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*Dear fellow Rotaractors,*

Welcome to the Rotaract and Rotary year of 2016/2017. Some of you have been busy with Rotaract during the summer, others have been taking a break. Common is that we now all active again. We are greeting our fellow club members at the meetings or during the events of a project. Rotaract is about having fun, learning and giving. Do not be shy to do all of these, when you get the opportunity.

This year's Rotary theme is "Rotary serving humanity" or "Rotaract serving humanity". Focusing on the diversity in our organizations and our unique ability to help others and create solutions. There has been a great number of good social projects and many more on the way done by Rotaractors all around. Keep up the good work.

The European Rotaract Information Centre (ERIC) changed its board according to plan over the summer and a lot of the Country Representatives (CR) are new as well. We have had the first online meeting late August and are gathering for the first time in Athens for the Rotaract European Meeting (REM), where we will network, train the CRs, vote on ERIC bylaw changes, vote for the next location of REM and more.

The events of ERIC are growing in popularity and an event such as REM that not many years ago only drew in 100-200 Rotaractors has grown significantly. This year's autumn REM in Athens will have 600-700 Rotaractors participating from all over Europe and will be great opportunity to get to know one another. This is amazing since the main purpose of ERIC is to develop international relationships between clubs and members all over Europe by bringing Rotaractors from all over Europe together.

This year board have decided to put focus on certain areas. These include putting more focus on the workshops at ERIC events, letting CRs digging on the different tasks, make the work of ERIC more transparent, create better continuity in ERIC, help sharing social project ideas and other important information between the countries, updating the bylaws and many more. The work is already well under way and it is going to be a very interesting ERIC meeting at REM Athens. Please enjoy this Rotaract year's first ERIC magazine. Do not hesitate to contact people if you think that they had an interesting story and you want to connect. Sharing is caring.

Yours sincerely,

*Jens Christian*

E.R.I.C. President 2016 / 2017



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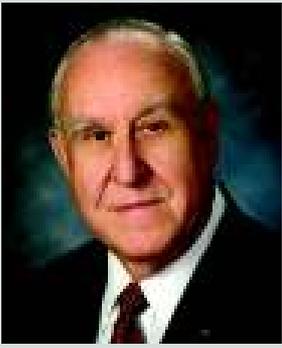
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## ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

Rotary has been many things, to many people, in the last 111 years. Through Rotary, our members have found friends, community, and a sense of purpose; we've forged connections, advanced our careers, and had incredible experiences we couldn't have had anywhere else. Every week, in more than 34,000 clubs around the world, Rotarians come together to talk, laugh, and share ideas. But above all, we come together for one, overriding goal: service.

Service to humanity has been the cornerstone of Rotary since its earliest days, and has been its main purpose ever since. I believe that there is no better path to meaningful service today than Rotary membership; and no organization better placed to make a real and positive difference in our world. No other organization so effectively brings together committed, capable professionals in a wide variety of fields, and enables them to achieve ambitious goals. Through Rotary, we have the capacity, the network, and the knowledge to change the world: the only limits are the ones we place on ourselves.

Today, our organization is at a critical point: a historic juncture that will determine, in so many ways, what comes next. Together, we have provided extraordinary service to our world; tomorrow, our world will depend on us to do even more. Now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward, with determination and enthusiasm, to be an even greater force for good in the world.

Of the many lessons polio eradication has taught us, one of the most important is also one of the simplest: that if we want to bring all of Rotary forward, we've all got to be moving in the same direction. Continuity of leadership, at the club, district, and RI level, is the only way we will flourish, and achieve our full potential. It is not enough simply to bring in new members and form new clubs: our goal is not more Rotarians, but more Rotarians who can achieve more good Rotary work, and will become the Rotary leaders of tomorrow.

Near the end of his life, reflecting on the path that brought him to Rotary, Paul Harris wrote: "Individual effort may be turned to individual needs, but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation." He could hardly have imagined then that one day, more than 1.2 million Rotarians would be combining their efforts, and, through our Rotary Foundation, their resources, to serve humanity together. And we can only imagine what great deeds Paul Harris would have expected of such a Rotary! It is our responsibility to achieve those deeds; as it is our privilege to carry forth the tradition of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "n".

