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MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

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The idea became reality in January 1968 when Rotary approved the Rotaract proposal. Members of the Rotary Club of Charlotte-North, North Carolina, USA, had worked with local university students, and they seized the opportunity to sponsor a Rotaract club. The first Rotaract club was certified by Rotary on 13 March 1968 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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Rotary Scholarships for Water and Sanitation Professionals

The strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education aims to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis by increasing the number of trained professionals to devise, plan, and implement solutions in developing and emerging countries. Through this partnership, scholarships are awarded annually for graduate students at IHE Delft's campus in the Netherlands. These scholarships are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and highly skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities. Since the inception of the partnership in 2012, over 165 scholarships have been awarded.

The application process is as follows: Rotarians interview and select from local candidates who have already been academically admitted at the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education's MSc Programme in Water and Sustainable Development, to one of the following thematic tracks:

- Water and Health
- Water, Food and Energy
- Water Resources and Ecosystems Health
- Water Hazards, Risks and Climate

When the candidate is deemed suitable, the sponsoring Rotary Club submits (together with the candidate) a fully completed application form to the joint Rotary/IHE Delft selection committee (details can be found below), copied to the District Governor and District Rotary Foundation Chair of their district.

When a Rotary scholarship has been awarded, the sponsoring Rotary Clubs maintains contact with the scholar throughout his or her studies. The financing of the successful candidates will be managed through Rotary's Global Grant process.

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About the scholars

Recipients of this Rotary-scholarship will benefit from the support they receive through regular contact with sponsor Rotarians from their home country and the opportunity to interact with Rotarians in the Netherlands. Rotary alumni constitute an extensive network of Rotary scholarship recipients and Rotarians worldwide. Becoming involved with a local Rotary Club and the alumni association allows scholars to stay connected to Rotary's global community and resources.

Students admitted to IHE Delft Institute for Water Education's Master of Science program in Water and Sustainable Development (68EC) can be nominated by a local Rotary Club in their home community by submitting the application form for a scholarship to the Rotary/IHE Delft committee in the Netherlands, together with the student's resume and the IHE Delft admission letter. Only completed application forms fully supported and submitted by the sponsoring Rotary Club will be considered.

You can consult this website to find your nearest Rotarian club:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>

The application form has to be submitted by email to the Rotary/IHE Delft committee in the Netherlands: rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com , copied to their District Governor and District Rotary Foundation Chair.



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Application timeline

1. Apply for admission for the IHE Delft Master program in Water and Sustainable Development by 1 April 2024 at the latest
2. Early on in the application process, search for your nearest Rotary club
3. Approach the club and request to nominate you for a Rotary scholarship
4. The application form needs to be completed by you and by the Rotary Club
5. After full completion of the form, the sponsoring Rotary Club submits your application to the Rotary/IHE Delft selection committee in The Netherlands by 15 April 2024 at the latest
6. After the selection all candidates will be informed about the outcome before 15 May 2024
7. Final approval is pending formal endorsement by The Rotary Foundation 1 July 2024



Presidential Message

There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellows advance peace:

Promoting sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.



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Rotary International
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RY 2023-2024

Presidential Message

Ending racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through anti-racism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

Managing disasters using data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.



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These stories and hundreds like them show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to Create Hope in the World through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.



**Gordon McNally
Rotary International
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Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

We all know that as Rotarians, we focus on addressing the 7 areas of concern facing humanity using Rotary Foundation funds. Yes, while the Rotary Foundation seeks solutions in 7 focus areas ranging from education to health, environmental issues, and economic issues, in my opinion, it serves only one of these 7 focus areas. Because in regions where there is no shortage of water, where there are no diseases, environmental problems, where clean water is available, where mothers and children are healthy, and where economic and social development is completed, peace prevails.



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

In countries where peace exists, people do not experience physical health problems, they are mentally healthier, but more importantly, they raise much healthier generations spiritually. Based on this rationale, the Rotary Peace and Mental Health Forum we organized was a memorable event where Rotarians from different regions of the world came together. Held in Belgrade on February 12, 2024, this forum provided a platform for in-depth discussions on the importance of peace and the impact of mental health on societies.

The forum was filled with panels where various speakers shared their experiences and participants actively engaged. While emphasizing Rotary's efforts in peacebuilding and supporting mental health, inspiring examples were shared on how people from different cultures can come together to work towards a common goal.

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Especially, the personal stories and successes of the panelists deeply affected everyone. Emphasis on how communities can come together to build peace and how important mental health is in this process formed the main theme of the forum.

Throughout the day's events, participants learned about different projects and explored potential opportunities for future collaborations. Additionally, during the evening gala dinner, participants came together to make new connections and proudly experience being part of the Rotary family.

Another highlight of the forum was the parallel sessions held on various topics such as youth programs, climate change, and mental health. Through these sessions, participants gained different perspectives and acquired deeper knowledge on the relevant subjects.

Now let's take a look together at the views of some of our friends who attended the forum.

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**ARPIC Alaeddin
Demircioğlu
District 2420/2430/2440**

ARPIC Alaeddin Demircioğlu on...

The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

Project “One Step Forward to Tomorrow with Youth-4”

The "One Step Forward to Tomorrow with Youth-4" education program, in collaboration with Nilüfer Municipality Innovation Center, Rotary Club of Heykel, D.2440, and Rotary Club of Beyoğlu, D.2420, has been successfully completed with next-generation personal development training.

Through the training provided within the scope of the "Step Forward to Tomorrow with Youth-4" education program, which was held in cooperation with Nilüfer Municipality Innovation Center, Rotary Club of Heykel-D.2440 and Rotary Club of Beyoğlu-D.2420 Rotary, young participants aged between 18-25 acquired new skills to better understand themselves, make decisions in their personal and professional lives, and implement them effectively.

The program, which took place online and face-to-face in January-February-March, consisted of a total of 16 hours, covering topics such as:

- Success in a Changing World
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Difficult Situations and Convincing Difficult People
- Personal Vision and Goal Achievement
- Mind and Body Harmony in the Face of Uncertainty
- Active Listening
- Teamwork
- The Art of Understanding Values and Each Other

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Alaeddin Demircioğlu on...

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**Project “One Step
Forward to Tomorrow
with Youth-4”**

"With the final training session scheduled for March 16th, certificates presented to the group of 24 students by Nilüfer Mayor Turgay Erdem and representatives from Rotary District 2440.

This project has been a significant step in supporting the personal development of young individuals.



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Education Project of “I
AM RESPONSIBLE FOR
MY FUTURE”

"Rotary Club of Mavisehir, Rotary Club of Alsancak and Rotary Club of Agora from District 2440 performed an education project for 4.Grade Rotary Community Corp. Primary School students. Education was given by Volunteer Educators Committee. Rotary Clubs has also applied for District Grant to District 2440 to finans education materials.

For the training of our volunteer educators, two-day active and intensive trainings were held under the management of Sabancı University social awareness projects director Zeynep Bahar and her assistant Aslı Acar. For a total of six weeks, for 2 hours every Friday, 20 volunteer Rotarian educators, 300 students in nine classes, practiced using the modules we determined, various competitions, events, visuals and creative techniques. When the project was completed, a painting competition was held to see what I learned. Our first three children who were ranked were rewarded with a space camp trip. Both their awards and certificates were given during the April 23 Children's Day ceremonies. Thus, a project that lives directly within the school was carried out with our Rotary Community Corp school and the communication between us was strengthened.



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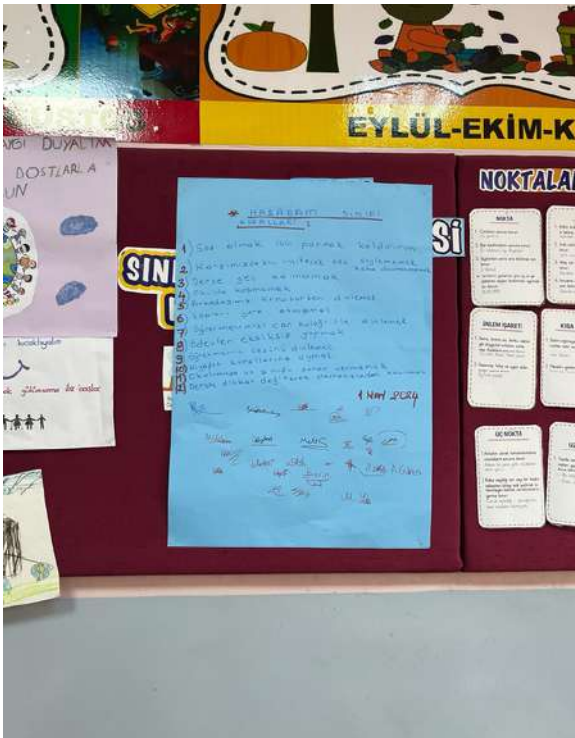
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ARPIC Sertaç Gümüş
District 2452

ARPIC **Sertaç Gümüş on...**

The Journey in **Doing Service Above Self**

District 2452 Bahrain,
The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain joined forces
to prepare gifts for the Annual Gergaon
Night

In the spirit of unity and celebration, the Rotary Clubs of Bahrain (RC Manama, Salmaniya, Seef Bahrain, the Rotaract Clubs of Bahrain, and Muharraq) joined forces to prepare gifts for the cherished annual Gergaon night meticulously.

Gergaon, a festival that illuminates the middle of Ramadan, offers children a magical evening filled with traditional music, delightful treats, and the warmth of community.

The thoughtful selection of gifts included an array of toys, puzzles, and games, all carefully chosen to spark joy and creativity among the children. Additionally, a variety of sweets and treats were acquired during a dedicated shopping spree, ensuring the night would be remembered for its sweetness and joy. In a display of teamwork and camaraderie, all club members came together to prepare the gift bags, forming an assembly line of generosity.

As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This sentiment beautifully encapsulates the essence of the clubs' collective efforts, embodying the spirit of Gergaon and the broader values of community, sharing, and joy.

Unfortunately due to the weather conditions, the Annual Gergaon Night was postponed.



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District 2452 Bahrain,
The Britus Bahrain Interact Club
Donated clothes to Orphaned
Childrens in Bahrain

On March 5th, 2024, the Britus Bahrain Interact Club, donated clothes to orphaned childrens in Bahrain (District 2452). The event theme "What you can spare they can wear" was held at the Britus School in Bahrain. The club collected the clothes from students and staff, and then they were washed, sorted and distributed to the orphans. The event was a great success, and it helped to provide much-needed clothing to the orphans. The club would like to thank everyone who donated clothes and Alsanabel Orphans Care Society and they hope to continue to do this type of event in the future.



