki, Giannis Kontokostas and Vivi Michalaki delivered to SOS Villages of Creta big variety of goods, supporting in this way children and families who need help.



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RID 2475 - RC HERAKLION - EL GRECO

This action is a result of devotion and love for fellow persons, which characterizes our RC's members, aiming to contribute to a better life quality of our fellow persons in the community and to demonstrate the value of solidarity and cooperation. We thank all those who supported this effort, helping to create better conditions for the children and the families who need it.



RID 2475 - RC CHALANRI

President of RC Chalandri, Christoforos Sarantopoulos, experienced rallyist, participated to the historical Acropolis Rally , from November Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th. His car is painted with Rotary logo and will cross 864 km in several cities and villages, by advertizing Rotary in all Greece and Europe, since in this competition big number of participants are from other countries. The rally started under the Sacred Rock of Acropolis, with 54 crews. Good luck to all participants!



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RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI & KOMOTIN RODOPI

RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI & KOMOTIN RODOPI responded to the call of RID 2475 for sending aid to the flood victims of Thessalia, and with a sense of social contribution and awareness collected and send the necessary sanitary material and long life food.

The material was send via the Komotini Intercity Bus Service to RC Larissa East, who has undertaken on behalf of RID 2475 the general coordination and distribution of aid. Many thanks to President of Komotini Intercity Bus Service, Mr. Antonis Nikolaidis, who accepted the transfer of above goods free of charge, since it was a humanitarian aid.



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RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI & KOMOTIN RODOPI

We wish to our Thessalian fellow citizens who have suffered so much, to be soon able to rebuild their lives and homes.

The Presidents of the two RC's, Eleni Hatzi and Michalis Veziriannidis.



RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI RODOPI

RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI RODOPI issued a press release on the occasion of World Polio Day by emphasizing the role of Rotary for Polio eradication initiative.

The president, Eleni Chatzi



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RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI RODOPI

RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI RODOPI in the frame of humanitarian action and following the recent unprecedented fires affected our region, offered equipment to the Volunteers Samaritans of Komotini's Red Cross for their effective intervention where and when needed.

Applying the ideals of selfless giving, with solidarity and sense of social responsibility, RC supported financially and personally, from the first moment, a family of the area, affected by the devastating fires, by covering several immediate needs.

Giving to our fellow persons is a value, an ideal and an indicator of balance and quality of life, but above all it is an indicator of culture, as the values of life express the creative side of a human being. The President Eleni Chatzi.



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RID 2475 - RC ATHINA OMONOIA

RID 2475 - RC ATHINA OMONOIA realised its autumn excursion in Kalavryta, on November 3 to 5. It was a very successful outing, with strong bonds among our members.

The weather was our ally, without the Saturday morning rain changing our plans. We visited the Cave of Lakes, and the Planetarium. On Sunday we visited Mesaia Trikala Korithias, where we had lunch before starting our return to Athens.

Our excursion achieved its goal. Relaxed program, nice food, but above all rotarians bringing together. The next excursion is foreseen for January!!



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RID 2475 - RC PSYCHIKO

With a wonderful weather as an ally, and with the participation of rotarians from several RC's, took place the walk and our acquaintance with Syggros forest, on Sunday, November 5th.

Through a very pleasant walk we had the opportunity to bring rotarians together and create close bonds.



RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA POLITEIA

RID 2475 - RC Kifissia Politeia held, on November 1st an event in the frame of mental health, which is one of the priorities of RI President for this year. Guest speaker was Myrto Legacy, Mindful Leadership & Wellbeing Consultant, Certified Mindfulness Trainer, Funder of one Breath Mindfulness Center, with topic "Finding Balance & Managing Stress with Mindfulness". Through the speaker's personal journey and with an interactive



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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA POLITEIA

presentation, we saw the ways in which we can balance our professional and personal lives, reducing stress and increasing efficiency, as well as pleasure!

During the discussion that followed, members and friends of RC shared their difficulties and the ways they overcame problems, having as common opinion trust in themselves, the importance of listening to the messages send to them, recognizing the feelings and their needs and how consciously are in the present.

We thank for their presence D 2475 Secretary Elena Nikolopoulou, and the AG Charalambos Tigginas and Rachil Topalidou.



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RID 2475 - RC KOMOTINI RODOPI

Peace World Day is celebrated on September 21st. The United Nations General Assembly declared this day dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace through the observance of a 24-hour non-violence-ceasefire. If we want to Create Hope in the World, we must pursue persistently and by all means, peace. Any effort to build peace must be brave and daring. The importance of communicating and learning from every culture is essential, and Rotary makes this even easier by engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building cross-border relationships based on our ongoing programs.

"The day the power of love conquers the love of power, the world will know peace"
M. Gandhi

Today we also want to send a huge THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to those who fought for extinguishing the fires in Evros and Rodopi, we thank and recognize the bravery and dedication to duty of the firefighters, first of all, the Red Cross, the Armed Forces, the Police, nursing and health personnel, the countless volunteer citizens who helped in many ways, either by offering various items or by their presence and response to the invitation of officials. Only united and with faith that we will succeed can we move forward!

We especially honor our late compatriot Rear Admiral Memekidou Glykeria, who lost her life trying to save human lives. Let the soil of the father earth that covers it be light!

President
Eleni Chatzi

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RID 2475 - RC SAMOS

Donation to the Music School from RC Samos. On October 25th, RC Samos with the support of D 2475 covered the permanent operational needs of Samos Music School by donating a large BOSCH refrigerator and a large SAM-SUNG professional oven.

RC was represented by President Marios Bakopoulos, Pr. el. Filio Vlahopoulou, PP Emmanouil Isidorou, Evaggelia Tiniakou and Secretary Evgenios Hardalias.

The tireless and continuous offering by RC Samos, for the benefit of the local society, has been an institution with very positive sign for many years.

The Music School of Samos is the proof of quality culture and must to be supported by all organizations, in order to meet the necessary development and progress in terms of infrastructure and educational achievements. We cordially thank Samos Express transportation Company of Karagiannis bros for their selfless support to our projects.



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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS, on November 11th, at the Drosini Museum, proceeded to the awards of the A plus students of Dionysos High School. We would like to thank PDG Maria Delivoria for her excellent speech, as well as the Museum's President and vice President of our RC Mrs. El. Bahari for her unique hospitality.



RID 2475 - RC MARATHON NEA MAKRI

High up in the proud, renowned mountains of Tzoumerka, which I had the chance to visit over the weekend alongside the brotherhood of Epirots of Nea Makri - Marathon - Rafina, there is a village called Ramia.

The residents, proud, humble and giving, welcomed us, opened their "Home" to us and took care of us as Greek hospitality demands.



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RID 2475 - RC MARATHON NEA MAKRI

The vice president of our Club from Ramia, rot. Dimitris entrusted me to deliver the children's books collected by rot. Katerina, member of our Club, to the president of the cultural Association of Ramia, Arta, Western Tzoumerka.

With great emotion I saw that among their library collection were the sets of books that our Club had delivered during a previous visit, organized and well-kept.

I wish that the warm space housing their library, will be a point of reference where people exchange knowledge, wisdom, thoughts and above all, human dignity and solidarity.

