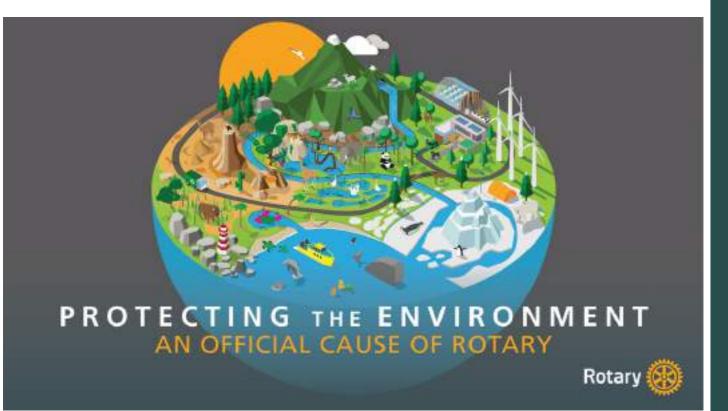


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APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH



Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment. We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

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HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORT THE CLIMATE CHANGE



SAVING THE HABITAT







APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH

HOW ROTARY WILL HELP PROTECT OUR PLANET

The Rotary Foundation will enable our members and their community allies to take action in these ways:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- · Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns

18.4 million

in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects



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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. <u>World Immunization Week</u>, 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.

TOGETHER, WE END POLIO



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WORLD IMMUNIZATION

WEEK 24-30 APRIL

World Immunization Week 24-30 April 2024

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.

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Today, 20 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.

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Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9%. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

IMMUNIZE

more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE

disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE

more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

Donate now at endpolio.org



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Presidential Message

These are times that cry out for peace. The Middle East is in its most volatile condition in years. The war in Ukraine is the largest in Europe since World War II, and there are armed conflicts in Sudan and parts of Central Africa. Nearly every continent is experiencing a major armed conflict.

Rotary has a vital role to play in advancing the cause of peace — I often say Rotary work needs to toward peace as aggressively as those who wish to wage war. It's the spirit found in our vision statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." We must never lose track of that last call that to bring about change in the world, we need to foster change within.



Gordon McInally Rotary International President RY 2023-2024

It is up to us to model peacebuilding behavior among each other. We can do better than questioning the motives of one another and jumping to the harshest possible explanation. After hearing words that might strain or offend us, we have an opportunity to ask, with compassion and curiosity, the intent of those offending words. And then we have another opportunity to repair the breach.

If we wish to be a beacon to the world, let us start by being so to one another. Let's help each other find greater understanding and productive alternatives to words that cause hurt and distrust. And let's stick to our principles, but never doubt the sincerity of each other to end conflicts, not inflame them.

Presidential Message

I'm reminded of a speech that U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy made on 4 April 1968, that dreadful day when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Kennedy was in Indianapolis speaking to an audience in a predominantly African American neighborhood where people had yet to learn that Dr. King had been killed.

He shared the terrible news. He honored Dr. King for all he had done for the cause justice and peace. And then he of connected with the fuming, grieving crowd by saying: "For those of you who are Black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust at the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed." It was the first time he had spoken President about John F. publicly Kennedy's assassination. And while many American cities exploded in violence that night, Indianapolis did not.

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Gordon McInally Rotary International President RY 2023-2024

It is in times of crisis and despair that we need empathy most of all. Empathy is the most powerful tool of peace, and it is vital if we are to take the first brave, humble steps to *Create Hope in the World*.



Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

Every year, Rotary celebrates April as 'Environmental Month.' Throughout this month, Rotary clubs organize a variety of environmental-oriented projects, organize events, and raise These awareness. projects may include environmental cleaning. recycling campaigns, tree planting activities, environmental education seminars environmental and awareness campaigns. **Rotary's** Environment Month aims to raise environmental awareness in society and raise awareness about sustainability and conservation of natural resources.

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

Environmental issues are a major concern for future generations. Problems such as climate change, depletion of natural resources, water and air pollution are harming human health, the economy and ecosystems around the world. The effects of these problems may increase further in the future and urgent action may be needed for a sustainable world. Therefore, it is important to collaborate globally to combat environmental problems, invest in renewable energy sources, strengthen waste reduction and recycling programs, and develop policies and regulations for environmental sustainability. It is critical to take action today to leave a healthy world where future generations can live.

Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

Susceptibility to environmental problems includes the ability to be of environmental threats. aware understand the causes of them and come up with solutions. This sensitivity reflects people's desires to protect reduce natural resources. environmental pollution, adopt sustainable lifestyles and leave а for future healthy environment generations. Training, awarenessraising campaigns, supporting effective against policies environmental problems and individual effort are required to increase sensitivity. As sensitivity to environmental problems throughout society, increases more effective solutions can be found and a

stronger foundation can be established

for a sustainable future.



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Rotary's sensitivity and efforts to the environment are truly admirable. The official announcement of the environmental title as the seventh focus area once again highlights Rotary's commitment to environmental issues and importance. This step will help Rotary become even more effective and contribute to environmental sustainability in the fight against environmental issues. The Rotary Foundation's beginning to fund the Rotary Clubs environmental projects will create greater awareness and action on the environment and have a positive impact on society.

Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Coordinator Message

Certainly, Rotary's leading role in the environment and its execution of raise environmental projects to awareness can lead to a major change perception. All in social Rotary draw attention components to environmental issues, contributing to with environmental awareness projects with or without funding needs will help spread environmental protection and sustainability issues to a wider audience. These efforts will encourage the society to pay more attention to environmental issues. while at the same time increasing environmental awareness and actions, allowing important steps to be taken for a more sustainable futur



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Definitely, leading creative environment projects can be a great opportunity for Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs. These projects can be an important tool to raise environmental awareness, raise awareness about sustainability and make a positive impact on society. I wish you all success and thank you for these valuable contributions to the environment.

See you next month,

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD







ARPIC Alaeddin Demircioğlu District 2420/2430/2440

ARPIC Alaeddin Demircioğlu on...

The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

YOUTH AND PEACE FORUM 21-25 April, Izmir

3rd International Youth and Peace Forum

The tragic incidents that we have been going through recently reminds us how badly we are in need of peace. For this reason, it has become a necessity for all the people to learn and internalize to understand diversity, equity and inclusion despite our differences through talking and debating.

Young people between the ages of 18-25 participated to the 3rd International Peace and Youth Forum which was held again in İzmir between 21- 25 April 2024 with the title "Create Hope For Peace".

RI District 2440 brought approximately 75 young people, consisting of Rotaractors of our district and Non-Rotarian foreign or Turkish youngsters, together in order to talk about peace in the world. The three-day program includes workshops, presentations, cultural excursions and entertainment programs where participants socialized and commingle with the sponsorship and warm hosting of Yaşar University.

All guests are hosted by Rotarian families through the events, where to give Turkish families the opportunity to become more familiar with the international youth and help to improve the warm relations among the participants through culture and friendship.

Ayda ÖZEREN D.2440 Governor

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The Journey in Doing Service Above Self YOUTH AND PEACE FORUM 21-25 April, Izmir 3rd International Youth and Peace Forum









The Journey in **Doing Service Above Self** YOUTH AND PEACE FORUM 21-25 April, Izmir **3rd International Youth** and Peace Forum



3rd INTERNATIONAL YOUTH & PEACE FORUM April 21 - 25, 2024

CREATE HOPE

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D2440 Project "Adıyaman Golden Needle"

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Within the scope of the 'Golden Needle Project' carried out under the coordination of RI District 2440 and Rotary Club of Adıyaman Nemrut District 2430, in cooperation with Adıyaman Municipality, a sewing course training center was opened in order to support the participation of women who are interested in sewing in the labor market and to train them as intermediate staff in the ready-made clothing industry. Women who receive training within the scope of the project will have job opportunities in the textile industry when they graduate.

In addition to Mayor Tutdere, the ceremony held at Adıyaman Municipality Vocational Training Courses (ADIMEK) was attended by Rotary DG Ayda Özeren of District 2440, Adıyaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Council President Gani Bereket, District 2440 Rotary Foundation Vice President Kemal Nas, Project Coordinator Nilgün Tiyanşan,Club President Mehtap Binzet of Adıyaman Rotary Club, representatives from the textile industry, rotarians and citizens attended.