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D2452 Lebanon
Rotary Club Tripoli-Maarad

The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

A very successful fundraising event to raise awareness about the education of Deaf students. Rotary club of Tripoli-Maarad will be able to adopt three students for a whole school year! Thank you for all who contributed in supporting Friends in Need Association for Deaf ROTARY Doing Good to the World

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Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad

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D2452 Bahrain

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya
(D2452) distributed 650 food
boxes

As the Rotary Club of Salmaniya, we embarked on a significant initiative during the holy month of Ramadan in 2024 to support underprivileged families in Bahrain by distributing 650 food boxes. This initiative, taking place in a time of reflection and giving, saw us partnering with AIOsra. Together, we successfully managed the distribution of 500 of these boxes. This effort was a true collaboration, with Rotarians directly handing some boxes to needy families, while AIOsra facilitated the delivery of others to various charities across Bahrain, aiming to reach a broad segment of the community. This photograph encapsulates the spirit and collective endeavor of our partnership.



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D2452 Bahrain

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D2452 Bahrain

Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain
(District 2452) with the Capital
Governorate jointly distributed
Ramadan food boxes and Iftar
meals

The Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain with the Capital Governorate jointly delivered Ramadan food boxes to the residents of the Hoora neighborhood in downtown Manama on Friday 29th March 2024. After the deliveries they organised a distribution of Iftar meals to the hard working people.



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The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

The four Turkish Cypriot Rotary Clubs under Cyprus Rotary in District 2452 delivered 208 Ramadan Food Packages

The four Turkish Cypriot Rotary Clubs under Cyprus Rotary in District 2452, namely, Nicosia Sarayönü, Kyrenia Liman, Kyrenia St. Hilarion and Kyrenia Cosmopolitan in North Cyprus joined forces to make a meaningful Ramadan Food Supplement Packages donation during the Ramadan. This generous donation went to three different municipalities who have very needy people and a total of 208 Ramadan Food Supplement Packages were delivered. The respective club Presidents, Behiye Müftüzade, Çilem Maniga Vural, Ali Vudalı and Olgun Topalcık together Past Presidents Özcan Bundak, Gültaç Özsan, PR Chair Nina Ratib, Rotarian Azime Sonuç and Rotarian Sara Bozdoğan delivered the Ramadan Food Supplement Packages to Nicosia and Kyrenia Social Services and Lapta Alsancak Çamlıbel Municipalities.

Such acts of solidarity and community support play a pivotal role in fostering welfare and unity within society, reflecting the core values of Rotary worldwide. This exemplary gesture of kindness and compassion is expected to inspire others to engage in similar acts of giving, amplifying the positive impact in the community.

Gratitude is extended to the dedicated employees of Nicosia and Kyrenia Social Services Departments, as well as Lapta Alsancak Çamlıbel Municipality Mayor Mr. Firat Ataser and his team, for their gracious hospitality and collaboration in facilitating this initiative. We, as the four Rotary Clubs in North Cyprus, extend our warmest wishes for a blessed Ramadan to all those celebrating, and reaffirm our commitment to serving our communities with compassion and generosity.



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The four Turkish Cypriot Rotary Clubs under Cyprus Rotary in District 2452 delivered 208 Ramadan Food Packages



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D2452 Bahrain
Rotary Clubs of Bahrain
organized a country wide Public
Image Seminar

The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain organized a Public Image virtual seminar on a country level in Bahrain (District 2452) on Monday 25th of March 2024. The session was opened by DDG Amira Ismail and conducted by PP Faisal Juma, the Public Image Chair of Bahrain. The meeting was an interactive session discussing relevant topics such as the importance of public image, using social media and the People of Action campaign.

Public Image



Country Seminar for Bahrain
Virtual Learning Session

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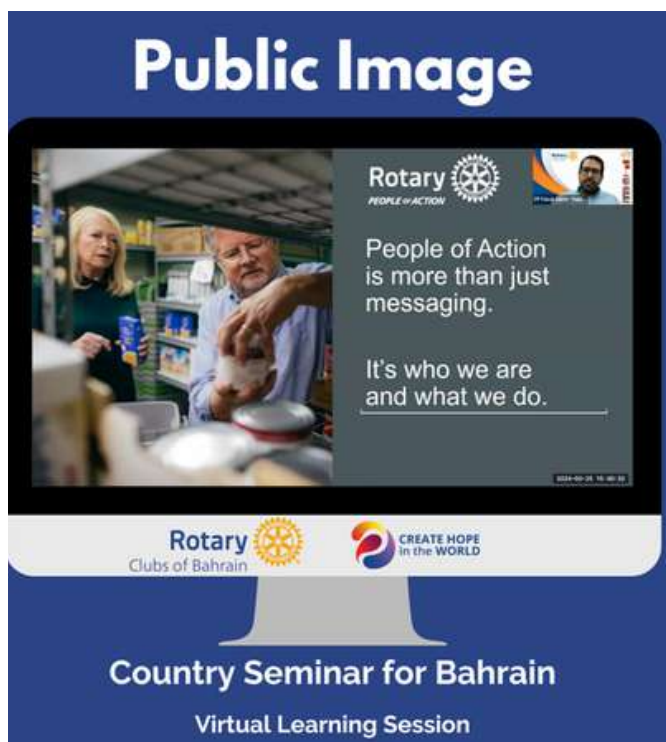
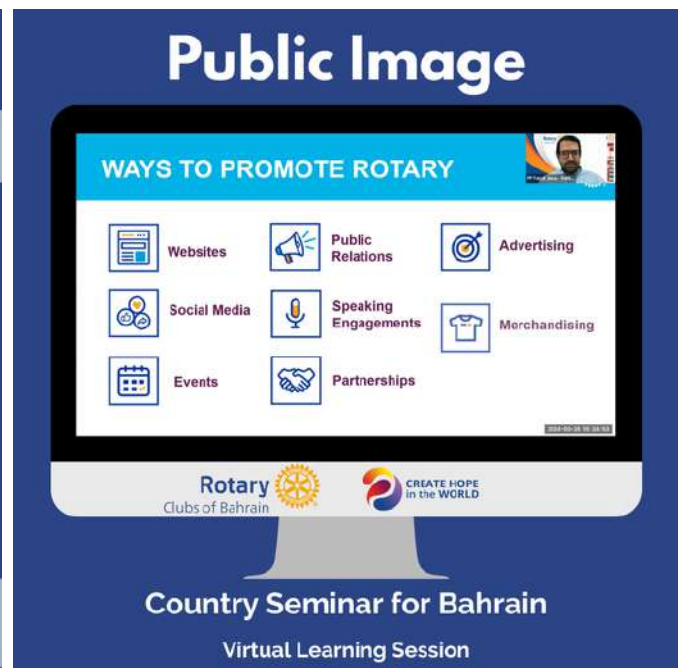
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Cyprus Rotary Fellowship Event
Larnaca 24 March 2024

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Upon the initiative of DDG Tashtan Altuner a fellowship event was planned, in order to foster greater friendship among Rotarians from all the clubs in Cyprus. The event was hosted by the clubs in Larnaca. DDG Tashtan set up an organising committee, with DGN Peter Ashdjian, AG Sophocles Christodoulides, P Olena Almazina, P Constantina Scalou and Rotaract Nicholas Thomas.

The committee identified To Aithrion restaurant, in the centre of Larnaca, opposite the Pierides Museum, as the venue for the event. To Aithrion is in an historic building, which was used as the Town Club during British colonial rule.

We were honoured by the participation of DG Bashar Haddad and Mais Haddad at the event, who came all the way from Jordan.

The fellowship event started with a walking tour of Larnaca, guided by DGN Peter. We set off from To Aithrion, heading for the seafront, walking along the Finikoudes to the Medieval fort. Along the way DGN Peter gave information about the history of Larnaca, which is wound up with the history of his own family. After the fort, we walked to St Lazarus church, passing the mosque on the way.

Back at the To Aithrion, the number of Rotarians attending the event had swelled to around 80. DDG Tashtan, DGN Peter and DG Bashar addressed the Rotarians and friends with welcoming speeches.

Open buffet lunch was served.

After lunch, we moved onto the fundraising part of the event. An auction of donated artworks was carried out by Rtn Patrick Elston. DG Bashar and PDG Christina each auctioned a Paul Harris Fellow. These two PHF donations raised a total of 1000 EUR pledged by Rotary Friend Ms. Isin Ramadan Cemil.



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Participating clubs had brought gifts which formed the prizes in the raffle. The auction, sales of raffle tickets together with donations of EUR 1000 from Michalis Avraam and Associates, EUR 1000 from PP Louisa Coudounaris and sister and EUR 300 from Rtn Walter Bopp, a total of EUR 4995 was raised, DDG Tashtan added another 5 to take the total to EUR 5000.

The funds raised will be shared equally between two projects, the provision of equipment for the St Lucas Centre for Disabled Children, initiated by RC Nicosia Aspelia and the provision of a Language Laboratory for the Karpaz Vocational High School, initiated by RC Kyrenia Liman.

It was agreed by all attending that the fellowship event was a great success and many expressed the wish for similar events in the future.





ARPIC Maria Mastora
District 2475

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Maria Mastora on...

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RID 2475 - RC RHODOS KOLOSSOS donated a Neopuff medical device and the accessories that accompany it, to the **Pediatric Clinic of the General Hospital of Rhodes**. For the donation a delivery-receipt protocol was signed.

It is noted that RC RhodOs-Kolossos proceeded with the specific donation following a request received from the Pediatric Clinic.

The device is for newborns who are born with problem and need respiratory support until they leave for a neonatal unit, which, Rhodes Hospital does not have.

The General Hospital of Rhodes and the Pediatric Clinic are grateful for the support of RC Rhodos-Kolossos in safeguarding the health of the children of Dodecanese.

Above Pediatric Clinic is the only one of the Prefecture of Dodecanese, that serves and treats in addition to the newborns-children of the Prefecture and visitors/tourist children to the island of Rhodes.



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RID 2475 - RC IRAKLEION CANDIA

On Monday March 18th, members of RC Irakleion Candia flew the Club's kite, which was flown to raise the morale of Rotary.



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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI Alexander the Great.

The Holy Church of Agios Therapondas of Thessaloniki, from Monday to Saturday, provides a meal every day, to 60 needy fellow human beings.

RC Thessaloniki - Alexander the Great in the context of their social activities, handed over, on Monday, March 4th, the required amount of money for the realization of a full meal for the 60 needy fellow human beings.