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RID 2475 - RC MARATHON NEA MAKRI

In the framework of the avenue of community service, to develop and improve community life and relationships, R.C. Marathon-Nea Makri offered a CD player for the needs of a local school.

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RID 2475 - RC PIRAEUS EAST - KASTELLA

Our Club, in the context of its philanthropic activity and through its member and PAG. Ilias Papageorgiou, donated on 12/11/2023 to the Hatzipaterio Foundation the ISO 9001:2015 certification, which is essential for the smooth continuation of its operations. The activity was attended by many RC

members as well as AG Dimitra Soukara, who honored us with her presence. Our Club committed to providing the Foundation's certification free of charge and indefinitely.

The Hadjipaterio Foundation, a donation of the Hadjipateras family currently serves 80 children who, due to immaturity/brain damage or other causes, face difficulties primarily in movement but often in other areas such as in intelligence, speech, senses and consequently in adapting to their environment. Mr. Marinos Agiasmenos, President of Hatzipaterio Foundation, guided us through the facilities and informed us about the Foundation's history and arising needs.

Our Club will support the Foundation, within its capabilities.



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RID 2475 - RC PATRA -KOSTIS PALAMAS

During an event organised by RC Patra-Kostis Palamas, the following Rotarians were awarded:

Kostas Manousopoulos for his long-term contribution to ROTARY, and Christos Asimakopoulos for his success in establishing and developing the Rotary Club Patra-Kostis Palamas.

Congratulations!!



RID 2475 - RC RHODOS KOLOSSOS

RID 2475 - RC RHODOS KOLOSSOS organized on November 6th a philanthropic dinner followed by tombola and slot machine games. Income of above diner will be donated to Polio Program of RI.

We cordially thank and congratulate president Anna Dimitrakopoulou and secretary Spyros Dalianis for the organisation and animation of the games, as well as members Afandeno Savva and Manolis Achladiotis for their contribution.



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Our event was honored by the presence of PDG Takis Dalianis, Fire brigade Chief Nikitas Veins, Inner Wheel president Pitsa Daliani, as well as dear friends of our RC.

g project of Polio eradication.



Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Directly echoes the philosophy of Rotary, of selfless giving and service above self.

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RID 2475 - ROTARY E-CLUB GREECE

For celebrating the world Polio Day , RC e-Club Greece organized a Polio Day, succeeding the video with their actions to be uploaded on the official page of Rotary International.

Congratulations!



Facebook->End Polio Now (with 208.000 followers) and to be reproduced in five Districts of RI.
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RID 2475 - RC PATRA

Breast cancer is not a woman's issue. It concerns all of us, without any discrimination, from whichever side of the problem we are.

#pinkthecity RC Patra, Ροταριανός Όμιλος Πάτρα, one more year, is next to the persons who face breast cancer, because nobody is alone.

✓ information ✓ prevention Alma Zois



#breastcancerawarenessmonth #internationaldaybreastcancer #enjoy #lifeCostas Chrysanthopoulos Ασημάκης Παπαδάτος Μέντης Pefanis Giannis AAggeliki Stefana-kiAggeliki KollirouMagdalini Agrafi-otiΑθανάσιος ΒόμβαςDinos XenosEleni KuriakopoulouGeorges Mpatalis Dionysia Rodi Eleni Zampeti

#taboo is only thought and behaviour.



RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS-NEA MAKRI

In a pleasant atmosphere, our Club handed over a refrigerator to a fire lookout tower in Neo Voutza, to meet the needs of the people who voluntarily work there in appreciation and recognition of their fire services, which are an essential part of public safety.



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RID 2475 - RC MARATHONAS-NEA MAKRI

Selflessness is the trait of these people who, under difficult circumstances, have many times saved our region from the fires.







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RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS

RID 2475 - RC Rodos-Kolossos actively participated to Zone 21 campaign to End Polio.

-  On October 24th, world Polio Day, the members of RC Rodos-Kolossis proceeded to deposit of USD 10 each to the Polio Fund.
-  RC is actively participating in the effort to eliminate this disease from our planet, once and for all.
-  In this way, RC supported the "Save the life of 5 children" campaign, carried out by Rotary International Zone 21. The aim is that every rotarian of Zone 21 donates a minimum amount of USD 10 to RF. RF and thousands of children around the world rely on us.
-  Together we create hope in the world.

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RRID 2475 - RC SANTORINI

RID 2475 - RC Santorini in collaboration with Emfasis Foundation send bed linen and towels to the flood victims of Thessalia.

In particular, the members of RC Santorini collected an important quantity of bed

linen and towels, which via Assistant Governor Marina Arvaniti were delivered to Emfasis Foundation for being send to Thessalia.

Emfasis Foundation is an urban non profit association who supports, relieves and empowers homeless, unemployed, families in extreme poverty, social vulnerable young people, and other social excluded persons.

Emfasis Foundation relies exclusively on private donations. We would like to thank Emphasis Foundation for the excellent cooperation as well as AG Marina Arvanitis without whose actions, this donation would not be possible.



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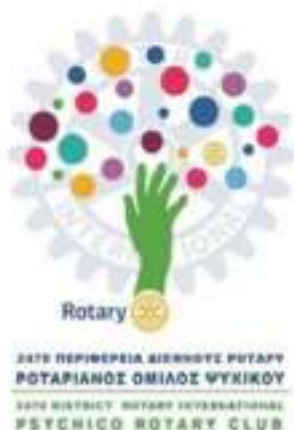
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RID 2475 - RC PSYCHIKO.

On the occasion of World Polio Day, RC Psychiko organised a visit to the National Contemporary Art Museum of Athens. The tour included visit of museum's permanent collections as well as the exhibition of Iannis Xenakis and modern love. Rotarians and friends participated to this visit. The income of this activity will support Polio Fund of RF.



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THOMAS A. EDISON: "OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS LIES IN GIVING UP. THE MOST CERTAIN WAY TO SUCCEED IS ALWAYS TO TRY JUST ONE MORE TIME." - REFLECTS THE DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT IN ROTARY'S PURSUIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GLOBAL CHANGE.

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RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS

Tour and pottery course at Bonis Ceramics. October is designated by RI as the month of Economic and community development. Ceramic Art and History of Clay is related with the progress and economic development of humans. Ceramics is one of the oldest arts that have

been recorded with archeological findings that characterise the culture of each era. Liquid clay takes the desired form from human hands and dries in order to obtain a solid form. Later it is "baked" for obtaining its final durability.



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RID 2475 - RC RODOS-KOLOSSOS

Despite the mass industrial production of ceramics, pottery is still a recognised and respected art done the traditional way. Our RC visited the Bonis Ceramics in Archangelos of Rodos, which since 51 years holds an important position in the field of

popular art and creation. Owner D.Bonis presented us the way ceramics are made, as well as the specific designs and colors which are the trademark of this workshop.

We had the opportunity, members and friends of our Club to make our own works of art.

We cordially thank Mr D.Bonis for the tour and the clay lesson. We thank PDG Takis Dalianis and AG Rachil Topalidou, as well as our members and friends for their presence. Finally we thank our member rotarian Stamatia Stergenaki who helped and contributed to the organisation of this event.



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RID 2475 - RC KORINTHOS

We thank TV Super for inviting PP rotarian Thymios Tsarmbos on the occasion of World Polio Day.