The Journey in Doing Service Above Self D2430 Project "Adıyaman Golden Needle"







The Journey in Doing Service Above Self D2430 RC ANKARA - TANDOGAN Anatolia Summer Camp

Discover Anatolia, RC of Ankara Tandogan-D.2430

18th Discover Anatolia Summer Camp, founded and coordinated by Ankara Tandoğan Rotary Club, which has been continuing uninterruptedly since 2004 has been held between July 2-16, 2023. 14 students from 10 different countries were hosted in cooperation with 6 clubs. RC of Ankara Tandogan was the host club for the first five days of the camp and welcomed its guests in Izmir on July 2. During the five days, outstanding historical sites of Anatolia in the Aegean region were visited in four different cities, Çeşme, Ephesus, Kuşadası, Şirince, Denizli, and Antalya. Our program, enriched with various sea/sports activities and museum visits, ended on July 6 with the delivery of our guests to the Antalya group.

An important feature of camp is that it is also the sponsor of the Baku International RYLA winner every year. This year, this tradition continued and the RYLA winner was a participant in our camp.

We are proud to be the founder and coordinator of our Summer Camp, which is one of the longest-running projects in our region, and we thank all our members, families hosts who contributed devotedly.

Sevilay Açıkalın

RC of Ankara Tandoğan 2023-2024 Term Public Image Committee Chair





D2430 RC Mersin Olba Autism Awareness Festival

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DOn March 27, 2024, Mersin Mezitli Municipality Autism Association and Rotary Club of Mersin Olba organized an Autism Awareness Festival. The Festival was organized by club member Mezitli Municipality Autism Association chair Julide Guzel. Club members gave the prepared gifts to the children who participated in the festival. Dance and music events were held at the festival.









D2430 RC Adana Taskopru Access is not a Luxury,it is a human right

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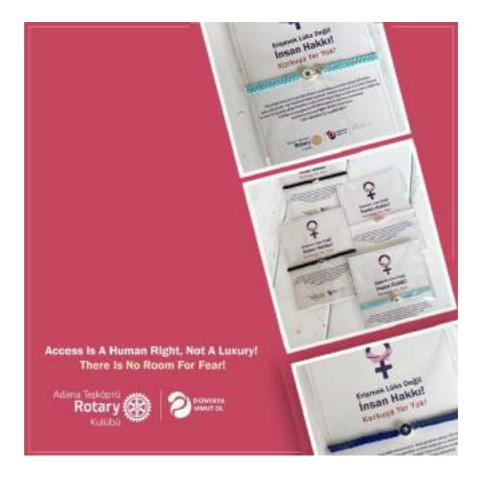
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Rotary Club of Adana Taskopru's sustainable project, launched on July 1, achieved its goal of 'Access is not a luxury but a human right' and distributed 100,000 pads to the earthquake zone on the 100th anniversary of the Republic!

This sustainable project, which was launched on July 1, 2023 with the theme of "Be Hope for the World", was celebrated on the 100th Anniversary of our Republic with the aim of eliminating the personal hygiene problem of women and young girls, especially in earthquake zones and disadvantaged regions, by saying "ACCESS IS NOT A LUXURY, IT IS A HUMAN RIGHT". Steps have been taken by our club, aiming to distribute 100,000 pads.

In this project, whose income is provided by the sale of bracelets made by our club members, our club purchased pads worth 5,000 USD by selling 1500 bracelets.

Pads were distributed to earthquake zones in Adana, Malatya, Hatay and Adıyaman. In the protocol signed with Adana Seyhan Municipality, material and employment support was provided for the existing pad machines and 5 women were employed.





The Journey in Doing Service Above Self D2430 RC Adana Taskopru Access is not a Luxury,it is a human right







D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Bringing Hope to Women

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REstablished in collaboration between Rotary clubs and Hatay Metropolitan Municipality, the Iskenderun Hatmek Textile Workshop officially started its services on November 25, 2023. The workshop aims to provide vocational training for women affected by the earthquake in the region.

Tulin Cetin, President of Ankara Tandogan Rotary Club, stated in her opening speech that Rotary, guided by the principle of "Service Above Self," has been extending help to the region since the early days of the earthquake. Emphasizing their support through emergency aid, temporary shelters, and various assistance to the local community, Cetin highlighted the need for a long-term healing process to address the wounds of the earthquake.

Cetin expressed, "Today, 10 months after the earthquake, we realized the need for projects aimed at the social development of the region. We believe that social development should start with women, and on the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey's establishment, we wanted to bring hope to the women who are the bright face of our Republic. With these thoughts, we decided to establish this workshop to empower disadvantaged women in the earthquake-stricken area socially and economically."

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D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Bringing Hope to Women







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D2440 Disaster Shelter and Relief Boxes

RI District 2440 Disaster and Relief Box Committee members, Rotarians and Rotaractors prepared and stored 100 Disaster Shelter and Relief packages used in previous disasters to be given to disaster victims in case of any disaster. The Disaster Shelter package contains all kinds of materials to be used in case of disaster.

Disaster Shelter packages contains;

Family tent for 5 people that can be used in all weather conditions

4 sleeping bags
4 mats
8 blankets
Battery powered lighting unit
First aid pack
Utensils (hammer,plier)
Toys for kids
Stationery equipment
Infant,baby care equipments

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The Journey in Doing Service Above Self D2440 Disaster Shelter and Relief Boxes





D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan "For Your Eyes"

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Rotary Club of Ankara Tandogan from D.2430 Turkey included visually impaired primary school students in the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Republic.

The "For Your Eyes" choir, composed of visually impaired 5th-6th-7th grade students, was prepared with weeks of practice accompanied by a music teacher.

The choir performed the final performance of its repertoire including anthems and Atatürk's favorite songs with the participation of our Governor Teoman Kaynar and his wife Merve on October 28, 2023 at 14.30 at Ankara Panora Shopping Mall with an audience of approximately 300 people.

The audience, impressed by the sincere performance of the students, congratulated the students at the end of the show and took photos with them.

Ankara Tandoğan Rotary Club will continue to provide financial support to the students and their families and to include the performances of this choir in other projects

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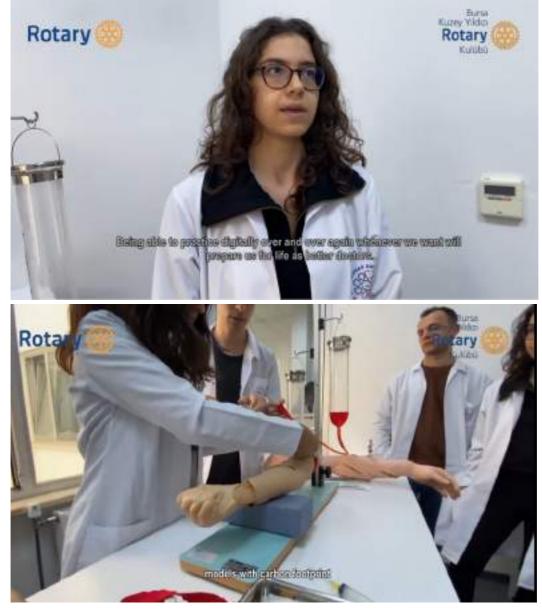
D2440 RC Bursa Kuzeyyıldızı Metamedu

The aim of this project is to improve the quality of undergraduate medical education and to support postgraduate medical education with an innovative educational approach that predominately include student-based and simulation-based prioritizing patient safety.

Inexperience, fatigue and time pressures all three are obvious causes of error. Clinical training in the hospital setting is often not sufficient, because of increasing number students and also extremely improvement of medical knowledge.

Futhermore, there is an increase in the awareness of public regarding patient rights and patent safety. Besides patients do not want to be an object of education.

USIM gives future medicians the opportunity to work on models





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D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Neonatal Critical care Unit

TRotary Club of Ankara Tandogan from D.2430 donates care gowns to the Neonatal Cirtical Care Unit at Ankara University Children's Hospital annually. The washable special fabric gowns are used by moms when visiting their babies in intensive care. Appreciation to spouses committee of RC of Ankara Tandogan for their efforts in this significant and traditional project

of the Club.