John Germ  
President, Rotary International, 2016-17





# REM Athens

## survivals' guide

All these years the Rotaract family of Greece have dreamed of bringing the international spirit and idea of E.R.I.C. in the Greek Rotaract ... and now this becomes reality.

Speaking on behalf of all Greek Rotaractors we are more than excited of hosting R.E.M. in Athens for the first time ever. Greece is in an unfortunate bad situation right now, and exactly for this reason it is a great challenge for us to successfully organize and host the meeting.

All the clubs of Districts 2470 and 2484 are working hard in this direction and face challenges that make us stronger and lead us to new paths. Throughout this process we have the opportunity to get to know ourselves better and unite our clubs while developing real friendship and new skills.

REM ATHENS will be definitely one of the warmest places that you will experience in your life, not for the weather conditions but for the people that already await all of you here.

We face the meeting as the opportunity to bring for some days all of our Rotaract family in Athens, to make you really feel the traditional Greek hospitality but also to make you feel that Athens will be the place that you are always more than welcome.

Thank you all again, for your trust and for giving us the chance to live this amazing experience of organizing a REM.

We welcome you all to Athens,

**Antonios Oikonomidis**

President of the HOC team of REAMATHENS2016

## BASIC GREEK VOCABULARY

Καλημέρα [kalimera] • good morning

Γεια [gia] • hello

Ευχαριστώ [efcharisto] • thank you

Παρακαλώ [parakalo] • please

Στην υγεια μας [stin iyia mas] • cheers!

Μαλάκα [malaka] • asshole

check below for more vocabulary kindly provided by our friends from Cyprus

GREECE is a country in Southern Europe, on the southernmost tip of the Balkan peninsula, with extensive coastlines and islands in the Aegean, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas. It has an ancient culture that has had a significant influence on the arts, language, philosophy, politics, and sports of western society, including the genres of comedy and drama, western alphabets, Platonic ideals and the Socratic method, democracies and republics, and the Olympics. Furthermore it's a geographically appealing place to visit, with a mountainous mainland and idyllic island beaches.

Athens, is the capital city of Greece with a metropolitan population of 5.7 million inhabitants. It is in many ways the birthplace of

### How did you decide to host a REM in Athens?

The idea of organizing either a REM or a EUCO was in our minds for a long time. Let's say that we never had the "guts". But, during the EUCO in Bucharest a lot of people were asking why don't you organise a REM in Athens. Most of them had already been in Athens and wanted to come back. So we started a research and luckily there was an extend of the deadline so we said let's go for it and we did it.

### What has been your biggest challenge while organising and planning this event?

The biggest challenge started when we arrived in Athens after the REM in Poznan, where we were selected as hosts. The hotel we had talked to informed us that is no longer interested in accommodating and cooperating with us. So we had to do from the start a research of the hotel according to the prices already released.

### How many are the participants going to be?

Around 700 participants without the volunteers

### What would suggest to the next organiser?

Patience, a good team and a lot of luck

### What is the worst and favourite moment during the preparations?

The worst moment was when the first hotel cancelled. My favourite moments was when we got the REM and when the first wave went out and the packages were sold in less than a minute.

### Which is the "greek" characteristic of the REM?

A lot of yelling, last time things and not a lot of planning.

### What would you like each participant to remember after the REM, going back home?

We want each participant to talk about how fun and great time they had during the REM. Moreover, we are thinking of giving a present to each participant. An owl just like in the logo. So we want this owl to fly to each country with the best of memories and souvenirs.

## A chat with...Antonios

### President of REM Athens' HOC team

Classical Greece, and therefore of Western civilization.