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#EndPolionow:

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RID 2475 - RC KORINTHOS

RID 2475 - RC Korinthos. publication in e-Korinthos.gr

On October 24th we celebrate world Polio Day, a serious disease which creates paralysis and has affected millions of people worldwide.

RI plays an important role to the fight against polio. The program End Polio Now, started on 1985 by Rotary in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF and has significantly contributed in the reduction of polio cases worldwide.

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Rotary collects funds and proceeds to children vaccinations in areas with high risk, aiming the eradication of this disease. The program has considerable success, since the polio cases have been drastically reduced the last years.

World Polio Day is celebrated each year on October 24th, in order to sensibilise people for the importance of vaccination and to support the efforts to eradicate polio. It is an occasion to recognise the role of Rotary and all involved in the fight against this disease which very often causes death



RID 2475 - RC KOROPHI

RID 2475 - RC Koropi, being present in the community every year during National Day, deposited a wreath on the Koropi War Memorial.



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RID 2475 - ROTARY E-CLUB GREECE

RID 2475 - Rotary e-Club Greece offered long life food to the flood victims of Thessalia, via Hellenic Red Cross.

Following the devastating floods by typhoon Daniel, which caused huge damages at the end of this summer in the area of Thessalia, Rotary e-Club Greece responding to the invitation of RID 2475, to provide assistance in various first aid items, and in perfect cooperation with Hellenic Red Cross Patras Branch, immediately proceeded to the supply of long life food.



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RID 2475 - ROTARY E-CLUB GREECE

The delivery of above was realised on October 20th at Hellec Red Cross warehouse, Patras Branch, by representatives of the Rotary e-Club BOD members (Giago Egglessi, Maria Ravazoula and George Stavropoulos).

Our effort to relieve our communities and fellow human beings in need or in danger, continues! We thank Sklavenitis Group and Zaharopoulos Auto Spare Parts for their decisive help.

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RID 2475 - RC VOULIAGMENI

Help of the RCVouliagmeni for the flood victims of Thessalia.



RID 2475 - RC KOS

Every year RC Kos organizes the Musical Love Marathon in the frame of its humanitarian actions.



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RID 2475 - RC KOS

The earnings of the event will be given entirely for covering the needs of the new school named Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop (EEEEK) in our island.



RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS awards CHROTEX. S.A. through its representative D. Tsiboukis for the generous offer to the renovation of the building of Panhellenic Association of Parents of Children and adults mentally handicapped. The mediation of our Group and especially of Mrs. A. Kallierou for the completion of this costly project is important. A big thank you for the very important contribution of CHROTEX S.A.



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RID 2475 - RC HERAKLION CANDIA

Presented on November 22nd the new book of Kostis Papageorgiou (Writer, journalist, Presenter and TV Documentary Producer) titled :**"Robert Bruce - the Excommunicated King"**. The event took place in an overcrowded hall of Youth Center.



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RID 2475 - In Athens, on Sunday, November 11th, i took place the Rotary informative Seminar and Grants Management Seminar with organizer RC Psychiko. The Seminar was simultaneously transmitted - live-streaming via platforms ZOOM, You Tube and Facebook. 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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District Rotaract Representative George Papadimos attended the Zone 21 Institute in Bucharest. The General Secretary of Rotaract Mediterranean and Ambassador of Zone 21b Foteini Papadimou participated as the Coordinator of the Youth Panel and the Roundtable for “Empowerment of Girl”. The Youth Panel was voted by the public as the Institute's best youth leaders panel.



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RID 2475 - RC HERALEIO-CANDIA

RID 2475 - RC HERALEIO-CANDIA delivered to the Foundation "Children Shelter", via President Anna Petromichelaki and Secretary Giannis Giavridis, long life food, fresh meat and hygiene items for the hosted children of the Foundation. All food is offered by members and friends of our Club.





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D2482 ROTARACT KARDZHALI

TRANSBOUNDARY ROTARACT INITIATIVE – D2482 AND D2440

International service and cooperation between Rotaract clubs in Zone21B is in action!

On the occasion of the World Diabetes Day the Rotaract Kardzhali, District 2482 Bulgaria and Rotaract Clubs Cekirge, District 2440 Turkiye started a project. The goal was to reach on social networks as much audience as possible with very useful information concerning the topic.

The aim of our initiative was to provide detailed information about diabetes and eating habits. In the content of our information campaign you can find facts about diabetes. You will learn how it affects the body, how to measure your blood sugar, symptoms of diabetes, risk factors for diabetes. Important statistics on diabetes in Turkey and Bulgaria and our articles on nutrition recommendations in diabetes.



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**TRANSBOUNDARY ROTARACT INITIATIVE –
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More information about the project you can find in our instagram profiles.

<https://www.instagram.com/rotaractclubkardzhali/>



Stay safe and take care of your healthy!

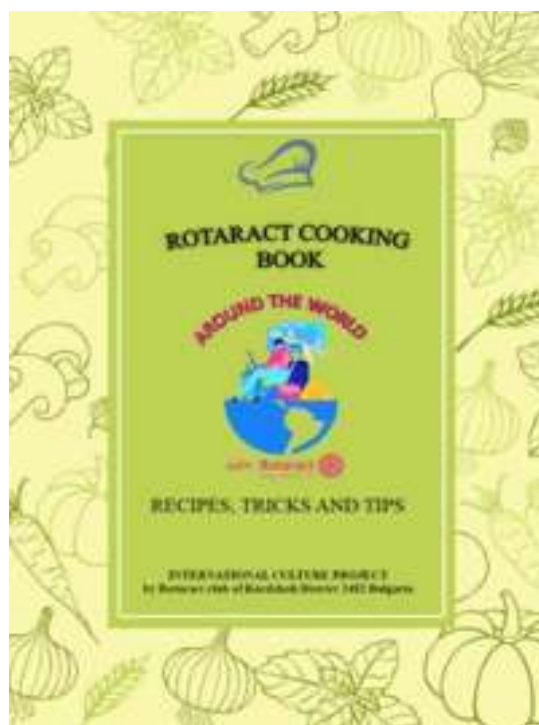
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Rotaract club of Kardzhali
District 2482 Bulgaria



**ROTARACTORS ALL OVER THE WORLD
WORK TOGETHER**

Arkan Apturahman
International Service Director
Rotaract club of Kardzhali
District 2482 Bulgaria

For me, international service in Rotaract is extremely important and enjoyable. We get to know fellows from different countries, with different culture. Thus we have the opportunity to implement great variety of projects. We get profound knowledge on the problems we can solve them through our service to society with great impact.



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WORK TOGETHER**

Over the years, thanks to our willingness to actively use social networking and seeking fellow clubs, Rotaract club Kardzhali and I, we have been able to meet many friends from different clubs. Many different initiatives has been started and successfully finished.



The most important and enjoyable of our first meetings are the virtual ones. They provided the opportunity to meet and do projects with clubs from different countries all over the world. We have shared our culture and information related to our countries. Over the years, we have implemented many online and social projects with Rotaract clubs from Turkey, Serbia, Canary Islands, India, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Philippines, Mexico, Italy and more.