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D2440 RC Manisa Raising Awareness to Gender Equality through Art

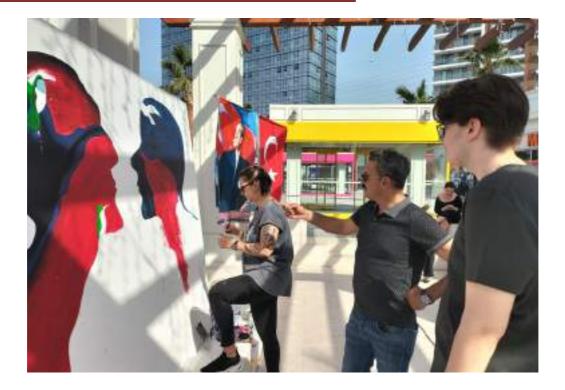
Rotary Club of Manisa from RI District 2440 drew attention to the issue of "Gender Equality" through art. At the event held in a Shopping Mall, Painter Eda Canata performed a live painting performance on male-female relations, accompanied by the classical music of the Trio Music Group consisting of female musicians. Brochures on "Dating Violence" were distributed to guests







The Journey in Doing Service Above Self D2440 RC Manisa Raising Awareness to Gender Equality through Art







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RI District 2430 organized a panel on Peace and Conflict Resolution in cooperation with Başkent University. Rotary World President Gordon McInally gave examples of Rotary's work on establishing peace in the world





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D2440 RIP Gordon McInally visit

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2023-2024 Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally and his wife Heather McInally,has visited District 2440. RIP Gordon McInally, RI 2440 District Governor2440Ayda Özeren, 2440 Past District Governor Esat Kardıçalı and his wife İclal Kardıçalı,has also visited İzmir Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Cemil Tugay.During the visit, issues regarding the continuation of the "Golden Needle" Project and the "Entrepreneurial Women" Project "GİKA", carried out in cooperation with the Metropolitan and Rotary Clubs, were discussed. Mayor Cemil Tugay,stated that as before,the existing collaborations in the future will continue and develop.

RIP Gordon McInally also visited some historical and comprehensive places of value in Izmir-Turkiye







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D2440 RIP Gordon McInally visit









D2440 RC Demirtas - RotaBus

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RC of Demirtas,D.2440 hosted the Rotaractors from Mersin Kızkalesi Rotaract Club in Onkoday Park, our community corp, where RC of Demirtas,Interact Club of Demirtas and Rotaract Club of Bursa organised a children fest for otistic children to celebrate April 23 Childrens Day.

This organisation and Bursa City became the sixth step of the Rotabus Project of Mersin Kızkalesi Rotaract Club, D.2430, of which the Rotaractors traveled by bus to six different cities and they attend six different organisations with the help of one Rotaract Club.

On that day, the Rotaractors from Bursa Rotaract and Mersin Kızkalesi Rotaract did many different activities and workshops with otistic children with the help of our interactors. They danced, sang children songs and ate cookies with children and their parents who thanked to whom organized this event for making their children so happy and giving them hope.



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D2440 RC Demirtas - RotaBus







D2440 Rotaract Festival

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On the National Sovereignty and Children's Day, 23th April, Rotaract District 2440 organized a festival for kids. More than 10.000 children, in the ages between 4-10 years, attended in this festival. Many different NGOs, together with the municipality, took part in the festival, where different workshops were organized for children.

Since it took place during RI President Gordon McInally's visit to Izmir, he also came to the festival and participated in the workshops with the children.







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D2440

Rotaract Festival







D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Visually Impaired women

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VISUALLY IMPAIRED GIRL GETS HER SMART CANE, RC of Ankara Tandogan and RC of Nemrut-D.2430

With the cooperation of Ankara Tandoğan Rotary Club and Nemrut Rotary Club, Sümeyye Başaran, a visually impaired 11th-grade student at Adıyaman Fatih Anatolian High School, received a smart cane we-walk.

Sümeyye Başaran, who is about to complete her training on using a smart cane at the rehabilitation center, will begin to utilize this donation soon. Başaran stated that she thinks that she will be more self-sufficient and self-confident by using the cane, and although she had to go to school by bus, she is very happy to gain her independence She thanked the Rotary clubs for this functional gift.

Sevilay Açıkalın RC of Ankara Tandoğan Public Image Committee Chair





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D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Water Literacy

RC of Ankara Tandogan and RC of Ankara Emek organized a "Water Literacy" seminar at Erkunt Vocational Training Center in Sincan Organized Industrial Zone to commemorate World Water Day. In Turkey, the industrial sector is second after agriculture in terms of water consumption. The stimulating seminar was both educational and thought-provoking for the attendees, who are future industrialists and industry employees.

We'd like to thank both Professor Nilgün Görer Tamer for her informative conference and the 130+ eager attendees.

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D2430 RC Ankara Tandogan Working Women's Day

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We honored International Working Women's Day on March 8th with an exhibition of tainee women's works.

As part of the Community Based Local Initiatives initiative with SGDD - ASAM, Ankara Tandoğan Rotary Club successfully finished a sewing vocational course for disadvantaged women in Mamak. The goods created during the three-month course, from October 30th to January 30th, were showcased to the public at an exhibition that opened on March 8th, International Working Women's Day.

The course also served as Rotary's DEI project. The trainees were from the Mamak neighborhood, which is primarily inhabited by immigrants. Since the trainees were from various different countries and languages, a translater accompanied to them all through course to set a communication between them.

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D2440 RC Bodrum Karia World Autism Awareness Event

Bodrum Karia Rotary Club painted t-shirts, bags and hats on 2nd of April World Autism Awareness Day event at the Bodrum Disabled Health Foundation.





D2440 RC Kusadasi Yoga Training Event

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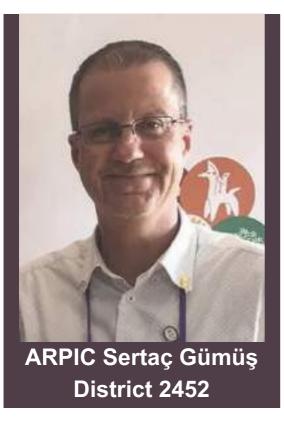
Rotary Club of Kuşadası D.2440 held a public Yoga training under the supervision of famous yoga instructor Erol Benjamin Scott at Güvercin Island Castle, the historical place of Kusadası, to raise awareness for healthy living.











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Rotary Club of Manama in District 2452 - Bahrain distributed 1000 Ramadan Food boxes to the Northern Governorate, to members of Parliament to distribute to needy people in their constituency, Migrant workers society and over 37 charities across the country.



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









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District 2452 Bahrain, Rotary Clubs of Bahrain with Nakheel Centre jointly organized the Smile of Hope Eid Celebration

The Rotary Clubs of Bahrain District 2452, Bahrain (Manama, Salmaniya, Seef Bahrain, Rotaract Clubs of Bahrain, and Muharraq) jointly organized the Eid Celebration, Smile of Hope in collaboration with Nakheel Centre and the MC Ali Yaseen on Friday the 12th of April the 3rd day of Eid. Ali Yaseen hosted a show with a local band and an interactive quiz competition with prizes, with families from all walks of life enjoying the fun.

All Rotarians coordinated in organizing the event, they were involved in crowd management, gift distribution, and audience interaction. Local coffee and sweets were served to all visitors. Members from the Bahrain Deaf Society, Dreams Society, Bahrain Down Syndrome Society, and Al Rahma Centre were invited, highlighting Rotary values of Diversity & Inclusion.



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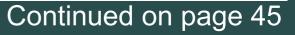
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Cyprus Rotary Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) 2024-25 was held at Lefkara on 20 April 2024 with many esteemed Rotarian participants including DGN Peter Ashdjian, DDG Tashtan Altuner, PDG Christina Covotsou-Patroclou, AG Demetris Pantazis, AG Snezana Cvetkovic, PDDG Dincer Cagin, PDDG Litsa Aresti,

PDDG Iacovos Constantinides, PAG Yiannos Pissourios, PP Yiannis Tomasides, AG Annie Hadjimarkou, Yaseen Jafer, P. Behiye & AG Hakki Muftuzade, P. Chilem Vural, P. Олена Алмазіна, P. Jelena Cvetković-Matta, P. Evi Manoli, Nicholas Thomas, PP. Gultac Ozsan, Zulfikar Bozdogan and many more









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Rotary Club of Manama brought joy to 52 Children

The Rotary Club of Manama in District 2452 - Bahrain brought joy to 52 children at the Batelco Orphan House by distributing Eid gift vouchers from the Red Tag chain of shops as part of their yearly Eid voucher giveaway event. Thanks to the Child Welfare Foundation for arranging the event on the first day of Eid.