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Rotary
Club Alexandroupolis
RID 2475



Rotary
Club Panorama
RID 2475

1st Rotarian Friendship Gastronomy Weekend

23 - 25
February 2024



Volakas
Drama - Greece

RID 2475 - RC PANORAMA and RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

On the occasion of RI's 119th birthday , RC Panorama and RC Alexandroupolis organized the "1st Rotarian Friendship Gastronomy Weekend " on the weekend February 23-25 in Volaka, Drama prefecture.

Guided by the two Rotary Clubs (Alexandroupoli and Panorama), emphasis was given on Greek hospitality, through the delicious gastronomy which was accompanied by local wines and spirits. A total of 13 Clubs from Greece and neighboring Bulgaria participated in the event. From RID 2482: RC Sofia, RC Sofia Serdika, RC Sofia International, RC Petrich, RC Gotse Delchev, RC Sandanski, RC Samokov, RC Yambol. From RID 2475: Governor Dimitris Bekos with his wife Asha (RC Kifissia-Politeia) and RC Ioannina.

In a warm Rotary atmosphere and with a background of gastronomy, emphasis was placed on Rotary fellowship and friendship between the members of the Clubs.

Looking forward for the "2nd Rotarian Friendship Gastronomy Weekend"!



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1st Rotarian
Friendship



Gastronomy
Weekend



RID 2475 - RC PANORAMA and RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS



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RID 2475 - RC KOMITINI RODOPI.

The history of Komotini through its neighborhoods was highlighted during the speech of Mr. K.Katsimigas "The districts of Komotini from the incorporation to the Second World War". This activity, promoting Rotary and its Public Image, since it was organized by RC Komotini-Rodopi, took place on February 27th. We would like to thank the speaker for the rich archival and visual material he presented and the audience for the response and the interesting discussion that followed!



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RID 2475 - RC ILIOUPOLIS. The work of the two-day conference organized by the Geotechnical Chamber of Greece in collaboration with the Municipality of Ilioupoli, following the initiative and support of CITY COOPERATION (among the associations involved is also RC Ilioupolis) was completed with great success.

The Conference, which was under the auspices of the Ministry of Environment and Energy, had the theme **TOMORROW: PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT & CONNECTION WITH SOCIETY** and was held at the " Mikis Theodorakis " Town Hall of Ilioupoli on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, 2024.

During the conference it was highlighted the High Environmental Value of Ymittos, the special biodiversity of the protected area of Ymittos and the ways to protect the mountain.

It is imperative to strengthen Education towards the green with an orientation towards sustainable development and sustainability for a better connection of Ymittos with the Urban Green.

The conference was a top event for both Ilioupoli and Attica in general, with the participation of leading expert scientists from Greece and abroad who submitted their proposals for the future of our mountain, its protection, management and its connection with the society.

During the two-day Conference, many questions were submitted to the speakers by the delegates, in writing and orally, which showed the great interest of all those who attended the Conference.



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RID 2475 - RC ILIOUPOLIS -
two days conference on Mount
Hymettos

Υπό την Αιγίδα του Υπουργείου Περιβάλλοντος και Ενέργειας
ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ

Οι «ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΕΣ ΠΟΛΗΣ» σας προσκαλούν να παρακολουθήσετε το διήμερο Συνέδριο που διοργανώνει το Γεωτεχνικό Επιμελητήριο Ελλάδας (ΓΕΩΤ.Ε.Ε.) με τη συμμετοχή και στήριξη του Δήμου Ηλιούπολης και των «ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΩΝ ΠΟΛΗΣ».

Θέμα του Συνεδρίου είναι : **“Ο ΥΜΗΤΤΟΣ ΑΥΡΙΟ, ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑ, ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΗ & ΔΙΑΣΥΝΔΕΣΗ ΜΕ ΤΗΝ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ”**.

Στο Συνέδριο, που πραγματοποιείται υπό την Αιγίδα του Υπουργείου Περιβάλλοντος και Ενέργειας το Σάββατο 2 Μαρτίου 9:00 και Κυριακή 3 Μαρτίου 10:30, στο Δημοτικό Μέγαρο Ηλιούπολης “Μίκης Θεοδωράκης”, συμμετέχουν κορυφαίοι ειδικοί επιστήμονες από Ελλάδα και Εξωτερικό.

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RID 2475 - RC ANOIXI SEMELI

On March 9th, on the occasion of Women's Day, members of RC Anoxia Semeli with friends, visited the National Gallery of Athens in order to admire Rena Papaspyrou's exhibition on "Surfaces, instructions for use. The dialectic between everyday life and matter". featuring works by the artist, representing all stages of her work from 1976 to the present day and including two new works she created especially for the exhibition. In this way, National Gallery honored the artist, who is the first woman to occupy the Chair of Painting at the School of Fine Arts (ASKT).



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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS.

Offering we change lives. With the aim of teamwork, cooperation, mutual aid, understanding of diversity and community awareness, RC DIONYSOS with the cooperation of the excellent educator Marilena Votsi, implemented an action at PEGAP-NY (Panhellenic Association of Parents and Guardians of Mentally Retarded Children) entitled "The Story of an Harlequin". All participants loved his story and, like his mom in the same name story, all helped Harlequin get a costume so he could attend the carnival. Children's joy and their willingness to participate was touching, as was their acceptance and effort to give their best. The solidarity and mutual help we showed to our Harlequin by dressing him in colorful cardboard and waffles, is the message we send to the world..... SOLIDARITY and EMPATHY to fellow man.



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RID 2475 - RC KOROPHI, on March 25th, honored once again the fallen for the Fatherland, by laying a wreath at the monument of fallen of Koropi.



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ΕΝΗΜΕΡΩΤΙΚΗ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΗ
με θέμα: «Όταν ασθενεί η ψυχή»

Πέμπτη 14 Μαρτίου 2024 (17:30-20:00)
Δημοτικό Πατάγου-Χολαργού
Περιοδός 55, ΤΚ 15561
Αίθουσα «Μίλλες Θεοδωράκης»



RID 2475 in the frame of its activities for Mental health, organized on March 14th, in the amphitheater of Downhill Papagos-Holargos, an informational event with title " When the soul gets sick" The following renowned experts informed and discussed with rotarians and friends about the causes and effects of poor mental health, as well as ways to identify and deal with the problem:

-Dr. Paraskevi Sakka, Director of the Department of Neurodegenerative Brain Diseases & Memory Clinic Hospital HYGEIA, President of the Alzheimer Society of Athens and President of the National Observatory for Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

- Eleftheria Eri Kehagia, Psychotherapist, Family Counselor, M.A. Counseling Psychology, European Psychotherapy certification

-Dr. Konstantinos Zacharakis Psychiatrist – Psychotherapist, Doctor of University of Athens, Scientific Associate of HYGEIA Hospital

-Panagiotis Katsaroupas, Psychologist BSc Msc,

-Rtn. Ioannis Androutsakos (P.O. Athens-Agora), Psychologist, MSc, PhD(c), Ph.D. Doctor of the Medical School of the University of Athens, Fire Brigade Officer

A quality event with important content, well organized and in an excellent environment, which those who were absent missed the opportunity to enjoy and be informed.

Warm thanks to the participants RI leaders and PDG (rtn. Katerina Kotsali -Papadimitriou, Dora Kemou, Yannis Iliakis), rotarians and their friends who attended and in particular: To rtn Despina Katsochi (R.O. Kifissia-State, Radiation Therapist-Oncologist, AKOS President)President of District Health Committee, for the invitation of the Speakers and master of ceremony.To the organizers RC Athens-Agora and RC Psychiko and especially to PAG Rouli Giovani (RC Psychiko) for ensuring the availability of the event hall.



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RID 2475 - RC PALLINI GERAHAS.

It was our honor to be invited in the meeting of RC Paris de Champs - Élysées on Tuesday 27th February, while attending the speech of Gianni Valenti, President of the environmental NGO 'Gaia First'. Thanks to President Nadia Frontigny for the warm welcome and to Secretary Myriam Ibghy for the support.



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RID 2475 - RC Koropi, delivered on March 14th, to Metropolitan Social Medical Center of Greece, 6 carton boxes of medicines for the needs of the Social Pharmacy. The donation was done by a member of our Club and we thank him.



RIRID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

On March 21st, RC Voula-Panorama handed over 13 plastic bags of various sizes with plastic lids of a total weight of 71.00 kg to the President of the "AGAPI FRONDIDA ZOI" Association, Mrs. Ourania Athanasopoulou.

We congratulate and thank our member rtn Dimitris Oikonomou instigated the action of collecting plastic caps which then are exchanged with wheelchairs for our fellow human beings who need them. He deserves a big recognition, since for many years he has devoted his time and his soul to the implementation of this action.



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RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS

March 25th is one of the most important events of the Greek Nation! President Anna Loulakaki with President Elected attended and laid a wreath, as a minimum tribute of Honor and memory to the Revolution and the Fighters of 1821. The Municipal Authority and other bodies of our city were also present.



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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS participated in our National Anniversary by laying a wreath at the monument of Hero of the municipality of Dionysos. The deposition was made by rtn and the member of Board Mrs. Vasiliki Nikolopoulou.



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RID 2475 - RC SAMOS

With due solemnity, the National Anniversary of March 25th , 1821 was celebrated on 25/03/2024.

A delegation of RC Samos attended all the Events:

Religious Ceremony, Laying of Wreaths and Student and Military Parade.

All the Religious, State and Military Authorities of the island were present.

RC Samos was represented by PP Dimitrios Kyriazis who played the wreath.



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RID 2475 - RC KAVALA WEST

An event that unfolded unknown aspects of the NAVY STRUGGLE in the Revolution of 1821 took place on Wednesday 20 March 2024 with co-organizers the Municipality of Kavala, the Naval Museum of Kavala, the Association of Asia Minor, the Thracian Centre of Kavala and the Rotary Club of West Kavala.

The theme of the event was "The struggle at sea and its contribution to the successful outcome of the revolution of 1821" which was developed by distinguished speakers.

They also referred to the contribution of the Asia Minor people in the struggle of 1821 and stressed, among other things, that there is a complete lack of references to the contribution of the Greeks of Asia Minor, who gave everything they could for the freedom of Greece.

A special and beautiful note, the choirs of the Thracian Home, and the Association of Asia Minor, who embellished the event with beautiful traditional sea songs and received our warm applause.