For us, the members of RAC Kazrdzhali, the biggest international project we have worked on was culture exchange. The final product was a book – the first part of it “Cooking recipes book“ including cooking recipes from all over the world, presented by rotaractors in different regions. The second part of it - folk songs and dances. On this project run we were able to contact clubs from 66 countries and over 125 participants in total. This is a real success and demonstrates that Rotary connects people all over the world. Through International service we provided school supplies to a RAC club project in India.

<https://online.pubhtml5.com/tezag/vjvp/>

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ROTARACTORS ALL OVER THE WORLD WORK TOGETHER

Previous year I had the opportunity to be a guest in Belgrade, Serbia and to meet and spend time with Rotaract club of Dedinje, Belgrade; Rotaract club of Stara Pazova, Rotaract club of Skadarlija District 2483 Serbia and Montenegro.

In October this year I visited Bursa where I met in person with friends from Rotaract club of Cekirge, Bursa District 2440 Turkiye. We had a friendly meeting where we discussed the past joint projects, the award received from Eric for the projects implemented by the twinned clubs, and future ones that we will implement together. The meeting ended with an exchange of traditional products from our countries.

I am very happy that we are the only club in our district that has won two years in a row an award for projects realized by twin clubs.



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ROTARY CLUB VELIKO TARNOVO, D2482: 48,000 BGN RAISED FOR PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN STEFAN CHERKEZOV REGIONAL HOSPITAL RENOVATION

A concert on 2th November 2023 has raised a total of 48,000 BGN, for the renovation of the Pediatric Department at the Multidisciplinary Regional Hospital "Stefan Cherkhezov" in Veliko Tarnovo. The project, total

amount 500,000 BGN, is an idea of Rotary Club Veliko Tarnovo. The concert was organized by the club members. Many citizen of the ancient capital of Bulgaria have already joined the initiative – some donating, other volunteering.



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48,000 BGN RAISED FOR PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN STEFAN CHERKEZOV REGIONAL HOSPITAL RENOVATION

The sum of 48,000 BGN, about 25,500 EUR, were raised at the charity concert of the National Folklore Ensemble "Bulgare". The artists of the dance formation and Hristo Dimitrov, the art director of Bulgare,

joined the cause with personal donations. The citizens of Veliko Tarnovo applauded the moving performance "This is Bulgaria" from the bottom of their hearts. The audience added donations during and after the concert.



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48,000 BGN RAISED FOR PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN
STEFAN CHERKEZOV REGIONAL HOSPITAL RENOVATION**

All sales will be invested in the second stage of the large-scale renovation and reconstruction of the hospital to provide better condition for our children. The sectors for infants and young children have already been transformed, where small patients from the entire Veliko Tarnovo region are treated. The hospital



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ROTARY CLUB VELIKO TARNOVO, D2482: 48,000 BGN RAISED FOR PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN STEFAN CHERKEZOV REGIONAL HOSPITAL RENOVATION

rooms, the intensive care unit and the two manipulation rooms have been transformed into a bright and cozy place that calms the children and parents. The department received a new waiting room with a sanitary unit, the isolation ward and the reception room have been completely changed. The new look of the pediatrics is with a children's play corner and socialization.

The concert was part of the celebration events dedicated to the 85th anniversary of Rotary Club Veliko Tarnovo.

NEW INTERACT CLUB IN D2482: INTERACT CLUB SOFIA

We are proud members of Interact club Sofia, D2482 Bulgaria

Dear fellows, members of Rotary and Interactors,

On November 4, 2023, the first community based Interact Club in Sofia, Interact Club Sofia, was born. The great event was part of the official celebration of 90th anniversary of the first Rotary club in Bulgaria establishment.

Our club life began much earlier. It was two years ago, when Nikola, our charter president, began attending the meetings Rotaract club Sofia.

With great emotion, Sofia Rotaractors shared the ideas, goals, and history of Rotary with their younger fellows. They believed that Interactors are the future members of Rotaract and Rotary. Sometimes these young girls and boys suggest the ten the best ideas, because they have not yet set limits on their dreams and hopes.



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Next, Kaya and Tsvetoslav joined Nikola. They overcame their shyness and participated in initiatives and attended training seminars for Rotaractors. The first members of the future Interact club managed to create a friendly environment.

Thus, within 2 years, the number of young people joining the community increased. They supported the projects of the Rotaract club Sofia - the annual Tennis Tournament, Quiz Night, Rotarun, Career Day: Career Path, and others. The group attended the Interact and Rotaract training seminars for the first time, one of them participated in an international event, EUCO in Milan in 2023.

After two years of learning and development on behalf of Nikola Lazarov, Kaya Vasileva, Tsvetoslav Makaveev, Alexander Mihaylov, Alexandra Dimitrova, Bianca Veselinova, Martin Arnaudov, Rada Georgieva, Alexander Sharp, and Tsvetelina Mineva, on November 4, 2023, Interact Club Sofia was chartered.

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The initiative to establish Interact Club Sofia came from Ema Karadzhiyan, a member of Rotaract club Sofia. As a former Interactor in Bourgas, she believed that a community based club was the greater challenge. She convinced her club-mates that this type of club would provide better opportunity for development than school based one. Meeting and working together with young people from different schools would be inspiring.



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The date has been chosen to match the official celebration of the 90th anniversary as mentioned above. We believe that this is a new beginning, that will be a source of new ideas, new fellowship, inspiration, and, very important - an opportunity for young people in Bulgaria to develop.

We are happy that our Interact pins were given by some of the most remarkable Rotarians in our Zone – the District governors of neighbour districts.



D2482 BLAGOEVGRAD CENTER



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**ROTARY CLUB OF BLAGOEVGRAD CENTER
PROVIDED FUNDS AND SUPPORT FOR THE
MAJOR RENOVATION OF PEDIATRIC
DEPARTMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY HOSPITAL**

The youngest patients in the pediatric ward of the Blagoevgrad hospital will already be taken care of in a warm and friendly conditions. Just before the start of the winter, Rotary club Blagoevgrad Center renovated the steam heating system. A major renovation of the pediatric ward had not been done for more than 13 years.

"Before the renovation, there was no steam heating in the ward. There were only accumulator electric stoves. The mothers had to bring their own additional heating appliances to keep warm in the rooms. The act of renovation has changed completely the situation. The children feel comfortable now," said Head Nurse Antoaneta Borisova in an interview with BNT.



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D2482 BLAGOEVGRAD CENTER

ROTARY CLUB OF BLAGOEVGRAD CENTER PROVIDED FUNDS AND SUPPORT FOR THE MAJOR RENOVATION OF PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY HOSPITAL

"Our main success is that we have united many people to provide the cause and managed to make a comprehensive renovation of the heating of the building, which is not only a children's ward, but also a maternity ward. There is a significant change compared to the first time we came here," added Vasil Pipev, past president of Rotary club of Blagoevgrad Center.

Full interview and report on the project completion are available here:

<https://bnt.bg/news/sled-osnoven-remont-v-detskoto-otdelenie-na-blagoevgradskata-bolnica-veche-e-toplo-v355489-323342news.html>

D2482 -JOINT PROJECT GERMANY-BULGARIA

EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Germany, 17 Nov 2023

Today 40 tons of used but well maintained medical equipment and beds are being loaded into trucks to go from Heiligenstadt in Thuringia to Dupnitsa in Bulgaria.

What a wonderful outcome of a Rotary Friendship Exchange!