RC Tripoli-Maarad D2452 Lebanon

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President Abdel Monem Marhaba and members of Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad visited Friends in Need Association for Deaf to give the donation raised from the "S7our" event that was held in order to support the education of Deaf students. You can support the project by clicking on the following link :

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RC Manama District 2452 -Bahrain

To mark Labour Day the Rotary Club of Manama (District 2452 - Bahrain) distributed Biriyani lunch with fruits and fruit juice to 600 labourers at a labour camp near Askar.



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Interact Club Manama District 2452 - Bahrain

The Interact Club of Manama in Bahrain - District 2452 has been collaborating with Dream Big NGO to provide tuition to under-served children for several weekends.





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Rotaract District 2452 Model United Nations in Bahrain

ARPIC Sertaç Gümüş on...

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The Rotary Club of Salmaniya held its regular lunch meeting on Wednesday the 24th of April 2024 at the Golden Tulip Hotel. The guest speaker was Maram Al-Alawi the Vice President of the Rotaract Club of Muharraq who updated the members on the progress of the Model United Nations (MUN) activity in Bahrain. She is part of the Rotary District 2452-wide MUN committee, where each country organizes its program. Bahrain's MUN will be held on the 3rd and 4th of May 2024.







ARPIC Maria Mastora District 2475

ARPIC Maria Mastora on...

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RID 2475 a Kurt Weill musical event at Megaron

Rotary District 2475 invited us to a Kurt Weill musical event at Megaron, a major cultural centre in Athens. We travelled through time from Germany to Paris and to New York exploring his personality and music for Weill is probably the only German musical genius who started out and ended up on Broadway. His collaborations with the writer Bertolt Brecht created a musical theatre that combined music and drama with the black humour of sharp social and political satire in a unique way. He was a prime target for the Nazis' artistic censorship: not only was he Jewish, but he was a socialist who worked with the radically arxist Brecht, so he moved to Paris. From Paris, penniless Weill and Lenya, his wife, made their way in 1935 to New York. His reputation owes more to the plots than the quality of the music, some of Weill's Broadway songs have become classics. This sold out musical event left us thrilled of the musician who had to reinvent himself, going round and round towards freedom, both in life and in art.





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RID 2475 a Kurt Weill musical event at Megaron











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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA POLITEIA

On Saturday 30 March, members and friends of RC Kifissia-Politeia had the opportunity to visit the premises of the Ilias Lalaounis Jewellery Museum and discover the special history of jewellery. A tour that illuminated the great work of a special creator who was particularly distinguished for the revival of ancient Greek goldsmithing, but also for its promotion through over 50 collections and 18,000 different designs!

Afterwards they enjoyed a special lunch overlooking the Acropolis at CityZen restaurant.





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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

Our heart was filled for the second time and the contents were transferred for the implementation of the wheelchair purchase program. It is very gratifying to see the response and participation of our fellow citizens who in one month almost refilled our heart.



RID 2475 - RC THERMAIKOS FILIPPOS

R.O. Thermaikos - Philippos offered an air conditioner unit to the Special School of Kerasia of the Municipality of Thermaikos, Thessaloniki







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RID 2475 - RC PATRA

RC Patra, met the request of the Primary School of Velitses, Achaia, to carry out a twohour program of emotional and social development for the school's students as provided by the Ministry of Education. The headmistress of the school contacted Rotarian and Club member Magdalene Agrafiotis, psychologist, who during her stay, she realised that the school had a very small library. After consultation, it was decided to enrich the school's library with donations from members of the Club. The delivery of an important number of children's books, donated by the members of RC Patras took place with great joy and satisfaction. This activity will have a continuity.







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RID 2475 - RC IRAKLEIO EL GRECO

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On the occasion of the International Women's Day, RC Heraklion El Greco, together with Heraklion Local Administration of International Police Officers' Union, organized an event entitled "Shining a light on the shadow of gender violence", with interesting topics by distinguished speakers. The event, which was held with the support of the Region of Crete and the Municipality of Heraklion, was honored by the local authorities and the Delegate Councillor of the Region for Education.



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RID 2475 - RC ANOIXI SEMELI

VISIT TO THE PENDELIS CHILDRENS' CONVALESCENT CENTER

On April 3rd, members of RC Anoixi-Semeli visited the Penteli Infirmary, which accommodates 35 infants and toddlers intended for adoptation.

Following Foundation's suggestion we offered necessities worth 400 euros.



RID 2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

Although received a bit late !!!

RC Alexandroupolis achieved the EREY and 100% TRF GIVING distinction and is the first and only 2475 club to achieve this in 2022-23 and probably 2023-24!









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RID 2475 - RC CHRISOUPOLIS NESTOS

RC Chrysoupolis "Nestos" carried out a tree planting in the Nesto Dipotapos- Nestos Municipality on March 31st 2024.

In the context of upgrading the quality of natural environment and the awareness of the public, members of RC Chrisoupolis - Nestos on Sunday March 31st, in the community of Dipotapo (Municipality of Nestos), carried out tree planting of coniferous trees. The activity was followed by a meal in the area of the tree planting with the traditional bean soup, in an excellent atmosphere of friendship and fellowship.





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RID 2475 - RC CHRISOUPOLIS NESTOS

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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA KASTRI & RC SOFIA INTERNATIONAL(BULGARIA)

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

The twinning of RC Kifissia Kastri with RC Sofia International led to an inspiring project: to create together a Library in the Bulgarian School of Kavala for students who learn the bulgarian culture and Bulgarian as a second language due to their dual citizenship, thus strengthening their Bulgarian roots!

This is one of the 5 libraries that will be created by June by RC Kifissia Kastri for its 5 years of existence!

Fellowship of people is a core value of Rotary and RC Sofia International with the campaign it started and the involvement of other RCs' from Bulgaria proved that together united we can do a lot!

Thank you for the excellent cooperation!







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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA KASTRI & RC SOFIA INTERNATIONAL (BULGARIA)

Book Project in Hellenic Republic (Greece), together with <u>Rotary Club</u> <u>Kifissia-Kastri</u>.







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RID 2475 - RC RHODES KOLOSSOS

Garden landscaping of the Open Protection Center for the Elderly of Rhodes

On March 30 members of RC Rhodes-Kolossos carried out a cleaning and planting of herbs in the garden of the Center of Open Protection of Elderly (KAPI), following a request received from Mrs. Christina Karagianni, Head of Social Policy of the Municipality of Rhodes.

RC Rhodes-Kolossos is always next to the needs of citizens and our local society.

Protection of environment and participation of Rotarians in society's activities are among the main goals of Rotary International.

In Rotary, members take Action to make positive changes in their local community and around the World.





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RID 2475 - RC RHODES KOLOSSOS Garden landscaping of the Open Protection Center for the Elderly of Rhodes







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RID 2475 - ROTARACT CLUB THESSALONIKI EAST

Rotaract Club of Thessaloniki East celebrated 50 years since its foundation along with its sponsor RCThessaloniki East by organizing a musical charity event on Sunday, March 31, at the Telloglio Arts Foundation of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

We welcomed RC Vignola Castelfranco Emilia Bazzano from 2072 RID from the Emilia Romagna - San Marino region of Italy along with their Interact.

The Interact Club of Conservatorio Jacqueline du Pré Group was founded on the initiative of the Director of the Conservatory, piano teacher Rtn. Maestro Miriam Garagnani and consists of young musicians who travel to get to know other worlds and cultures, create friendships, expand their horizons and give recitals with the aim of achieving a project defined each time by the children themselves.

The revenues of this year's event were donated to the non-governmental organization "Save the Children".

Our club cut a birthday cake for his 50 years annuversary along with his Sponsor Club and all the children of the Interact Club.