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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary Club Stara Zagora Beroe -
Rotarians support the Regional Museum in
Stara Zagora city**

The exhibits at the "Neolithic Houses" museum are priceless and deserve to be presented in a unique way to all tourists who want to enjoy this historical wealth. Rotary Club Stara Zagora - Beroe has presented a donation at the "Neolithic Houses" museum in Stara Zagora. The fundraising of 8335.00 BGN donation has been used to replace the lighting fixtures in the "Prehistoric Art in Stara Zagora" exhibition and in the museum's foyer. An interactive display for the room displaying the Neolithic house has been provided.

This is another wonderful initiative by the Rotarians of Stara Zagora. It is carried out as a project for the preservation of our national treasures, related to Bulgarian history and identity.

The Rotary Club Stara Zagora-Beroe has made this wonderful donation for a better presentation of the unique specimens of prehistoric heritage from the richest prehistoric collection in Europe. With the new lighting, they will be demonstrated in their full splendor to visitors coming to the "Neolithic Houses" museum from all over the world.

The interactive screen will provide better presentation of the conserved remains of the two-story Neolithic house - the earliest and with the richest inventory from this era in Europe. So far, only 2 films have been uploaded - one by a Japanese television, the other by a Bulgarian one. Reconstructions and restorations are planned to be presented too.



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Thanks to Rotary Club Stara Zagora-Beroe.

With their donation, the lighting of the "Neolithic Houses" museum meets the most recent requirements and trends for museum facilities, declares the Deputy Mayor for Culture and Tourism of Stara Zagora Municipality, Milena Zheleva. She also specifies that Stara Zagora Municipality invests in the "Neolithic Houses" museum every year, according to the budget possibilities. The museum's roof has been repaired, and the space up to the parking lot has been also completely renewed. Now, the renovation of the parking lot will begin, so that special parking spaces for museum visitors, including buses and minibuses, will be marked, added Milena Zheleva. She also reminded that in Stara Zagora, combined tickets, that include this unique site, are now also offered. An electronic platform for their sale will be launched very soon.

It was also made clear that further activities are planned to make the "Neolithic Houses" museum even more attractive to tourists. The opening of another two-story prehistoric house, located nearby, is envisioned. We have conceived a whole complex, including an educational museum with a hall for children and students.



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Rotary club Sofia International
Book Project in Hellenic Republic
(Greece), together with Rotary
Club Kifissia-Kastri

Embark on a Journey to Kavala, Greece, a hidden gem nestled in the northern region of this picturesque country. Known affectionately as the 'little Paradise city,' Kavala holds a special place in the hearts of many, particularly for the Bulgarian diaspora.

On the 15th of March, our members and dear friends were graciously welcomed to Kavala by Mrs. Anelia Hristova, Chair of the "Bulgaria" Association in Greece, and Mrs. Tanya Koleva, Director of 5 of the 6 Bulgarian schools within the Association.

Together, we shared delightful moments delving into the lives and customs of Bulgarians residing in Greece, discussing their experiences, progress, and, most significantly, their schools. This marks a significant stride for the Bulgarian diaspora, as it ensures the preservation of their Bulgarian heritage and roots.

The following day, on the 16th of March, a special delegation including Ms. Ani Hristova, Mrs. Svetlana Bozhilova and her family, Mrs. Dessislava Petrova from the Rotary Club Sofia-Serdika, Mr. Hristo Georgiev from the Rotary Club Gorna Banya, and Mr. Anton Markov, Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Thessaloniki, visited the renowned "St. Ivan Rilski" school in Kavala.

Once again, we were warmly received and given an insightful tour of each classroom, with detailed explanations on the school's development, sponsors, and contributions.



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As the 17th of March is a non-working day in Greece, dedicated to the celebration of Clean Monday, the first day of Lent, the school had a reduced number of students. Nonetheless, we were greeted by 11 remarkable children, divided into 3 age groups. The dedication of their teachers was truly inspiring, with one teacher commuting all the way from Gotse Delchev city in Bulgaria to educate these young minds.

A touching surprise awaited us as the children serenaded us with "Visoki sini planini," a heartfelt song celebrating the beauty of Bulgaria. It was a moment that touched us deeply.

"High, blue mountains,
rivers and golden plains,
a sky softer than silk,
this is my homeland!"

We donate numerous of books and the best thing is that the Project is sustainable and we can do more and more donations there.

The day culminated in group photographs, capturing the warmth, smiles, and palpable happiness that filled the air, with the children radiating the most joy.



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In addition to this heartwarming encounter, Kavala itself boasts a rich tapestry of history and culture. Nestled along the azure shores of the Aegean Sea, this enchanting city invites visitors to explore its ancient Roman aqueduct, the imposing Byzantine fortress of Kavala, and the vibrant Panagia district with its charming old town.

Join us as we celebrate the vibrant Bulgarian culture thriving in the idyllic setting of Kavala, Greece – a testament to resilience, progress, and the enduring spirit of community.

Thank to all sponsors, who contributed:

- Rotary Club Sofia International
- Rotary Club Kifissia-Kastri
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- Rotary Club Gorna Banya
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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club Vidin
Scholarships by Rotary club Vidin
- for extraordinary students**

Rotary Club of Vidin provides scholarships for two young students from Vidin for the duration of their entire studies in the University. They are - Radoslav Popov, student at the Medical University of Pleven, and Elena Petrova, a student at the National Sports Academy.

The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to young people who have completed their secondary education with high grades and come from families with low financial means.

For several years, the Rotary Club of Vidin has been organizing a Charity Christmas party to raise funds for talented children from Vidin. The Rotarians have decided to provide long-term scholarships to one or, if possible, more children.

In the summer of 2023, they collaborated with the "St St Cyril and Methodius" Foundation, which has a tradition of holding scholarship candidate competitions.

Rotary Club of Vidin decided to allocate funds for two scholarships. The annual value of one scholarship is 2500 BGN. After discussing with the "Sts. Cyril and Methodius" Foundation and finalizing the details, the Rotarians decided to promote this opportunity.

The President of Rotary Club of Vidin shared that the conditions for scholarship candidates, announced by St St Cyril and Methodius Foundation in their competition, include being admitted to the first year for the 2023/24 academic year; being enrolled in a full-time education program - state order; coming from families with proven low financial means, and having a high school graduation grade of at least "very good".

All candidates even had a high school graduation grade of "excellent".

The scholarship covers the entire four-year course of study - 2500 BGN per year, totaling 10,000 BGN, provided they continue to meet the achievement criteria, which is additionally proven each semester.

Radoslav Popov is a first-year "Medicine" student at the Medical University of Pleven. He was admitted first among the boys in his class, with excellent grades from all the entrance exams. He has also passed all his exams from the first exam session with excellent grades.

Now, with the first semester behind him, Radoslav is fully confident he has chosen the right path of professional development in medicine.

Elena Petrova, the second scholarship recipient from the Rotary Club of Vidin, is a student at the National Sports Academy, specializing in "Sports Dance Coaching".

This scholarship is of great help to her. She was raised by her grandparents. Now, she can focus on her studies without worrying about the semester fee and other expenses.

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Elena graduated with excellent grades from the "Yordan Radichkov" Foreign Language High School and has been dancing since she was a child. Today, as a student, she is drawing bold plans for her future.

Ludmil Ivanov, the President of Rotary - Vidin, explained that at this stage, Rotarians in Vidin have committed to providing scholarships for Radoslav and Elena's study period. However, the members of the organization hope that they will be followed by other citizens and companies, so that this initiative can continue in the coming years and expand its scale.



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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club Asenovgrad
Second Mathematical Competition
in Asenovgrad**

On March 25th in Asenovgrad, the Mathematics Competition named after the great Bulgarian Mathematician, Academician Blagoest Sendov, was held. The organizer and main sponsor is Rotary Club Asenovgrad.

Bozhidar Sendov, the brother of the Academician, and Evgenia Sendova, both honoured Mathematicians, are among the driving forces behind the contest.

Kniaz Boris I Secondary school, Asenovgrad, is the winner of this year's edition of the mathematics competition dedicated to Academician Blagovest Sendov. The tournament is initiated by the Rotary Club Asenovgrad and is held with the financial support of the Municipality.

Ten teams of students from Asenovgrad schools, tackled difficult logical problems in three areas: algebra, geometry, and textual problems. The students from Kniaz Boris I Secondary School were the quickest and most accurate. Right after them, the team from Angel Kunchev Primary School ranked. The young mathematicians from Hristo Botev Primary School earned the third place. They were the ones who handed over the cup to the new champions of the tournament, which next year will be passed on to the winner again (on a rotational basis).

The deputy mayor of the municipality, Petar Petrov, past-president of the Rotary Club Asenovgrad Georgi Malinov, and the president-elect of the organization, Svilen Bikov, awarded the champions with medals, physical prizes, and certificates. The competition proceeded in a lifted mood and with high spirits.

Special guests at the second edition of the initiative were Zheni Sendova - a student and follower of Academician Sendov, Bozhidar Sendov – his brother also famous mathematician, and the director of the Academic Kiril Popov Mathematical Gymnasium in Plovdiv, Veselina Karapeeva.

While the 40 minutes of the competition were ongoing, they had prepared special logical puzzles for the audience.

The event was hosted by the "Paisiy Hilendarski" City Library in Asenovgrad.

We congratulate the young mathematicians and their teachers!

Special Thanks to Rotary club Asenovgrad!

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

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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Interact club Sevlievo
Charity March Bazaar

Grandma March brings spring. And we have some very good news.

Interact Club Sevlievo held its eighth consecutive charitable March bazaar. With a lot of effort, desire, and smiles, we managed to collect a sum of 3100 BGN from the sale of martenitsas. This amount will be used to purchase specialized equipment for detecting veins (venoscope) for the Pediatric Department at the "Dr. Stoycho Hristov" General Hospital - Sevlievo municipality.

Thank you for helping us do good!