Let me tell you the story:

This April I went with a team of 7 German Rotarians to Bulgaria. We traveled the beautiful country for a week, stayed at the homes of Rotarians and went to meetings of the Rotary Club Sliven, Bourgas, Blagoevgrad, Kazanlak, Sofia and Dupnitsa. In short we met a lot of Bulgarian Rotarians and learned a lot about our European neighbors.

One thing moved us: there was a great need for medical equipment especially in the smaller towns.

The Bulgarian team of Ani Hristova came to visit my Rotary District 1950 in June.

They also toured our region with stops and homestays in Neustadt aisch, Lohr, Bamberg, Herzogenaurach, Erfurt, Altenburg and Karlstadt.



CHRISTINE BÜRING



ANI HRISTOVA

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**EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL
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When they presented their country at our District conference Paul Gräfendorf picked up the thread of the needed medical equipment and connected with President Bertin Kaufhold of Rotary club Obereichsfeld/Heilbad Heiligenstadt.

The club arranged for the local hospital to keep used beds etc in storage and even collected other medical machinery for further use in Bulgaria.

This for me is practical sustainability paired with a great example of RotaryInAction and ever more a reason to keep organizing those wonderful exchange programs!

My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.



Bulgaria, 25 Nov 2023

The First step has been made!

This week, something exciting has happened - we has started some of the activities for the renovation of the Children's Ward of the Municipal Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski" in Dupnitsa.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Rotary Club of Dupnitsa, District 2482, and fellows from the German Rotary District 1950 - Mrs. Christine Buring, Mr. Paul Graefendorf, and the president of the Rotary Club Obereichsfeld-Heilbad Heiligenstadt Mr. Bertin Kaufhold, the donation has been

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delivered to Dupnitsa and handed over to the management of the Municipal Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski" in the town by Dr. Daniela Sapundzhieva, Club president.

34 specialized medical hospital beds, equipped with the necessary special medical mattresses, auxiliary patient cabinets, as well as 1 ultrasound machine for ultrasound diagnostics are now in the building of the former "Transport Hospital", where the premises of the Pediatric Department are located. The equipment is used, but duly checked, absolutely disinfected and fully functional, with a value of more than 30,000 BGN, and the transportation costs from Germany to Bulgaria were fully covered by the Rotary Club of Dupnitsa.

This donation is in support of the project of the Rotary Club of Dupnitsa for the renovation and re-equipment of the pediatric department of the municipal hospital in the town. The technical requirements for some of the elements of the reconstruction are being finalized. The funds collected so far are far from the required amount, which is estimated to be around 250,000 BGN.

Since we want the department to welcome children with beautiful, new, fresh and cozy rooms, we, the members of Rotary club Dupnitsa have decided that this year's Christmas charity ball will also be with a cause to raise funds for the renovation of the pediatrics. We hope that with the help of our fellow citizens, we will be able to raise the necessary amount and the renovation will be completed as soon as possible.

If you wish, you can make a donation to the following bank account:

IBAN: BG64 IABG 7490 1001 4051 01

Recipient: ROTARY CLUB DUPNITSA

Reason: Donation for Children's Department



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D2482- ROTARY CLUB OF KAZANLAK TAKES CARE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club Kazanlak provided 100 packages of immunostimulants for the winter months to the employees of local cultural institutions in the city..

Recipients were the employees of Iskra Historical Museum, the Rose Museum, the Museum of Photography and Contemporary Visual Arts, Chudomir Literary-Art Museum, the Art Gallery, and the Municipal Library "Iskra".

The president of the club, Mr Gitev personally presented the packages to the directors of the cultural institutions, which are visited by thousands of people each year.

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D2482- RC KAZANLAK

Rotary Club Kazanlak provided life-saving supplies to Emergency Services - six glucose meters and test strips to the emergency centers in Kazanlak, Pavel Banya, and Maglizh.

The supplies will help emergency medical personnel in ambulances to determine the

blood sugar levels of patients when visiting addresses. Each ambulance serving the three municipalities of Kazanlak, Pavel Banya, and Maglizh is now fully equipped with a glucose meter. The supplies were presented by the president of the Rotary Club Kazanlak, Ivan Gitev, to Dr. Terziev, the head of the Kazanlak emergency service branch.

Listen to the interview in Bulgarian national radio:

<https://bnr.bg/starazagora/post/101914450/rotari-klub-kazanlak-dari-imunostimulatori-na-slujiteli-v-mestnite-kulturni-institucii>



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**D2482- ROTARY CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT
ATTENTION ON THE THE DEMOGRAPHIC
CRISIS IN BULGARIA**

The Demographic crisis has been recognized as one of the biggest problems in Bulgaria. On 4th November a Round table initiated by Christo Mihaylovski, District governor of District 2482, was organized.

The participants were outstanding public figures in social and political life in our country - Prof. Dr. Hristo Hinkov - Minister of Health, Dr. Stoicho Katsarov - former Minister of Health in 2021, and Prof. Dr. Ab Klink - the Minister of Health of the Netherlands 2007-2010, Prof. Dr. Georgi Burdarov - head of the Department of Socio-Economic Geography at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and expert on demographic issues in Bulgaria, Prof. Dr. Krasen Stanchev - lecturer at the Department of Public Administration at Sofia University, and Atanas Kaimakchiev - President of the Rotary Club of Sofia, host of the event, to cover the topics of education, migration, healthcare, reforms and human capital in the country.



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The Round table is the start of a series of campaigns and events to attract the public attention to the problems and decisions concerning the Demographic crisis overcoming.

“Because we, the Rotarians believe that by working together on priority topics we can make a positive impact and turn the tide of statistics through real action” declared DG Christo Mihaylovski.



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D2482- INTERACT CLUB VARNA –
LET'S SAVE THE EARTH

The members of Interact club Varna are happy to inform that the project for planting trees in Markovo Park in the town of Devnia has been successfully completed. They managed to plant 19 trees. The Interactors are extremely grateful to everyone who participated!



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LET'S SAVE THE EARTH



D2482- INTERACT CLUB STARA ZAGORA – TRADITION THAT SAVE LIVES



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D2482- INTERACT CLUB STARA ZAGORA – TRADITION THAT SAVE LIVES

The traditional initiative of Interact club Stara Zagora "It's sweet to be healthy" was started in favour of The World Diabetes Day. On November 11 the girls and boys, members of the club, performed free blood sugar tests for over 170 people in the city of Stara Zagora.

Among all the tested citizen during the day, only 10 were found to have high blood sugar levels. They were informed about the possible reasons and recommended to consult a doctor. Interesting information related to diabetes was also presented. The youngest participant in the project was 8 years old, and the oldest was 90!

The event was performed with the support of the Municipality of Stara Zagora and the Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria. (@amsbstarazagora).

The media partners from Radio Stara Zagora supported the initiative and helped with the promotion of the campaign useful for the citizens of Stara Zagora.



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D2482- NARODNI BUDITELI

At the beginning of November, Rotary Club Asenovgrad presented awards to the winners of the contest on the topic: "Народните будители". "Narodni buditeli" we call the great Bulgarian – scientist, writers, religious and social figures, teachers, whos kept the high spirit of Bulgarian people during some hard years in the past.



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All other participants were awarded certificates of participation. The Rotary Club once again would like to thank those who participated in the competition and wishes them success in the future.