We gifted to all our invited Rotarians and Interactors from Italy souvenir gifts from Greece and to the attendees an anniversary gift as a token of gratitude for their presence.

We want to thank from the bottom of our hearts everyone who supported us with their presence at such an important milestone event for our Rotaract club.



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RID 2475 - ROTARACT CLUB THESSALONIKI EAST

Rotaract Club of Thessaloniki East celebrated 50 years since its foundation









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RID 2475 - DTLS & PELS

District 2475, Rotary DTLS (District Team Learning Seminar) and PELS (President Elect Learning Seminar) successfully concluded on April 6th & 7th. Another unique experience transformed those selected to lead their clubs, giving them knowledge and confidence leading with motivation and inspiration. Congratulations to the facilitation team on the excellent interactive program and sessions and to the sponsors RCs Koropi, Peristeri-Anthoupolis and Kifissia. The novelty of this year was the interactive presentations of Kathrin Persiano and Lia Campolio from Zurich Offices, the important contribution of PDG Christina Covotsou from Cyprus and the participation of Zone Coordinator Bane Randelovic. Warmest wishes for success to DGE Nikos Margaropoulos, to the incoming District leadership team and Club Presidents.



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RID 2475 - DTLS & PELS



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RID 2475 - RC LARISSA EAST

RC Larissa East donated a quantity of infant milk to the Pediatric Clinic of the Koutlibanio & Triantafyllion General Hospital of Larissa.

The delivery was made by club member Dimitrios Gkugoulis to the hospital administrator Mr. Grigorios Vlachakis, in the presence of the nurse Mrs. Goula Euridiki.



RID 2475 - ROTARACT AGIA PARASKEVI

On Sunday 14 April, the Rotaract Agia Paraskevi Participated dynamically in the environmental action of letsdoitgreece by cleaning Hymittos mountain. Congratulations to the whole team. We continue to protect the environment! We are waiting for you at our next activity.







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RID 2475 - RC ANOIXI SEMELI EXCURSION TO SOUNION AND LAVRION

On Saturday April 13th, members and friends of RC Anoixi Semeli visited the Temple of Poseidon, in Sounion.

During the route, short historical information about this famous temple and about the ancient silver's mines of Lavrio were

Coffee in the comfortable cafeteria of the archaeological site with a view of the sea and a relatively easy climb to the adjacent temple, from where we admired the Saronic Gulf, Myrtoo and Aegean Sea that stretched out in front of us.

After the necessary souvenir photos in the shade of the temple, we toured the town of Lavrio and ended up in a picturesque fish tavern by the sea.

Excellent organization of this unforgettable excursion undertaken by the soul of our Club, the tireless Aspasia Martini-Vardaka President Elect for the Rotary year 2024-25, assisted by the second soul of our Club, PAG Anna Kafkala. Ladies, thank you very much!







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RID 2475 - RC ATHINAI LYCAVITTOS

RC ATHINAI-LYKAVITOS, offered a digital multimedia machine for the digitization of the Association of Athenians archives', sponsored by our member Dimitrios Karpouzos. We thank our friend and President of the Association Eleftherios G. Skiadas for the warm hospitality and the tour of the Museum, the always classy Mrs. Elli Thanogianni, and the general secretary of the association Manolis Karanikas.









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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Fellowship, Support, Solidarity and Love are the main characteristics of Rotary....

At RC Thessaloniki Alexander the Great we held the Love Bazaar.

With the support of Rotarians and friends of Rotary, in the very first half hour, all the candles that were lovingly made for RC Thessaloniki Alexander the Great by rtn Konstantia Giouletzi were sold.

The proceeds of the Bazaar will be used for the purchase of medical equipment at the General Hospital of Thessaloniki Agios Pavlos.

Thank you all for your participation and support.











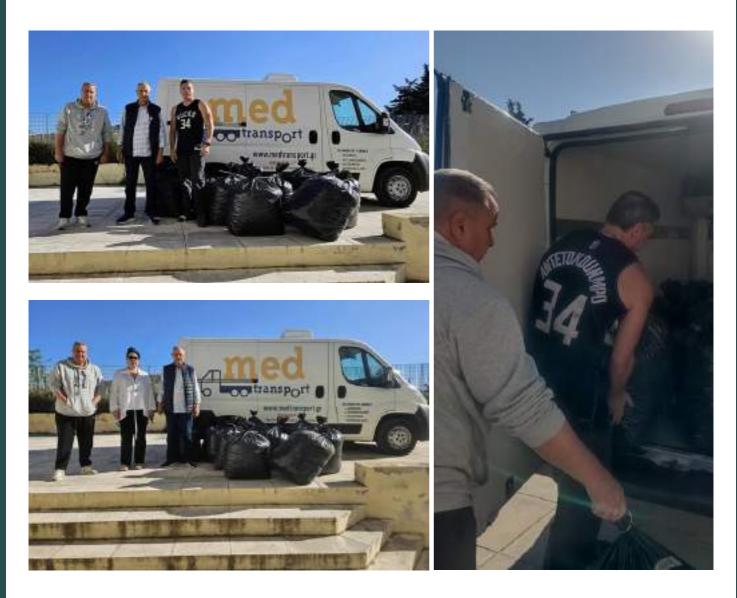


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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

Following initiative of RC Dionysus, for the placement of a metal structure in the shape of a heart, in Dionysos Community, for the collection of caps and the continuous offer of our fellow citizens, a chain is created for their collection and the purchase of wheelchairs. The Athletic Club of Dionysos collected and delivered nine large bags with caps. We are very grateful to Mr. Savvas Ajanoglou for his kind offer for their transportation, Mr. Pericles Bakodimos and Mr. George Giannakopoulos from the Athletic Club of Dionysos and the Association Agapi Care of Life. Together we can always do more.





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RID 2475 - IYFR AND RC PIRAEUS EAST

With the initiative of IYFR Hellenic Aegean Fleet, and RC Piraeus East we admired the precious patrimony of the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus. Rtn Dora Spachi guided us once more in her unique, uncomparable way!

The event closed with Greek food in a tavern by the seaside.





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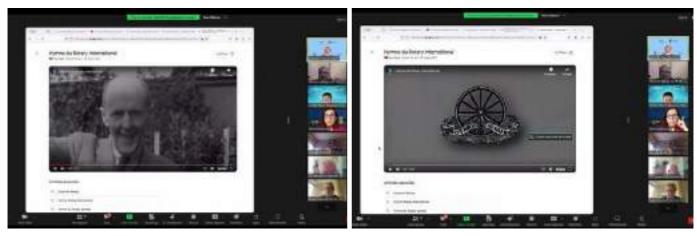
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RID 2475 - ICC BELUX-GREECE

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the creation of an ICC Belux-Greece. This Monday 15/04/2024, by video conference, during a nice ceremony, the ICC Charte has been signed by the Governors of Districts 2475/2130/2140/2150/2160, Greece, Belgium and Luxembourg, and by PDG, Nathalie Huyghebaert and PDG Spyros Mavrakos, respectively national ICC coordinators for Belux and Greece. We were honoured with interventions by Mohamed Ghammam, President of the ICC Executive Council and PRID Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou. This ICC has been created in order to promote common actions and strengthen the bonds of friendship between Districts, Clubs and Rotarians of these 3 countries. We wish all the best and are certain that it will lead to a constructive and successful cooperation, within the Rotary spirit.





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RID 2475 RC RHODES KOLOSSOS Excursion with guided tour

On Sunday 14/04/2024 RC Rhodes-Colossos, organized an excursion by coach and guided tour to the mountain of Profitis Elias in Rhodes. The tour was led by our Club member and guide rtn Kostas Panagos who offered us a day full of beautiful images and rare knowledge and we thank him. We also thank the members and the friends who participated in this excursion as well as our member rtn Mano Apokourasto for his help to find an appropriate transportation means.

Rotary, promotes knowledge, fellowship and friendship!



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RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

Members of RC Voula Panorama visited the women's prison of Eleonas in Thebes and offered clothing and footwear for the children born and living in prison until they are 3 years old (after that they are removed) with their imprisoned mothers They are the only prisons in the country where young children live. Children are a primary concern of RC Voula Panorama and that is why we continue our activity in other structures with children as well.