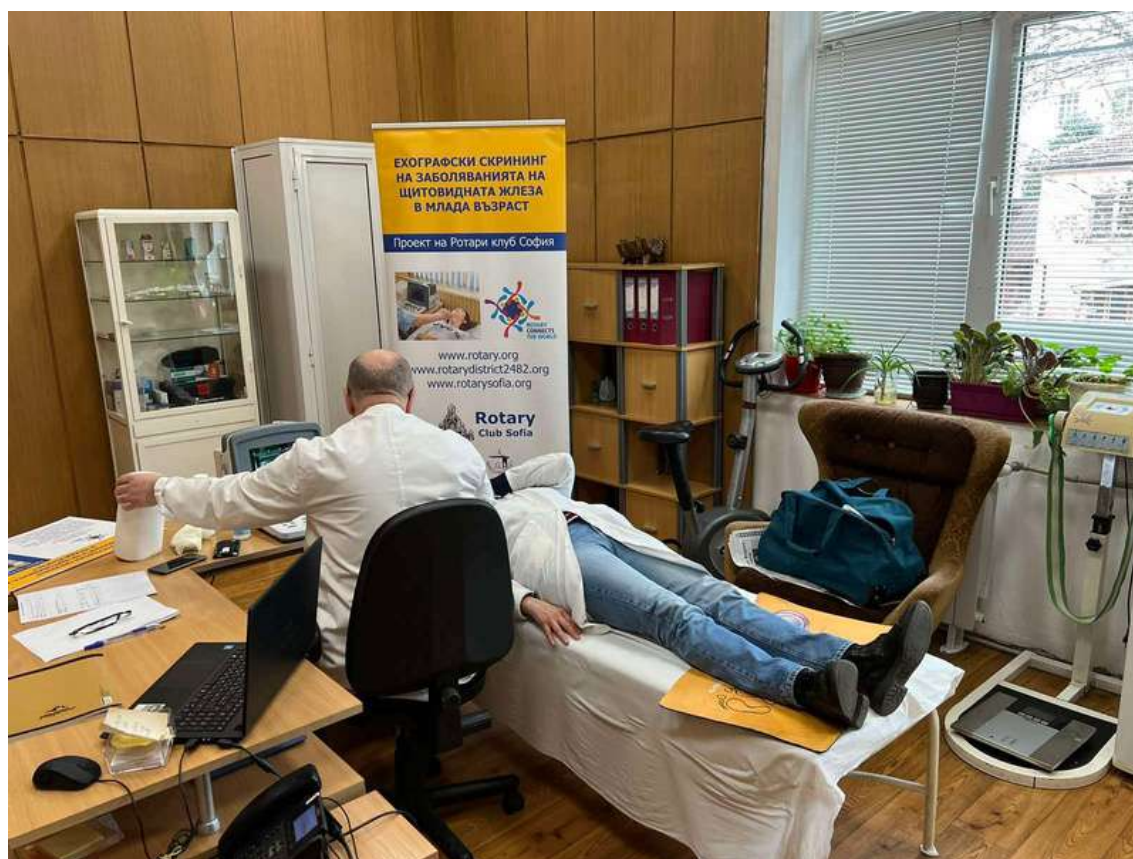
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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club of Sofia
Prevention of Diseases project**

The project for the prevention of diseases related to the thyroid gland continues at high speed. The next stop, with the assistance of Rotaract Club Sofia, was the Sofia Mathematical High School, where numerous examinations were conducted.



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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotaract club of Sofia
Rotaract club of Sofia Serdika
Folklore Festival in Sofia**

We are happy to share moments from the XVIII-th edition of the Children's Folklore Contest "Bulgarian Folklore."

Our young participants managed to immerse us in the magic of Bulgarian folk dance. This time, the tradition, richness, and diversity came to life on the stage of the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy in the "Maxima" hall.

The ensembles you can see on the photos are:

Children's and Youth Dance Ensemble "Sredets",
"Children's Dance Group at the National School Complex for Culture-Gorna Banya",
Folklore Ensemble "Lyulin",
"Zheliashkov Dance Group",
Children's Dance Group "Novokhantche",
Chamber Ensemble "Graovcheta" at Association BreziYana,
Kindergarten "Boryana".

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all our long-term partners, namely – Rotary Club Sofia, Rotary Club Gorna Banya, Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa, and Rotary Club Sofia Capital.



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Rotaract club of Sofia
Rotaract club of Sofia Serdika
Folklore Festival in Sofia

Over 200 children participated in the contest and, thanks to our partners from Nedelya Pastry Shops, Aspazia Soft Drinks, Mill 97 - also known as Soleti 'Hrus-Hrus', Magazine 8, and Prestige 96, we made sure every participant received a personal gift.

We are also grateful to our wonderful host - Yordan Danchev!

Last but not least, we want to thank the great audience in the hall and supported us in our challenge to preserve the traditions and keep Bulgarian folk dance and musical art alive. We are looking forward to seeing you next year!

Photos: Stoyan Stoyanov



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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club of Kazanlak
Green the Earth with Rotary

The Earth and especially Kazanlak town is greener with Rotary and friends.

More than 300 shrubs and green plants have been planted by the Rotary Club Kazanlak in the yards of two kindergartens in the town.

Over the course of two days, new flower beds with blooming shrubs have been created in "Pchelitsa" and "Edelweiss" kindergartens.

Both, representatives of the Rotary Club Kazanlak and the youngsters from the kindergartens, who will take care of the new green spaces at the educational institutions, have participated in the planting of the flower beds.

Great fellows, great club!



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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club of Kazanlak
Rotary Club Kazanlak supports
therapy for children with Down
Syndrome**

Vouchers for assisted and professional horse therapy have been presented by the president of Rotary Club Kazanlak, Ivan Gitev.

On March 21, the International Down Syndrome Day, representatives of Rotary Club Kazanlak met with children with Down Syndrome and their families. The members of the club expressed their consent and desire to support the parents and specialists who strive to change the attitudes towards people born with this genetic anomaly.

Together with "Sunshine Children" at the horse base in the city of Shipka, colorful balloons were released into the sky.

March 21 has been chosen to show that Down syndrome is related to trisomy of the 21st chromosome pair.

"The Sunshine Children" and their families need the support of society, emphasized the representatives of the Rotary Club Kazanlak.

Partners of the initiative are the NGO "Horse Assisted Therapies - Petya Karanikolova" and "Fortex - Bulgaria".



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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotary club of Panagyurishte
Charity Spring Ball

OVER 12,000 BGN RAISED FOR CHARITY DURING THE SPRING BALL BY ROTARY CLUB PANAGYURISHTTE

At the end of March, the traditional charity ball of the Rotary Club Panagyurishte took place. The noble cause for which the local Rotarians and their friends raised funds is "Prevention of diabetes in children from all schools in the municipalities of Panagyurishte and Strelcha."

Guests of the evening included representatives of the local government, Rotary fellows from Rotary clubs of Pazardzhik, Stara Zagora, and Pirdop, the Association of Entrepreneurs in Panagyurishte, Lions Club Panagyurishte, and representatives of the local business. Companies such as "Asarel – Medet" JSC, "Opticoelectron Group" JSC, "Bunay" JSC, "Astroida" LLC, "Alfabot" LLC, "Ina Essentials", "Rumelia" Vineyards, "Optix" JSC, "Scholi Optics" LLC, "Micro Optics Europe" and other donors participated in the noble cause with their own funds.



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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Plant a tree - Give a life joint
project by Rotaract club
Kardzhali, Rotary club Kardzhali,
Interact club Kardzhali

Our initiative "Plant a Tree - Give a Life" has successfully concluded - a traditional project of the Rotary Club Kardzhali, organized jointly with Rotary and Interact Club Kardzhali, and in partnership with Kardzhali Municipality.

On 9 of March, we continued the tradition of planting trees in our surrounding environment. Over the years, we have planted over 1000 trees in areas of Park Prostor that were destroyed by fires. This year, for the first time, we conducted planting in urban conditions, planting 120 Albizia trees, also known as "silk trees", and 10 Paulownia trees.



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**District 2482 Bulgaria,
PETS - Rotaract and Interact**

On March 22-23, a Training Seminar for Electric Boards of Rotaract and Interact clubs in District 2482 Bulgaria was held in Pamporovo. This was the first joint training seminar for boards in District 2482 Bulgaria. The entire board training was conducted jointly between Interact and Rotaract. The seminar also featured presentations of Interact's projects, which will receive funding from Rotary for their implementation. The training was concluded by DG Christo Mihaylovsky, DGE Margarita Bogdanova, DIP-Elect Eva Yordanova, and DRP-Elect Anna Atanasova. After the training, everyone left motivated, educated, ready to be the Magic of Rotary in the following year.



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Rotaract club of Veliko
Tarnovo - With a flower in
hand against reproductive
problems”

"With a Flower in Hand Against Reproductive Problems" is carried out in partnership with the "I Want a Baby" foundation and the municipality of Veliko Tarnovo. The initiative "With a Flower in Hand Against Reproductive Problems" is realized for the sixth consecutive year. Over the past five years, the Rotaractors have collected nearly 9,000.00 BGN, which they donate to 4 couples with reproductive problems, three of whom already have children – a fact indicative of the significance and importance of the campaign, as well as the need for its realization. On the 7th and 8th of March, anyone wishing to support the noble cause of the Rotaract Club Veliko Tarnovo can make a donation, for which they will receive a gift – a flower to delight their loved ones for March 8th – International Women's Day. The selection of the couple is carried out through a document submission procedure. Then a lottery is held to select the couple in the presence of a notary.



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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Rotaract club Svishtov -
Project "Patriotism"

The "Patriotism" project aims to encourage children's love and interest in their homeland. The first initiative consisted of two competitions - "I love Bulgaria" and "Freed from the shackles of modernity". More than a hundred children from the educational institutions of Svishtov municipality took part and the best ones were awarded with certificates and booklets according to age and curriculum.