Few days later,

On 09.11.2023 the head of Petko Karavelov Primary School presented diplomas to the students who participated in the competition organized by the Rotary Club Asenovgrad.

This school year 2023-2024, the school presented 11 literary works and 7 drawings.

The management and teachers wish the students to be healthy, always enthusiastic and continue to develop their creative potential in the future.



D2482- ROTARACT CLUB DOBRICH – EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITY

The chess tables in the Stariya Dobrich complex have been already installed.

We are happy to share moments from the opening event and grateful to the children from Dobrudzha 2013 Chess club and Galin Kostov for playing the first games of chess here. Maxim Panayotov, who issued the idea, was a special guest. Maxi is the past-president of Interact Club Dobrich.

Special thanks to our fellowa and partners – Rotary club DOBRICH. They provided the financial support to this project!

Very soon we will announce our next initiative, at our club's 5th birthday party

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D2482- ROTARY CLUB AYTOS VISITED SILIVRI ROTARY CLUB FELLOWS IN TURKEY!



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D2482- RC VARNA EUXINOVGRAD

On 2.11.2023 Rotary Club Varna-Euxinograd awarded 17 high school students and 2 teachers from secondary schools in Varna for their academic achievements. I had the honour to chair the organizing and selection commission. Thanks go to the students, teachers, directors, Rotarians and all who contribute to students' success!



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Introduction

We have all visited the Institute of Zone 21 in Bucharest to prepare the assessment and tune our goals and approach. To plan the future.

My speech was scheduled for the Regional Update Day. It was out of the zone of comfort, I have been used to stay at. The speech had to be a brief cover in 10 minutes of the 42 pages of Regional Leader's Manual. I won't estimate the situation as the decision how to construct the presentation and concentrate on some sturning topics.

The Regional Update Day has to evaluate our past successes, to confront the challenges we've encountered to provide solutions, to look ahead to what we can achieve together in the future.

To exchange insights, share updates, and learn from each other's experiences in growing Rotary, extending our reach, cultivating Rotary's public image innovatively, and implementing impactful projects.

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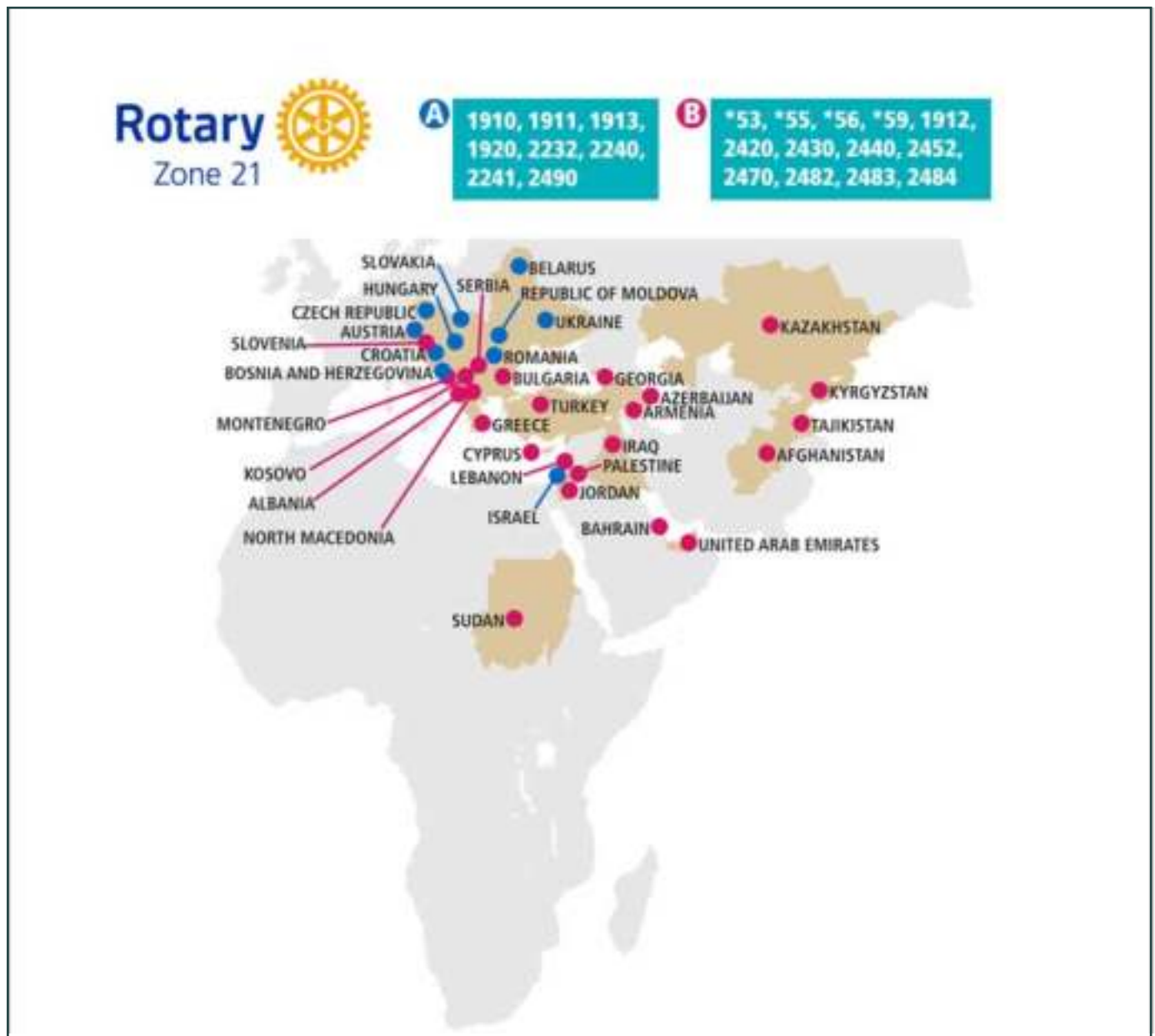
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OUR ZONE

Our Zone – the most beautiful one among all. Have a look of the structure of it.



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DEI in Action.

We are diversified, equity respected, inclusion in action. Thanks to modern technology the Zone team, with our present and elect directors ahead, promote working together – clubs from different regions on same projects.

We have faced challenges that we cannot influence on – wars, conflicts, earthquakes, floods, fires. But we can provide HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT and promote PEACE. We should CONFRONT VIOLENCE and PROTECT ENVIRONMENT.

Our FUTURE GOVERNERS have been with us in Bucharest and they have STARTED PLANNING THEIR PRIORITIES. We are here to confirm once again that WORKING AS A TEAM we shall support them in their efforts and those of their teams.

And here we come.

2 The Zone team covers all main streams in Rotary

Rotary Foundation Coordinator & team

- (1) Promote Foundation goals and Rotary's Action plan by increased giving to and participation in the Annual Fund and greater participation in grants and programs. They collaborate with district leaders to support and encourage Rotarians and clubs to give and used the fund and opportunities.
- (2) Identify which districts are performing well and which have problems and contact to provide support and expertise – FUNDRAISING events, strategy. Transfer knowledge and skills from first to the second group
- (3) The spent of DDF
- (4) Rotary grants – answer questions and offer training.
- (5) Organize in innovative forms seminars, trainings and meetings. It is highly recommended that they showcase unique fundraising methods and successful projects. The results of RFCs work are one of the main sources for Public image team to promote Rotary.