RID 2475 - RC KOROPI

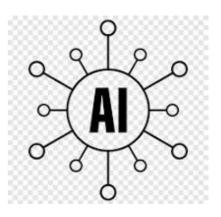
RC Koropi supports the Easter bazar of Artemida Pet Animal Wellfare Association, by offering small items, household items and dog food.







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RID 2475 - RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

A seminar on Artificial Intelligence with the participation of 10 academics, the Vice President of the European Commission Mr. Schinas and 5 Ministers. Co-organizer the Rotary Club of Alexandroupolis. Under the auspices of UNESCO and organized by the EANO Think Tank with rtn Fani Kofidis of RC Komotini as president.





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RID 2475 RC DIONYSOS The book of mistakes ...

The book of mistakesgroup work at PEGAP-NY (PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN) with the assistance of the RC Dionysos, under the supervision and guidance of the excellent Marilena Votsi, a creative event dedicated to the memory of Shakespeare.

The aim of this activity is to understand that through our mistakes we learn and become better.







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RID 2475 - RC VOULA PANORAMA

Members of RC Voula-Panorama visited the Children's Hospital "Aghia Sophia" and offered new clothing and footwear for the children with a prosecutor's order, who, having been removed from an inappropriate family environment, live in the hospital, (the youngest 50 days old) and attend primary school classes in the hospital.





RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Rotary unites all people worldwide under the ideal of service.

Days of love for all of us Rotarians is every day individually....

Members of RC Thessaloniki "Alexander the Great " in the context of RC's activities, visited on April 24th, the General Hospital of Thessaloniki Agios Pavlos and handed over to the Governor of the Hospital a medical machine, as a sign of recognition of the great and difficult work doctors, nursing and administrative staff of the Hospital are doing.





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RID 2475 - RC THESSALONIKI

RC Thessaloniki, with great sensitivity to issues concerning children, for the second consecutive year, offers its Love in practice, for a better life for children in need! We started the creation of a new school space for the integration of children with disabilities and special needs.

A school in Triandria Thessaloniki, which really seeing the photos, we understand that it is completely neglected, internally and externally, even though it is in operation and the children aged 5 to 15 years, live in this miserable place!Tragic and nightmarish!!! A big THANK YOU, to our Club Secretary Andronikos Kougas and member John Papadopoulos for their voluntary help, in the quick completion of this project!





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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA-KASTRI

The art exhibition of the internationally renowned artist Vasiliki Kolipetssa was held with great success at Villa Botsi, on the initiative of RC Kifissia-Kastri and its President Evita Psoni. The art exhibition was held for a "good cause" since the proceeds of the event will be donated to the humanitarian work of the Club which this year includes the creation of 4 libraries in schools in border areas.

Mrs. Kolipetsa donated three of her works for the Group's raffle, one of which was won by DGE Nikos Margaropoulos and donated it to the Club for auction, the proceeds of which he requested to be deposited to the Rotary Foundation for its humanitarian work. Ms. Kolipetsa also donated a piece of her work to Villa Botsi as a thank you for the use of the historic villa for this exhibition. RC President Evita Psoni had a surprise for the audience. As a qualified soprano, she sang two Asia Minor pieces, due to the Asia Minor theme of the exhibition, accompanied by the excellent pianist of the National Opera Orchestra, Frixo Morzo!

Club's President thanked all sponsors who helped this event to be realised.

The evening ended with the guests being impressed by the great and long-lasting work of Ms. Kolipetsas, who was recently characterized by big names of visual artists in China as one of the greatest visual artists in Europe!



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RID 2475. - RC KIFISSIA KASTRI

On the occasion of the twinning with RC Sofia International, RC Kifissia-Kastri asked RC Sofia International to build together one of the 5 libraries that the club will build for its 5 years of its existnace! He symbolically proposed the creation of a library in the Bulgarian school of Kavala.

RC Sofia International gladly accepted and even invited other clubs from Bulgaria (those shown on the picture) to contribute with Bulgarian children's books! This is how the final result shown here was achieved!!!







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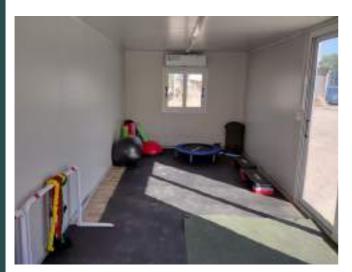


RID 2475 - RC PALLINI GERAKAS

On April 24th, the beneficiaries of the Structure Thalpi & Learning" had the opportunity of training in the specially designed area for disabled people located at the football field of Nea Makri. This particular construction was sponsored by R.O. Marathon - Nea Makri and several other Rotary Clubs via a D2475 district grant in 2023. It is an important project for the local community often utilized, among others, by the Marathon Sports Club for the disabled. This year, with the support of RC Pallini - Gerakas, this infrastructure provided exercise and recreation to the young schoolgirls who had the opportunity to visit the site, exercise safely and enjoy a team activity just before their Easter holidays..











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RID 2475 -RC RHODOS KOLOSSOS Visit to Rhodes Charalampio Nursing Home.

On April 28th, members of RC Rhodos-Kolossos visited the Charalampio Nursing Home of Rhodes. The President of the Youth and Third Age Committee, artistic rtn Stamatia Stergenaki made Easter decorations together with the elderly residents of the Nursing Home. Simultaneously with this action, rtn Michalis Liberis, a professional Hairdresser, member of the Committee, with the assistance of his team, beautified and treated the tenants they wished to. We sincerely thank rtn Stamatia Stergenakis and rtn Michalis Liberis and his team for their great contribution.



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RID 2475 - RC LARISSA EAST

Donations of Love from RC Larissa East to the hostel for abused women and the structure support for homeless of the District of Larissa.

RC Larissa East in view of the Holy Days of Easter and continuing its humanitarian actions in the local community, delivered bedding (blankets, sheets, pillowcases), women's toiletries and clothing for the shelter for abused women and for the homeless support structure of the District of Larissa.









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RID 2475 - RC DIONYSOS

RC Dionysos thanks the creator Alexandra Papadimitriou - Gasparatou for the donation of handmade beautiful Easter candles for sale through RC Dionysos. Many thanks to the ladies who participated in this activity and helped raise a decent amount which will be donated to humanitarian purposes.



RID 2475 - RC PERISTERI ANTHOUPOLIS

RC Peristeri Anthoupoli, in view of Easter, collected and delivered sweets to "ELPIDA' Parents and Guardians Association for the Disabled of West Attica. We are very grateful to our friend and photographer of our RC Manolis Kazerakis, for his support through LAVDAS company



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RID 2475 - RC PATRAS KOSTIS PALAMAS

Rotary with its international presence unites people.

RC Patras Kostis Palamas, in the context of its international presence and its social contribution, continues to support the Egyptian RC Cairo New Capital.

The cooperation between the two clubs is continuous and based on mutual friendship and support. For above reasons, RC Patras Kostis Palamas responded immediately to the demand of the Egyptian club by donating an important amount of money to the Egyptian Children's Oncology Hospital.





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RID 2475 - RC IRAKLIEON CANDIA

RC Irakleion Candia organised in Loggia (Municipality of Heraklion) an Easter Bazaar with handmade gifts. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of medical equipment at Haraka Hospital.

It was an activity that enhanced Rotary's Public Image in the community. Rotarians from UK, USA and France had also the opportunity to visit the bazar.









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RID 2475 - RC KIFISSIA KASTRI

On March 31st, the Entrepreneurship Workshop "From Theory to Practice" took place at the historic Villa Botsi organized by RC Kifissia-Kastri.

10 Speakers, renowned entrepreneurs and professionals from the field of business and communication shared with us their experiences and knowledge.

Among the special speeches, the King Charles Foundation's Entrepreneurship Program STARTAB (Corallia) was presented, which is free of charge for young people aged 18-35. The young people who were with us had the opportunity to develop their network with established entrepreneurs and some of them even received ... partnership proposals! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the excellent speakers Konstantinos Vetsis, Erifyllis Galli, Mary Thermiotis, Leonis Goggakis, Maria Vytinidou Fashion Designer , Jorge Sanchez, and the award-winning Entrepreneur of the Year Youlis Moustakatou. We also thank from the bottom of our hearts rtn Evi Christofilopoulou, University Professor , and Yannis Fotopoulos, of City Unity College Professor for their greetings and valuable interventions.