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Rotaract Club of Svishtov

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Конкурс за рисунка на тема „Аз обичам България“ – предучилищна възраст:

Втора група:

1. Гергана Ангелова, 4 години, II група „Дъга“, ДГ „Капитан Малина“, град Свищов
2. Никола Пламенов Ангелов, 4 години, II група „Лъчезар“, ДГ „Васил Левски“, град Свищов
3. Ваняна Калоянова Ганева, 4 години, IIб група „Слънчице“, ДГ „Радост“, град Свищов

Трета група:

1. Никол Юлинова Момева, 5 години, III група „Пчелички“, ДГ „Радост“, град Свищов
2. Виктор Свезлинов Коев, 5 години, III група „Пчелички“, ДГ „Радост“, град Свищов
3. Йосана Жворова Станева, 5 години, III група „Пчелички“, ДГ „Радост“, град Свищов

Четвърта група:

1. Рая Лъчезарова Атанасова, 6 години, IV група „Пчелички“, ДГ „Васил Левски“, град Свищов
2. Цвета Живкова Павлова, 6 години, IV група „Пчелички“, ДГ „Васил Левски“, град Свищов
3. Божидара Тихомирова Вачева, 7 години, IV група „Дъга“, ДГ „Радост“, град Свищов

Конкурс за рисунка на тема „Аз обичам България“ – начална училищна възраст:

Първи клас:

1. Андрей Любославов Кирилов, 7 години, Iв клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов
2. Мартин Младенов Мутафов, Iв клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

Втори клас:

1. Дания Захаринова, IIв клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов
2. Цвета Магова, IIб клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

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3. Деа Михайлова Ванева, IIв клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

3. Валерия Петрова Петрова, IIв клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

Трети клас:

1. Алекс Копоев, III клас, ОУ „Христо Ботев“, с. Ореш, община Свищов
2. Стефани Ивайлова Михайлова, IIIа клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов
3. Никол Найденова Николаева, IIIа клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

Четвърти клас:

1. Дария Миленова Веселинова, IVб клас, СУ „Николай Катранов“, град Свищов
2. Дева Валентинова Великова, IVб клас, СУ „Николай Катранов“, град Свищов
3. Елизабет Димитрова Цонева, IVа клас, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов

Конкурс за писмено произведение – есе или стихотворение, на тема: „Освободени от оковите на съвременето“:

1. Деница Стефанова Банкова, X клас, СУ „Цветан Радославов“, град Свищов
2. Александра Анатолиева Любенова, СУ „Димитър Благоев“, град Свищов
3. Ливия Николаева Иванова, СУ „Цветан Радославов“, град Свищов

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District 2482 Bulgaria,
Interact club Varna - Project “
Marteraktenichka”

We are very happy to announce that our project "Marteraktenichka" was successful. We collected a total of 1 140 BGN, which were donated to loan Yossifov for the emergency operation. We wish him a speedy recovery and much happiness and success.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our initiative and supported both handmade and good cause.



Мартерактеничка



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Благотворителния базар за
МАРТЕНИЧКИ

Ще се радваме да се включите
в нашата благотворителна
кампания за да можем заедно
да помогнем на малкия Йоан да
проходи



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**PEACE AND MENTAL HEALTH FORUM –
12.02.2024. Conversations on Mental Health**

Within the session dedicated to Mental Health at the all-day Peace and Mental Health Forum organized by the Public Image Team Zone 21, and thanks to the leadership of Ljiljana Lajnović PDG from RD2483, special time was devoted to the topic of Climate Change and Mental Health. As PRI President Gordon McInally pointed out, mental health and climate change, along with calling for peace, are the most important priorities today. Prof. PhD Marija Jevtić (a member of the Rotary Club Novi Sad Eco Art) spoke about the importance of climate change on mental health, pointed out that the Rotary community can and should make a significant contribution to this important topic in the community. It was also emphasized that our District 2483 in the framework of Rotary Climate Action connected these two significant topics and two serious challenges for all communities.



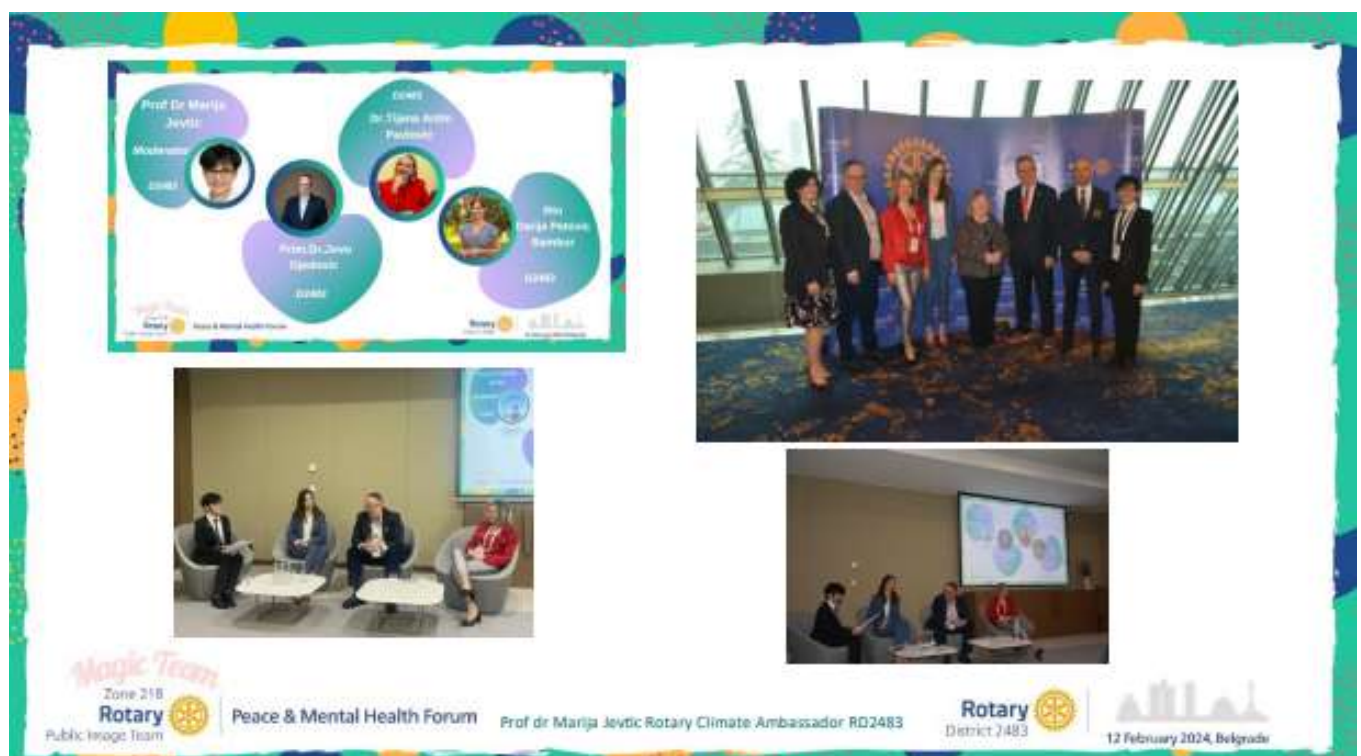
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The panel dedicated to The Importance of Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellbeing brought together members of the District 2483 Mental Health Committee. At the Panel, Dr. Tijana Antin Pavlović - a child psychiatrist and psychotherapist (Rotary Club Sava), Darija Petović Bambur - a psychologist and licensed transactional psychotherapist (Rotary Club Kotor), Jovo Đedović - a psychiatrist (Rotary Club Budva), spoke about the importance of Mental Health and moderator was Prof. PhD Marija Jevtić - a specialist in the field of public health and group analyst. The panelists presented their experiences from private practice and the public health sector, the challenges faced by professionals today in their efforts to contribute to the mental health of the population, especially vulnerable categories of the population and children who require special attention in preserving and improving mental health, as well as about how, as members of the Rotary community, we can contribute to our environment and which are the ongoing activities in schools, that were initiated within Rotary Clubs and District 2483.



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An example from the practice was showed by Aleksandra Ivanović (Rotary Club Kotor) by presenting the exceptional action of Rotary Club Kotor: Small habits for a better day, whose initiator is Darija Petović Bambur.

In the same manner as at the beginning of the HOPE Rotarian year, thanks to the fact that Governor Aleksandar Radojičić set the topic of mental health as a priority, we launched a discussion on how we can contribute to mental health in the community, when Ivana Buzandžić Chair of the Mental Health Committee emphasized the importance of helping the Institute for Mental Health in Belgrade, but also the schools and, above all, children, the panel insisted on the need for continuous activities in the Rotary community dedicated to Mental Health. The Rotary community should be persistent in leadership by example, to be active within Rotary itself in strengthening cohesiveness, understanding today's challenges and therefore with greater capacities contributing to mental health prevention, constantly calling for peace as a basic condition of well-being – was the conclusion of the panel. Prepared by Marija Jevtic Rotary Club Novi Sad Evo Art RD 2483



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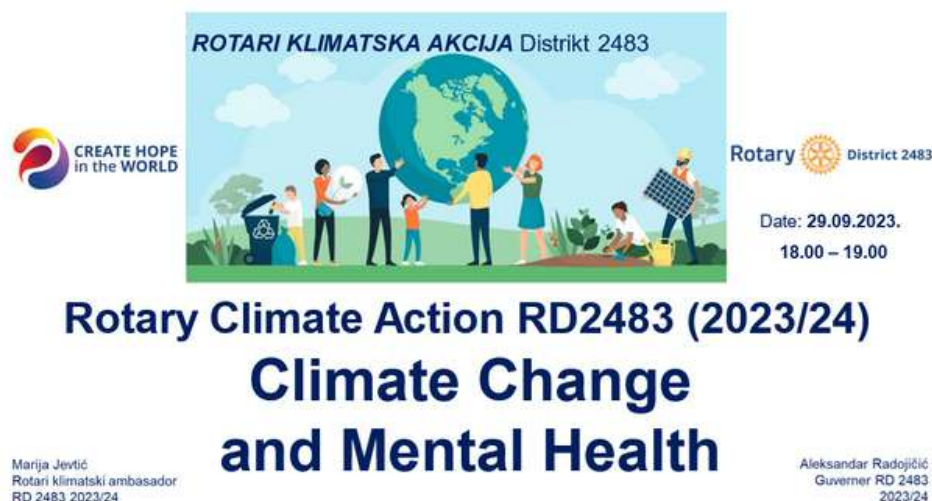
With a webinar on Climate Change and Mental Health, we marked the beginning of Rotary's climate action activities in this HOPE Rotary year. We discussed the importance of climate change, and its impact on mental health, as well as how we as a Rotary community can contribute.

By introducing this topic to the Rotary community, our District was recognized in Zone 21, and the representatives presented the activities of our 2483 District in Climate Action and commitment to Mental Health at the Climate Conference (Dubai, December 2024).

The webinar held in December on the topic: Rotary at the Climate Conference COP28 - as confirmation and inspiration for district climate action, was also registered on the European Commission website dedicated to events within the Climate Pact, and by doing so we contributed to greater visibility of our activities in RD2483: https://climate-pact.europa.eu/news-and-events/events/satellite-event-rotary-climate-conference-cop28-confirmation-and-inspiration-district-climate-action-2023-12-26_en

At that time we launched the initiative to establish Rotaract Climate Action Task Group RD 2483 (Rotaract Task Group on Climate Action), with the support of Governor RD2483 Aleksandar Radojičić.