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(6) Close communication, coordination and peer with E/MGA and EPNC. Our main external project is still EndPolioNow. Global eradication of Polio is Rotary highest priority.

(7) Alumni are very important for all Coord.Teams. Rotary.org supports a list.

ROTARY COORDINATOR and Team:

The team responsible for our MAIN INTERNAL GOAL – membership!

Talking about Rotary clubs we have in mind both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

(1) Promote Rotary's Action Plan by facilitating the support and strengthening of existing clubs and the establishment of new clubs and satellite clubs.

(2) In collaboration with district leaders RC team support and encourage Rotarians and clubs to increase member attraction and engagement, develop new clubs and satellite clubs.

(3) RCs also inspire, motivate, train, advise, strategize, communicate, and promote Rotary in the districts they serve.

(4) Support districts in recognizing their Annual goals and priorities, and initiate actions to accomplish them, applying regionally appropriate membership attraction and engagement strategies.

(5) Support districts and clubs apply effective member engagement activities to retain existing and obtain new members



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VERY important resource is the Alumni community. You can find resources on the Alumni page on My Rotary. Also, on MyROtary every district and zone leader can find a large file with all alumni in the district – together with contact information and their current status. You could not believe how many of these young people have not become Rotarians. Using the Membership Leads system in MyRotary is another innovative way to attract new members in both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

It is great idea on behalf of RC Bane and his team to initiate the regular monthly meetings with extraordinary Rotarians and great world Rotary Leaders. Supporting the podcast on our Zone21B new website and on Youtube will be important to provide access to these great meeting recordings to all members of Rotary.

Rotary Public image coordinators and team of ARPICs:

Under to the leadership of RPIC Altan and PastRPIC Nijad our team has become important resource for the Public image of Rotary in our Zone, in neighbour zones, and proud to say – in all Rotary world.

We have started and run thePower of Goodness Video competition for 4th consecutive year. It has become famous in all Rotary world and you can see our success on <https://-zone21videocompetition.com/>

Take part in our IVth edition. Great Jury, great support and a video database of great importance.



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Rotary Public image coordinators and team of ARPICs:

Our team is supporting Zone21B profiles in most important social networks. Some of them have been running for more than 10 years thanx to PRPIC Gunes. All clubs in zone has access to these resources and you are welcome to be published. Contact your ARPIC.

Another great innovation is our Zone21B digital magazine that you are now reading. Access to all issues: <https://pubhtml5.com/bookcase/jqbm/>.

Thanks to our dear Mylene we provide monthly edition on all main projects in all districts in our zone, some papers by our Zone and Region leaders, important events and initiatives. And we are very proud as we accept is the CROWN of our efforts: our new Zone website. Thank you Cengiz and Gunes. Great efforts and great results. All Rotarians in the zone are welcome to contact their ARPIC and submit articles to be published.

<https://rotaryzone21.org/>

EPNC – EndPolioNow coordinator

As we say here is one of the “freelancers”. The role of EPNC is extremely important and very hard. They have to promote our main “external”project – the image of Rotary to the public is often related to the Polio eradication – EndPolioNow.

The role of EPNC is to contact and support district and club leaders, to inspire new initiatives and activities for donation to this fund.

A great project has been performed in multizone aspect: EPNICs of several zone united to support the MyJourneyToEndPolio. The 12000 km travel of Bashar Asfour inspired more than half of 250 000 USD donations to the fund. This is a really big success for that team. We hope the Journey has just begun, as Bashar said in a private talk.



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Endowment /Major gifts advisor

This is a boutique role. And very important. This person should recognize the potential of growing the community of major gifts donators. We shall ask them to write a separate paper.

Empowering girls Ambassadors

A Role, which is not reflected in the Manual. Very important and very hard. The Empowering girls initiative has been discussed many times. This role should be part of the Zone structure as the Initiative is not only to prevent aggression against female population. It is about violence and aggression in general. Thanks, Nicky Scott for accepting the idea.

And NOW - What we do Working as a team:

- promote,
- support,
- contact !!!!
- encourage,
- identify,
- motivate

To expand the teamwork

What does these words mean?

If we import all the text of the manual in a special software and perform the task of extracting those words used most often, we obtain a set of the words above. These are the obligations of any Zone Coordinators team.

If we have to detail describe the obligation of each Coordinators team we shall use exactly these verbs.

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What does these words mean?

Each team consists of assistants, representatives of different district – Turkish districts have one for Rotary and 1 for Rotaract. The Public image team – include consultants, advisors, and honestly we work together – both the Dream and the Magic team.

We work as a team at Zone/Joint Zone level -> up with trustee and Directors & the Presidents // down – District and Club leaders // at district level. Because I do not like Up and Down, let's speak about left and right.

We work together within our districts (the three assistant coordinators of District 2482 at a preliminary PETS).

Once again: the Keywords that describe our job as zone team members is promote (promote in general - reading the manual I got the impression that all other teams are part of PI team), support, contact, encourage, identify, motivate.

OUR APPROACH

We have already mentioned some activities performed by the Zone Teams.

All the teams need REGIONAL AAPPROACH to achieve the global goals.

- Creative
- Innovation
- Dedicated
- Adaptive and adapted

Honestly we rarely work head by head at one place.



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What do we provide?

We provide expertise and knowledge.

We provide support.

We define and solve problems.

We face challenges

Compare the Old school communication to the new one – compare modems and the connections now.

To stay connected in the old manner – you need a modem, but it is not accessible all the time. From time to time it is not answering.



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Nowadays, is a point is not answering the signal/information simply skip this point to find the proper route. We should and we HAVE adapted to work in this new manner. BTW it is not too much new. The Information and social signal act as fluids.

Here are some challenges we meet. They have been recognized in a brief quiz with fellows from different zone teams.

- TIME - the greatest challenge of our era. To be effective we devote our time. Sometimes it is exhausting. Sometimes new and new requirements eat our time.
- Communication with DG and DCommChairs. To establish reliable and productive communication we need at least two-direction . It is too often that the District leaders accept the zone team as competitors. We are not! Remember the main verbs in our role as listed above.
- Adding events after the District Calender is ready or after the end of Rotary year. Expands the time we personally plan and make the communication difficult.
- Downgrading our expertise. Adopt our expertise → overqualifies team. Adopt expertise. Very often, our teams are overqualified for the daily needs of clubs and districts. It is difficult but we try to be patient even when the qualification of the person on the other end is far away from what has been expected.
- English is a problem. The Coordinator teams have a member from each District. The team members do speak English and the native language. (we are not discussion the multinational districts). The problem for EmpG, Endopolio, Big gifts, etc. It is hard to communicate when the other side does not speak English. At the same time, some matters require deep knowledge in English.
- Same problem is to be dedicated a task and you should contact the DChairs.
- Large Number of clubs in a district, especially joining the RAC to the number of clubs – we are expected to contact the DG and DChairs. Still the manuals requires from us to contact club leaders.