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RID 2475 0 RC ALEXANDROUPOLIS

On the initiative of the think club "EANOS Idea Discovery Group" and co-organized by RC Alexandroupolis and HELPHELLAS Volunteer Academy, a workshop on Artificial Intelligence, entitled: "Artificial Intelligence: Applications, Man and Challenges of the Future". The event was held in the Special Event Hall of Grecotel Egnatia Hotel in Alexandroupolis, under the auspices of the National Council of Greek Clubs and Centres for UNESCO. Many citizens and rotarians from RCs Komotini - Rodopi, Komotini, Piraeus - Anatoli Castella, Kifissia - Kefalari, Athens - Lycabettus honored the event with their presence. The panel of speakers was moderated by the Director of ERT(television) Komotini, the journalist of Thrace NET TV and the President of the Think Club "EANOS". The event was made public via local TV Channel. An activity promoting Rotary's Public Image.





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ARPIC Tanya Georgieva District 2482

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District 2482 Bulgaria,

RC Gorna Banya, RC Sofia Triaditsa, RC Sofia International and friends, D2482 Computers and book donations, thanks to Rotary Club Gorna Banya, Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa and friends

In the past months of March and April, we've been overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity and support pouring in from our fellow Rotarians and friends. Thanks to the kindness of Rotary Club Gorna Banya, Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa, and our dedicated supporters, we've been able to make a meaningful impact through our initiatives.

Our Book Project in the Hellenic Republic, in collaboration with Rotary Club Kifissia-Kastri, continues to thrive, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our team and partners. We're proud to report that our dear friends, Mr. Hristo Georgiev and Mr. Ivan Penov from Rotary Club Gorna Banya D2482, have generously donated laptops to the Bulgarian Association. These invaluable contributions will undoubtedly make learning and teaching much easier for the children and educators alike.



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In addition, we're delighted to highlight the remarkable efforts of our new friend, Mrs. Kristina Doneva, representing Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa. Kristina spearheaded a heartwarming campaign among friends and colleagues, collecting numerous children's books to support our cause. Among these treasures is a Scenario for Theatre performance, and she generously donated six copies to each of the six schools in the Bulgarian Association.

But the generosity doesn't end there! Another anonymous friend stepped forward, contributing The Bulgarian Constitution, detailed maps, and vibrant Bulgarian flags. What makes this donation extra special is that our anonymous benefactor selflessly gave away twelve of his own books, originally awarded for academic excellence during his school years. Their belief in our project and the importance of preserving our roots, especially abroad, truly warms our hearts.



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District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Gorna Banya, RC Sofia Triaditsa, RC Sofia International and friends, D2482 Computers and book donations, thanks to Rotary Club Gorna Banya, Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa and friends

Rotary Club Sofia International extends heartfelt gratitude to Rotary Club Gorna Banya, Mr. Georgiev, and Mr. Penov; Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa, Mrs. Doneva, her friends, colleagues from "Sofiyska voda" AD, and our anonymous benefactor. Thank you for bringing joy and knowledge to the children! And those smiles on the kids' faces? Priceless! Together, we're making a difference that truly matters.







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District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Provadia, XXVIII National Competition for Young Instrumentalists and Singers "Svetoslav Obretenov"

XXVIII National Competition for Young Instrumentalists and Singers "Svetoslav Obretenov"

This year, Rotary Club Provadia has traditionally awarded a certificate and a cash prize to the best performing participant in the "Svetoslav Obretenov" musical competition.

For the twenty-eighth time, Provaia met participants and guests for the current edition of the unique competition. Music by Bulgarian composers was performed only. The competition took place from April 2-5, 2024, and followed the program prepared by the Organizing Committee.

Intensive preparations for welcoming, accommodating, organizing the competition program, jury, teachers, accompanists, and guests continued until the last moment. All those involved in the event worked responsibly. The competition started at 18:15 on April 2, 2024, with the ritual of laying flowers and symbolically counting the number of competitions, when the bell of the bas relief of the composer Svetoslav Obpetenov rang festively.

Alexander Radev, student in the class of Darinka Tarakchieva from "Svetoslav Obpetenov" school of music represented Provadia in the First Age Group, specialty Piano. The young musician received a Diploma for Excellent Performance, as well as the cash prize of Rotary Club Provadia.







District 2482 Bulgaria, PETS AND GMS

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It was an unforgettable weekend for our Rotary family! One would not get bored because every year the Rotary leaders at all levels rotate. You would meet people to learn something new from, that would inspire you.

The long-in-the-making PETS for future club presidents and secretaries flew by in the blink of an eye!

"It was ... momentous! I'm still reassessing the whole spectrum of emotions, but it was truly magical! Mostly because the wonderful team I worked with was dedicated to the very end! I'm at a loss for words to thank everyone who stood behind me! Truly!

Kudos to all the Rotarians who participated in the three panels of the training - for presidents, secretaries, and project management. I have no idea what expectations you came with, but I know that we built the first step of mutual trust - the most scarce commodity these days!

Good luck to everyone in the upcoming months of preparation for the new Rotary year 2024-2025!"

Wrote DGE Margarita Bogdanova in the profile on FB.





The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

District 2482 Bulgaria, PETS AND GMS













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District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Ruse Danube Rotarians from Ruse - Danube Rotary club donated kitchen equipment to two social institutions

Rotarians from Ruse – Danube Rotary club donated dishwashers for the two Centers for Integrated Living for Adults with Mental Disorders and Dementia. These social institutions provide care and support for 30 individuals in an environment close to home. The kitchen equipment will contribute to improving their living conditions.

At the handover ceremony, Victor Slavov, President of RC Ruse-Danube, told that as soon as Rotarians learned about the needs of the two centers, they decided to purchase and provide the machines with confidence that it would further enhance the living conditions.

Ralitsa Marinova, manager of the social houses, expressed her deep thanks to the members of Rotary Club Ruse - Danube for their support. She confirmed that the kitchen equipment would improve the quality of care.

"This inspires hope and faith for a better life for people in need," added Ralitsa Marinova.

Representatives of the municipal Inspectorate of Social and Health Activities attended the handover ceremony. Mrs Milena Vlahova, the director, told that her team is expremely pleased with this cooperation. She reminded that it is not the first time that Rotarians have supported social institutions in the city.

To express their gratitude, the residents of the two centers presented handmade gifts to the Rotarians.





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District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Sofia International , RC Sofia Vitosha, RC Gorna Banya Rotary Club Sofia International Welcomes H. E. Dr. Željko Jović, Ambassador of Serbia to Bulgaria

Rotary Club Sofia International recently convened for another momentous gathering, brimming with the vibrant spirit of Rotary. Together, we charted a course for our exciting future endeavors, building upon our recent successes and impactful projects:

15th May Fundraising Event: Collaborating with Rotary Club Sofia-Vitosha and Rotary Club Gorna Banya, we organized a fundraising event supporting two vital causes. The proceeds from this event will contribute to the Med-Bul Project, providing essential medical equipment, and the construction of a photovoltaic plant for the Rehabilitation Center for Children recovering from Oncohematological diseases.

7th May Joint Meeting: We are eagerly anticipating a joint meeting with Rotary Club Cubao – Philippines and the President of Rotary International – Gordon McInally, on May 7th. This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for fellowship and international collaboration. Continuation of Our Book Project in Kavala: Our commitment to the book project at the school in Kavala remains unwavering. Following our recent visit, we donated several new laptops to enrich the learning experience for students and teachers alike.

Cooking Event with Dr. Nikolay Tzaribachev: Join us for an exciting healthy cooking event organized by Rotary Club Sofia International and our respected member, Nikolay Tzaribachev, a renowned medical physician and health expert. Together, we will explore healthy cooking practices and delve into the science behind nutrition. Save the date for April 17th at 18:30 in

Complex Gallery Vitosha.



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Our gathering was made even more special by the esteemed presence of His Excellency Dr. Željko Jović, Ambassador of Serbia in Bulgaria. Amidst his bustling schedule, he graced us with his illuminating insights and inspiring anecdotes. Dr. Jović regaled us with tales of cross-border cooperation, highlighting the recent free trade agreements forged between Serbia and Asian market leaders. His vision for strengthened diplomatic ties and enhanced economic partnerships left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds.