Following an initiative and proposal supported by Governor Aleksandar Radojičić, active and interested Rotaract members organized in January 2024, in our District, the first joint meeting of the Rotaract Climate Action Task Group with the Rotary Climate Ambassador of our 2483 District. Ana Marija Tomić was elected as the Rotaract Climate Action Task Group Coordinator RD 2483



The poster features a central illustration of a group of diverse people standing around a large globe, with one person holding a solar panel. To the left is the 'CREATE HOPE in the WORLD' logo. To the right is the 'Rotary District 2483' logo. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'ROTARI KLIMATSKA AKCIJA Distrikt 2483', 'Date: 29.09.2023.', and '18.00 – 19.00'. At the bottom, the main title 'Rotary Climate Action RD2483 (2023/24)' is followed by 'Climate Change and Mental Health'. On the bottom left, it says 'Marija Jevtić, Rotari klimatski ambasador RD 2483 2023/24'. On the bottom right, it says 'Aleksandar Radojičić, Guverner RD 2483 2023/24'.

ROTARI KLIMATSKA AKCIJA Distrikt 2483

Rotary Climate Action RD2483 (2023/24)

**Climate Change
and Mental Health**

Marija Jevtić
Rotari klimatski ambasador
RD 2483 2023/24

Aleksandar Radojičić
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Rotary Climate Action District 2483

**Rotary at the Climate Conference COP28 –
as confirmation and inspiration
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Rotary District 2483

**Date: 26.12.2023.
18.00 – 19.00**

**Marija Jevtić
Rotari klimatski ambasador
RD 2483 2023/24**

**Aleksandar Radojičić
Guverner RD 2483
2023/24**

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COP28: Rotary Hosts Panel Discussion on Health Consequences of Climate Change

PANELISTS

- Dr. Vanessa Kerry, WHO Director-General Special Envoy for Climate Change and Health
- Anurupa Bajor, Director, Public Policy Engagement, GAVI
- Gerdien Nienhuysen, Senior Advisor for Climate, Energy and Environment, UNICEF
- Dr. Anand Kumar, Founder Trustee, Lung Care Foundation



ROTARI KLIMATSKA AKCIJA Distrikt 2483

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Rotaract Climate Action Task Group – inicijativa



Rotari klimatski ambasador
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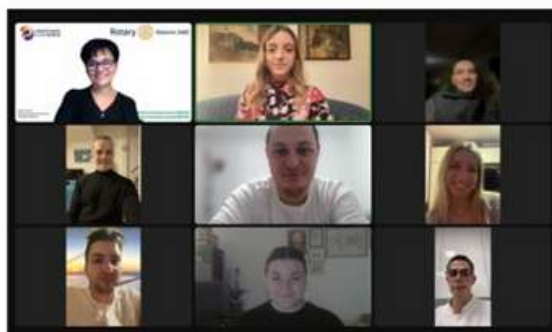
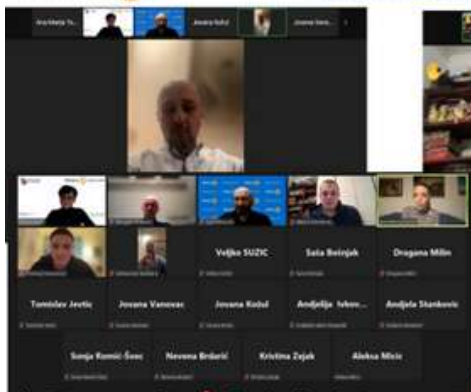
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Wojko Jankić - Rotari klimatski ambasador Distrikt 2483



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ROTARI KLIMATSKA AKCIJA Distrikt 2483

- ☐ Predstavljanje prisutnih (upoznavanje)
- ☐ Predstavljanje Rotari klimatske akcije - ukratko
- ☐ Rotaract Climate Action Task Group – osnivanje - izbor koordinatora
- ☐ Način komunikacije
- ☐ Dogovor o sačinjavanju plana aktivnosti
- ☐ Dogovor o treningu (za Rotaract)
- ☐ Upitnik o aktivnostima u HOPE rotarijanskoj godini
- ☐ Zaključci



Rotari klimatski ambasador
Distrikt 2483

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Ana Marija Tomić

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Training dedicated to Rotary Climate Action: Rotaract for Rotary Climate Action was held in the Central Building of the Rector's Office of the University in Novi Sad on Saturday, February 24, in a hybrid format. Members of 10 Rotaract clubs applied for participation – a total of 20 Rotaract members, a third of whom were present online. The Governor of RD2483 Aleksandar Radojičić supported the training and emphasized the importance of climate action in our district.

First and foremost, the role of the Rotary community in climate action was presented and discussed in training. Marija Jevtić as Rotary climate ambassador (Rotary club Eco Art) and Ana Marija Tomić (Rotaract club BelgradeGlobal) organized and led the training, while experienced Rotarians presented examples and ideas for further activities in climate action to Rotaract members.

The announcement about the training can also be found on the website of the European Commission https://climate-pact.europa.eu/news-and-events/events/satellite-event-rotaract-climate-action-2024-02-24_en.

Nenad Tutunović (Rotary Club Čačak) emphasized the importance of greening and activities in schools and working with children, Marina Cvijanović (Rotary Club Zemun) presented entrepreneurial activities (Eco Bio Invest) of importance for climate action within the Rotary community and beyond Nikola Božić (E-club and PDG) spoke about the importance of activities within the Green Agenda in the Rotary community. Miroslav Vesković (Novi Sad Rotary Club) emphasized the importance of innovation and nature-based solution principles in climate action. Gorjana Ponjević Ballani (Rotary Club Zrenjanin) pointed out the importance of working with Interact and Rotaract clubs through examples of greening activities in Zrenjanin. Through the second part of the training, a workshop was organized in which we defined short-term and long-term goals, next steps, the method of collecting data on activities in climate action, and it was concluded that the next meeting will be organized in March.

The presentation of the group work showed the great interest of the Rotaract members, as well as the dedication and awareness of the importance of climate action. The activities of Rotary Climate Action will soon be possible to follow on the Rotary Climate Action Instagram page (RD2483).

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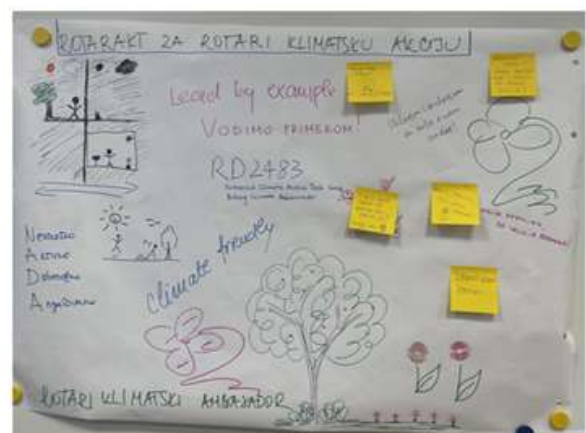
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With hope for a greener future and the desire for our District 2483 to be recognized as climate-responsible and active in contributing to the community, we enthusiastically continue the implementation of the agreed activities.

Holistic, Open, Persistently, Efficiently!

Marija Jevtić

Rotary Climate Ambassador RD2483

Ana Marija Tomić

Rotaract Working Group Coordinator for Climate Action RD2483

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Marija Jevtic

Rotary Club Novi Sad Evo Art

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Visit of RI President Gordon
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12.02.2024.- Celebration of Rotary Day in the presence of RI President Gordon McInally



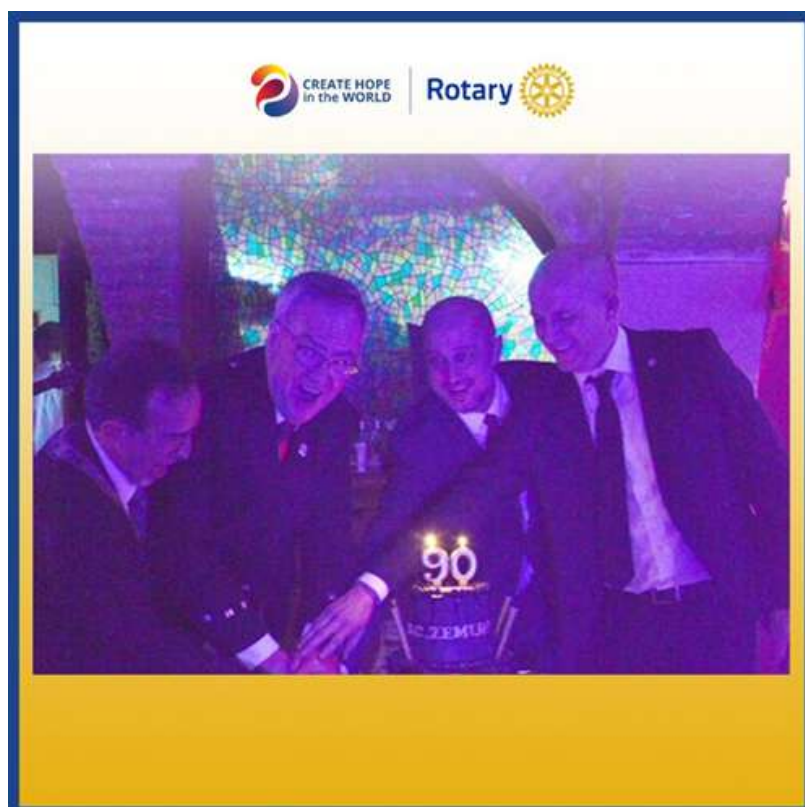
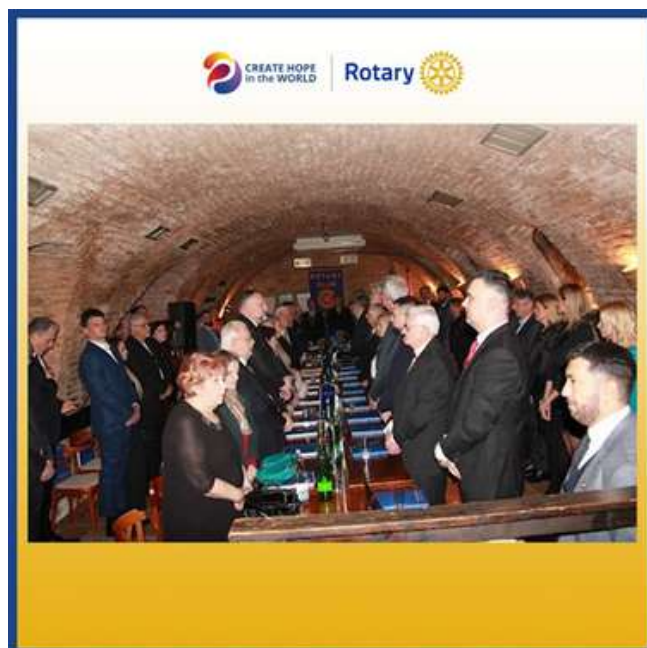
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13.02.2024.- RK Zemun: Charter celebration - 90 years since its foundation