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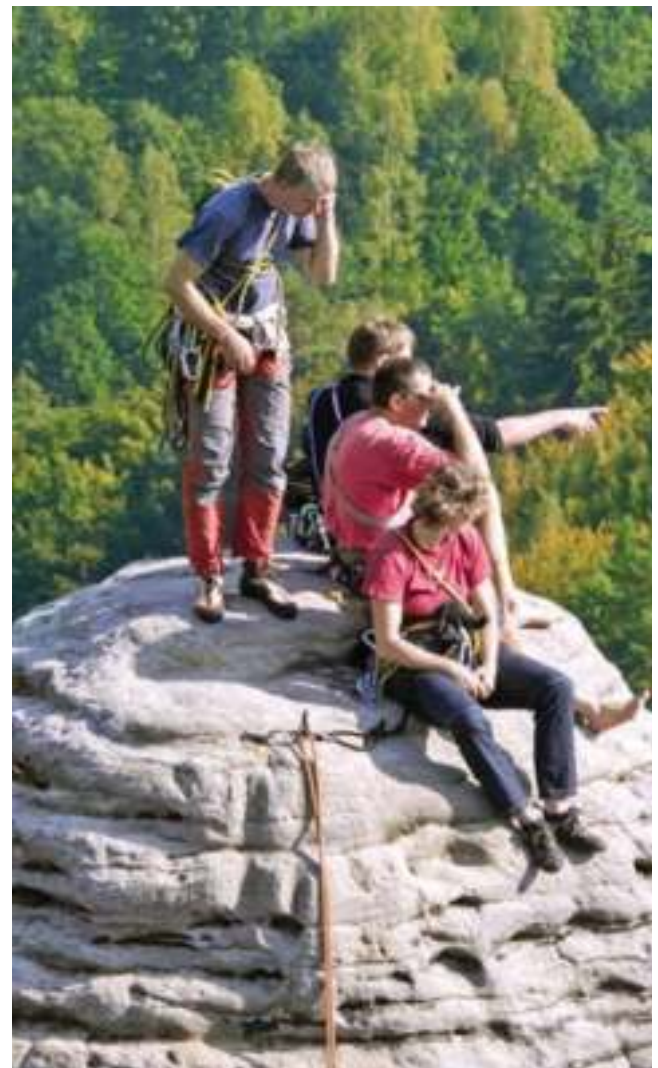
- Skipping either internal or external audience. Both are essential and non-dividable parts of the Organisation Body and the Public image target. Both are important!
- Skipping either the highest internal priority – the membership, or the highest “external” task – the Polio Eradication. Both are important.
- About donations. They depend on the culture of giving. The best possible is to be able to attract external donors. Still internal are the problem in the zone.

We Search for Solutions

- From time to time it is easier to do an Inter-Team exchange. For example – Maria to contact “my district” and I to contact hers. None is God at home.
- Ask/recommend the District to include the (Zone / Region) in the District communication plan. Quite many Rotarians are not aware of the Zone role. Even I was not aware while being Executive secretary for 3 years, Rotarian information District Chair and District Public image chair about the existence of Zone team.
- Promote Rotarian Mobility – as described in p.9 of the manual. We are speaking about some avant-garde approaches to membership increase and sustainability and do not use the simplest proven way – promote mobility.



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- Develop new tools in addition to the large Rotary scope tools, as well to district and club available tools and platforms – sample: Public image new approach – profiles and new channels, digital magazine, mailing list – from Rotarians to alumni. At first glance they seem to be competing. And if we should answer the question: Are they? The answer is “Definitely YES!”. Because when the market does not exist, you should create the circumstances. And Competition is the most important for starting a market. And at the same time it is in Addition TO.
- For some purposes we dedicate member.

The Institute main goal is to turn the Zone team into an Institution (have been said).



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Notes and Definiton:

Rotary Institute is a program that provides training and development opportunities for Rotary members. It is offered at various levels, from basic to advanced, and covers a wide range of topics, including Rotary leadership, service projects, and public speaking.

The main goals of Rotary Institute are to:

- Help Rotary members develop the skills and knowledge they need to be effective leaders and volunteers.
- Promote understanding of Rotary's mission and values.
- Encourage Rotary members to participate in service projects and other activities that make a difference in their communities and around the world.
- Foster fellowship and friendship among Rotary members.

Rotary Institute is an important part of Rotary's commitment to developing its members and helping them to make a positive impact on the world.

Here are some specific examples of what Rotary Institute participants can learn:

- How to develop and lead a successful service project.
- How to communicate effectively with members of the public and the media.
- How to build and maintain a strong Rotary club.
- How to apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to their personal and professional lives.
- How to develop and implement a strategic plan for their Rotary club or district.
- How to work with other organizations to make a bigger impact in their communities.

Rotary Institute is open to all Rotary members, regardless of their experience or level of involvement. It is a great way to learn more about Rotary and to develop the skills and knowledge you need to make a difference.

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DONATION OF DRONES AND MBOT ROBOTS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF SERBIA

Continuing the implementation of the Memorandum "For Better School", signed with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia, Rotary Club Beograd Ćukarica organized the third consecutive donation of 200 drones and 200 Mbot robots to elementary schools in Serbia for the purpose of teaching program languages Scratch and Python in IT classes.

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Our international partners RC Glenville from Georgia, USA and Rotary E-Club Berlin Global from Germany, with a large number of Districts from all over the world (Georgia/USA, Missouri, California, Japan, Bulgaria)

supported the projects thus significantly helping the realization of these Global Grants. Of course, there was no lack of financial support from our District 2483 and Rotary clubs in our District, as well as the Rotary Foundation.

Donations of robots and drones were distributed during the month of September in 7 Serbian cities to IT teachers from these cities and surrounding towns. In order to receive the donation, the teachers had to attend mandatory teacher training organized on the same day.

The last donations with teacher training will take place in Kragujevac and Novi Pazar in November.



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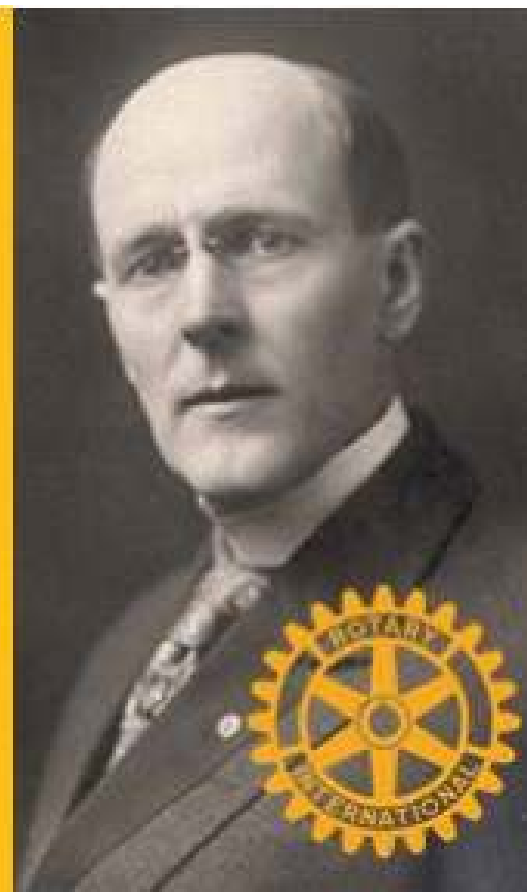
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and those we serve.
I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



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