Dr. Jović expressed his fondness for meetings with Rotary Clubs, not only in Bulgaria but also in Serbia. For him, Bulgaria feels like home, and the meeting was akin to welcoming a member of our club rather than having a guest. The conversation provided a great opportunity for everyone to hear about some of the superb projects in Serbia, including the construction of advanced infrastructure and the opening of a new Ministry office of Dual Education. This initiative, integrated into the educational system for several years, has shown excellent results in youth development and provided resources for the many international business opportunities emerging in Serbia.





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As we captured the moment with a joint picture, we were reminded of the common bonds that unite us. We are committed to spreading hope for a better and more peaceful world.

Lastly, we used the opportunity to remind everyone about our highly anticipated Fundraising Event on May 15th. We encourage everyone to join us and secure tickets in advance to support our important projects. Ticket details are as follows:

Guests and Rotarians: 80 BGN Rotaractors: 50 BGN To secure your tickets, please make the payment to our donation account:

IBAN: BG49STSA93000027355924 BIC: STSABGSF Beneficiary: Rotary Club Sofia International

Note: Please include "15 May Gala" in the description and provide the names of the guests.

Join us as we continue our journey of service and fellowship, making a positive impact in our communities and beyond.



The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Bansko Razlog

- Skin Screening to support community health in Bansko region

Rotary Club Bansko-Razlog organized free skin checks and screenings over the past weekend by the idea of Dr. Silvia Lilova.

130 people were examined in both towns Razlog and Bansko.

We, the members of RC Bansko Razlog, would like to thank Dr. Paola Lozanova and her team for their voluntary work and provided pro bono consultations.

We thank Livy Dent and Megalab for their organization, assistance, and providing free spaces. Skin cancer is treatable when detected early.

Let us be responsible towards ourselves and our loved ones







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District 2482 Bulgaria, **RC Bansko Razlog** Skin Screening to - 1 support community health Bansko in region

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District 2482 Bulgaria, RC Sofia Triaditsa -

Doctors from Tzaritsa Yoanna – ISUL, University and General hospital are checking the hearing of children in kindergartens in Sofia city.

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Specialists and professors from the Department of Otolaryngology at "Tzaritsa Yoanna - ISUL" Hospital are performing free hearing screenings for children aged 5-6 years old in seven kindergartens in the Izgrev district of Sofia city.

These screenings are part of the "For the Health of Our Children" campaign, organized by Rotary Club Sofia Triaditsa, "Tzaritsa Yoanna -ISUL" Hospital and Izgrev District of Sofia Municipality. The aim of the screening is to identify children who may have hearing problems.

Reduced hearing can be caused by different issues. Children do not hear well and force parents to repeat themselves. Such children in school age often become distracted and inattentive, and have lower academic performance.

Another cause of reduced hearing are congenital sound conduction hearing losses, which are not always diagnosed during neonatal hearing screening, which is mandatory after the birth of every child.

The screenings are performed using an audiometer (hearing threshold test with headphones) and a tympanometer, which evaluates the health of the eardrum and the middle ear. The audiometry takes about a minute, and the tympanometry a few seconds. Both methods are non-invasive and do not cause pain or discomfort to the children.



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The specialists from the Department of Otolaryngology who participate in the campaign are Dr. Lyubomir Ranchev, Dr. Stefan Raykov, Dr. Asen Karnolsky, Dr. Petar Partsov, Dr. Zhulide Kasaboglu, Dr. Teodora Yordanova, Dr. Bozhana Dimtrova, Dr. Lyuben Dimitrov, and Dr. Kiril Peev. The team leader is Dr. Kiril Peev.

The screenings will be conducted according to the following schedule:

22.04.2024 - 49 DG "Radost"

23.04.2024 - 30 DG "Radecki"

24.04.2024 - 23 DG "Zdrave"

25.04.2024 - 34 DG "Brezichka"

26.04.2024 - 133 DG "Zornitsa"

29.04.2024 - 165 DG "Latinke"

30.04.2024 - 29 DG "Slantse"

These tests with the devices do not replace a standard ENT examination, warn doctors. Their purpose is to quickly and painlessly detect possible hidden hearing problems in order to take timely measures.





The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

District 2482 Bulgaria, Rotaract Varna-Second chance Clothes closet

This year our project "Second Chance" is taking place as part of the national initiative of Rotaract Bulgaria in 4 cities - Varna, Svishtov, Plovdiv and Sofia!

On 27.04.2024 (Saturday) between 10:00 and 16:00 you could also enjoy "Waffle Saturday" at the Social Tea Room in Varna! Thus we helped the development and integration of the young people who are learning to cook and serve customers behind the bar in this social enterprise! The program of the event was rich and for everyone's interest!

10:00 - 16:00: Bazaar with finds; clothes collection and waffle time!

10:00 - 12:00 - Clothing Repair and Alteration Workshop/Upcycle with TexCycle - a creative workshop where TechCycle professionals will demonstrate how to make various accessories and items from unworn textiles.

12:30 - 13:30: Lecture. Interesting presentation by Sirma Zheleva, TexCycle Sustainability Manager.

We ended the evening with a charity cocktail with a different show of a collection of clothes made from reused materials, namely the ageless denim! Special thanks to our partners from @Vocational School of Textile and Fashion Design - Varna who presented their models! Thank you to all our partners and friends!







The Journey in Doing Service Above Self District 2482 Bulgaria, Rotaract Varna-Second chance Clothes closet









The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

District 2482 Bulgaria, Rotaract Sofia International-Professions day

For another year we took part in one of the biggest Rotaract projects in our District in recent years - "Professions Day" - a platform that helps young people to discover their vocation and follow their chosen career path. The eighth edition was held in several cities in Bulgaria, including Sofia, and our members took part in the preparation of the event as well as in its actual conduct in the role of speakers in the panels "Business Management" and "Study Abroad" and "Career Opportunities in Bulgaria".









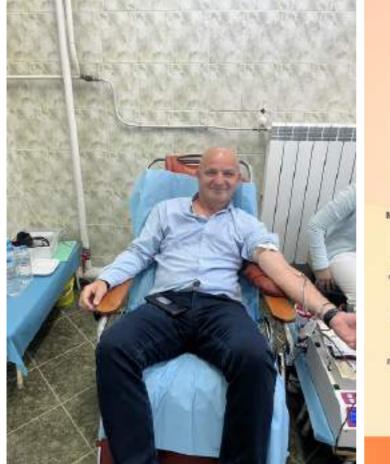
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District 2482 Bulgaria, RAC Kardzhali -Blood Donation Campaign -It's in your blood to save lives

The blood donation campaign "It's in your blood to save lives" starts on Monday, April 8 and will last until Friday, April 12. It will take place in the Transfusion Hematology Department /Blood Centre/ of the "Dr. Atanas Dafovski" Hospital in Kardzhali. Anyone wishing to donate blood during the campaign can do so on the dates indicated from 8:00 to 13:30.

The organizers of the spring blood donation campaign are Rotaract Club Kardzhali. This is their next such initiative and its aim is to inform the public about the ways and benefits of blood donation, as well as to motivate more people to take part in this noble act.

20 donors participated in the campaign and became our heroes and saved lives.



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Кръводаряването спасява животи и е полезно за нас самите!



The Journey in Doing Service Above Self

District 2482 Bulgaria, Rotary Satellite e-club Stara Zagora - RotaBee

We are excited to share the amazing celebration of bees that is part of the Rotary Satellite eclub Stara Zagora's "RotaBee" project.

Our hosts from Kindergarten 66 "Children's Paradise" welcomed us in a great atmosphere related to nature. We held an information campaign in which we introduced our little friends to the life of bees, their habitat and how we can take care of their conservation.

During the presentation Galin Rachev took us into the amazing world of bees, revealing amazing facts about our buzzing friends.

The children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in an exciting, fun-filled adventure and learn new things about bees.

A huge thank you to our kind hosts from Children's Paradise Kindergarten in the person of director Silvia Stoyanova, the teachers and the children from the 4th group.





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