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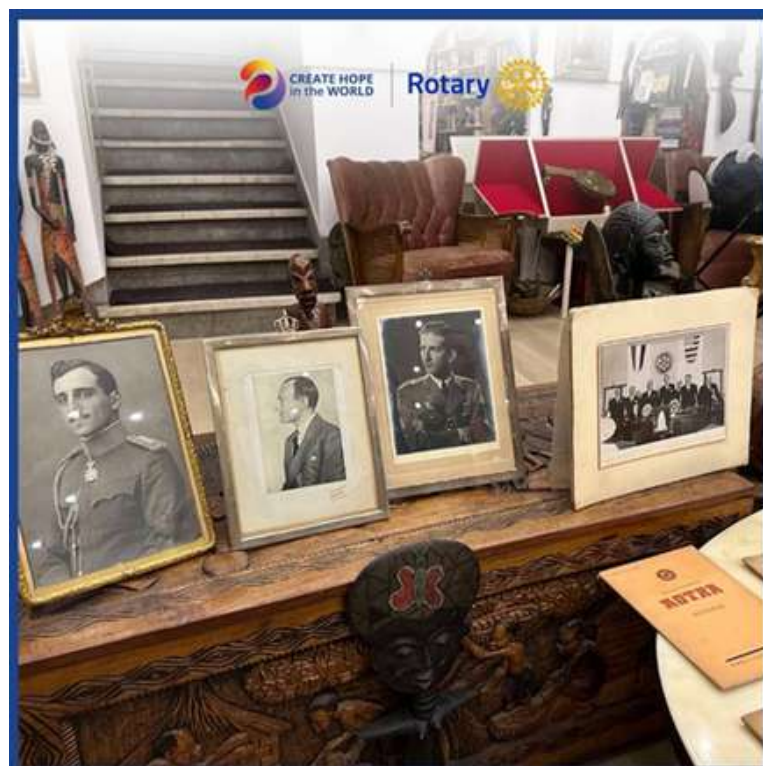


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14.02.2024.- Exhibition "Rotarians - social elite in Serbia (1928-1941)"



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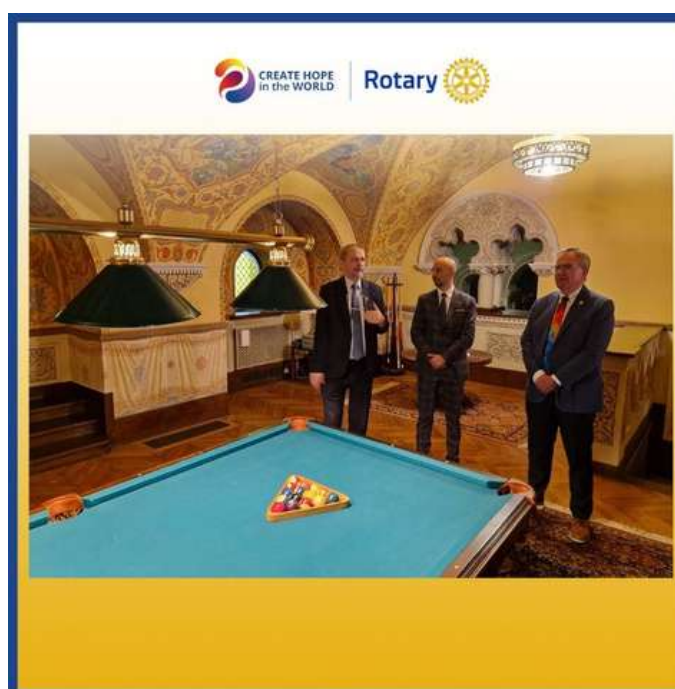
14.02.2024.- Visit of RI President Gordon McInally and District Governor Aleksandar Radojicic to Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and Princess Katarina Karadjordjević

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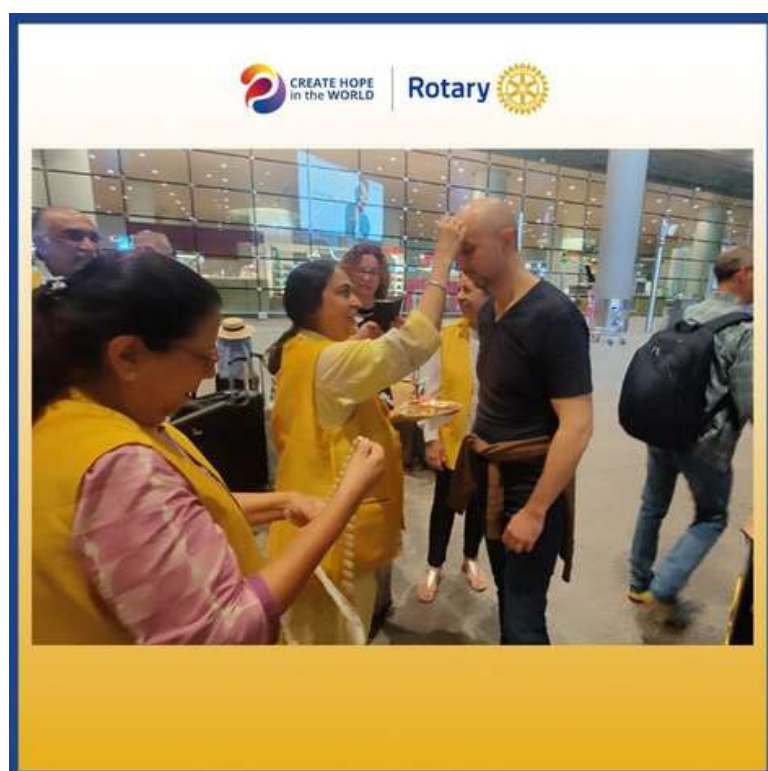
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Visit of the Governor and the
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Our delegation started its visit in Mumbai



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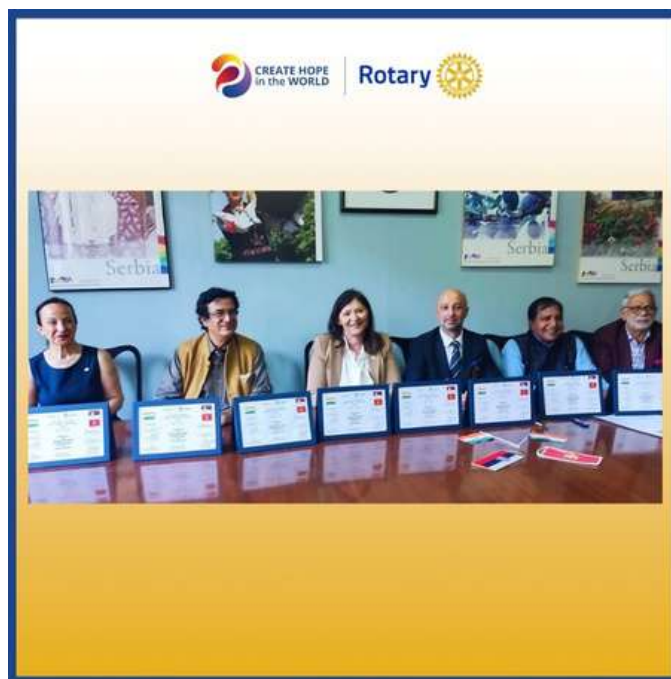
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Signing of ICC MoU with Delhi Districts 3011 and 3012

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Visit of the Governor and district team of RC Mumbai Airport

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ROTARY KLUBOVIMA U INDIJI**



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Visit of the Governor and the
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Visit of the Governor and district team of Blood Center Gurugram



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Visit of the Governor and district team of RC Gurgaon



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POSETA DISTRIKTOG GUVERNERA
ALEKSANDRA RADOJIČIĆA
"ROTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL GURUGRAM"



Dear Rotarian Fellows,

Greetings from the Zone 21 Rotary Public Image Teams!

It is with great pleasure that we extend our warm regards to you and all Rotarians within your esteemed District. We trust this letter finds you well and filled with the spirit of Rotary.

We are delighted to inform you that the previous year's video competition, "Rotary: The Power of Goodness," was a resounding success. As a result, Zone 21 A&B have decided to host it once again as a joint event for the Rotary year 2023-2024. We are excited to extend an invitation to all clubs within our Zone to participate in this event.

This competition presents a wonderful opportunity for clubs to showcase their dedication to the Rotarian spirit and the impactful efforts they are making in line with Rotary International's 7 Areas of Focus.

The objective of the video competition is to share your Rotary Club stories, projects, and experiences in promoting the RI 7 Areas of Focus. Attached to this letter, you will find the criteria for the competition and the Registration Form for your reference. We kindly ask for your assistance in distributing these documents among the clubs within your District.

We look forward to the participation of your club and the chance to witness the inspiring contributions you are making to our global community through Rotary.

Deadline of Entries: April 30, 2024

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

[Criteria for Competition](#)

[Registration Form](#)



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Altan Arslan
Zone 21B

Rotary Public Image Coordinator

World Immunization Week 24-30 April 2024

Increasing awareness about the power of vaccines and closing immunization gaps could protect millions of people worldwide from vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, according to the World Health Organization. World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, is an opportunity to focus on that work, and the robust polio eradication infrastructure built by Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) provides a model for it.

The GPEI estimates that polio vaccines have saved an estimated 20 million children around the world from paralysis. When Rotary helped launch the GPEI in 1988, the disease paralyzed more than 1,000 people worldwide every day, most of them young children. Since then, Rotary and its partners have reduced the number of polio cases by 99%, and in 2021 there were just six cases of polio caused by the wild poliovirus. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries where the wild poliovirus remains endemic.

The progress against polio is the result of the efforts of countless volunteers and health workers who immunize children in hard-to-reach communities and establish real-time global surveillance and outbreak response mechanisms. The polio eradication infrastructure has been used to fight other infectious diseases and undertake crucial health interventions, including supporting COVID-19 prevention and vaccination efforts.

With our decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary has been able to highlight the power and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Since the pandemic began in 2020, Rotary members have helped health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19, dispel misinformation, and support fair and equal access to vaccines.

Help Rotary raise awareness for polio eradication and the importance of vaccines during World Immunization Week, 24-30 April.

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In Singapore, we'll take ideas built upon hope and turn them into action as we discover new ways to create lasting change in our communities. We'll enjoy opportunities to renew relationships made at previous conventions and create new ones together as we set our course toward a better future.

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