The sprawling city is bounded on three sides by Mt Ymettos, Mt Parnitha and Mt Pendeli; whilst inside Athens are twelve hills [the seven historical ones are: Acropolis, Areopagus, Hill of Philopappus, Observatory Hill (Muses Hill), Pnyx, Lykavittos (lycabettus), Tourkovounia (Anchesmus), the Acropolis and Lykavittos being the most prominent. These hills provide a refuge from the noise and commotion of the crowded city streets, offering amazing views down to Saronic Gulf, Athens' boundary with the Aegean Sea on its southern side. The streets of Athens (clearly signposted in Greek and English) now meld imperceptibly into Piraeus, the city's ancient (and still bustling) port.

Places of interest to travellers can be found within a relatively small area surrounding the city centre at Syntagma Square (Plateia Syntagmatos). This epicentre is surrounded by the districts) of the Plaka to the south, Monastiraki and Thissio to the west, Kolonaki to the northeast and Omonia to the northwest.



# A chat with...Laura

**Rotaract Interact Committee Co-chair**

## **What is the Rotaract Interact Committee?**

The Rotaract Interact Committee is an international committee of Rotary International. The committee advises the RI Board on matters concerning Rotaract and Interact. These matters may be brought up by the Board itself, or by the Committee.

The Rotaract Interact Committee is also responsible for the program at the Rotaract pre-convention in Atlanta. The pre-convention is held before the Rotary Convention.

## **Who does the committee consist of?**

The committee consists of six Rotarians and six Rotaractors from all over the world. The committee has two co-chairs, a Rotarian and a Rotaractor. Tommie Buscemi is Rotarian in Texas, and I'm the Rotaractor co-chair. One of the Rotarians, Mitty Chang, is the chair for the Rotaract pre-convention in Atlanta.

This year three of the Rotaractors are from Europe, that is very special. Levent is from Turkey, Vera is from France and I'm from the Netherlands. The other Committee members are from the USA, Venezuela, Argentina, Australia, India, Tanzania, Brazil and Bangladesh.

## **What made you want to be a party of Rotary?**

Everything that Rotaract/Rotary stands for! To do great projects for the less fortunate, to make new friends, to learn more about organising projects, leadership and public speaking and especially the international aspects. Making new friends all around the world!

## **What opportunities exist for collaborations between Rotary and Rotaract?**

The newest opportunity for collaborations is the dual membership. Since the 1st of July it is possible to be a member of Rotaract and a member of Rotary at the same time. I think this is a great chance to bring Rotary and Rotaract closer.

## **What about the pre-convention for Rotaract during the yearly rotary congress?**

The planning for the Rotaract pre-convention is starting in September and October.

The pre-convention will take part before the Rotary Convention. During the pre-convention Rotaractors from all over the world come together, exchange ideas, discuss projects, join workshops and listen to presenters. During the evenings social fun events are planned.

If you want to share your experience with dual membership, if you want to bring up general Rotaract matters, and if you have ideas to improve Rotaract, Interact and Rotary, please let me know: [laura.verdegaal@rotaract.nl](mailto:laura.verdegaal@rotaract.nl).

# WHAT IS E.R.I.C.?



The European Rotaract Information Centre (E.R.I.C.) is a Multi-District Information Organization (MDIO) serving Rotaractors all over Europe since 1988. E.R.I.C. was formed for the purpose of facilitating international events, projects and improving contacts and interactions among European Rotaract clubs.

## HISTORY

E.R.I.C. first began with bi-annual meetings in Strasbourg at the European Parliament. Soon after, Rotaractors from all over Europe identified a need to organize an annual European Rotaract conference and a central secretariat to centralize information about Rotaractors so it could be easily exchanged.

In March 1988 E.R.I.C. was formed and based in Brussels. E.R.I.C.'s adolescent years were directed by a Belgian team known as the General Coordinator. From this grew the first Pan-European newsletter, a comprehensive contact directory and the first European Rotaract Convention.

In 1993 E.R.I.C. was officially recognized by Rotary International as a Multi-district Information Organization thus becoming the first international MDIO in the Rotary world.

In 1996 the E.R.I.C. team extended beyond

the Belgian borders and evolved into an international organization consisting of Rotaractors from all over Europe.

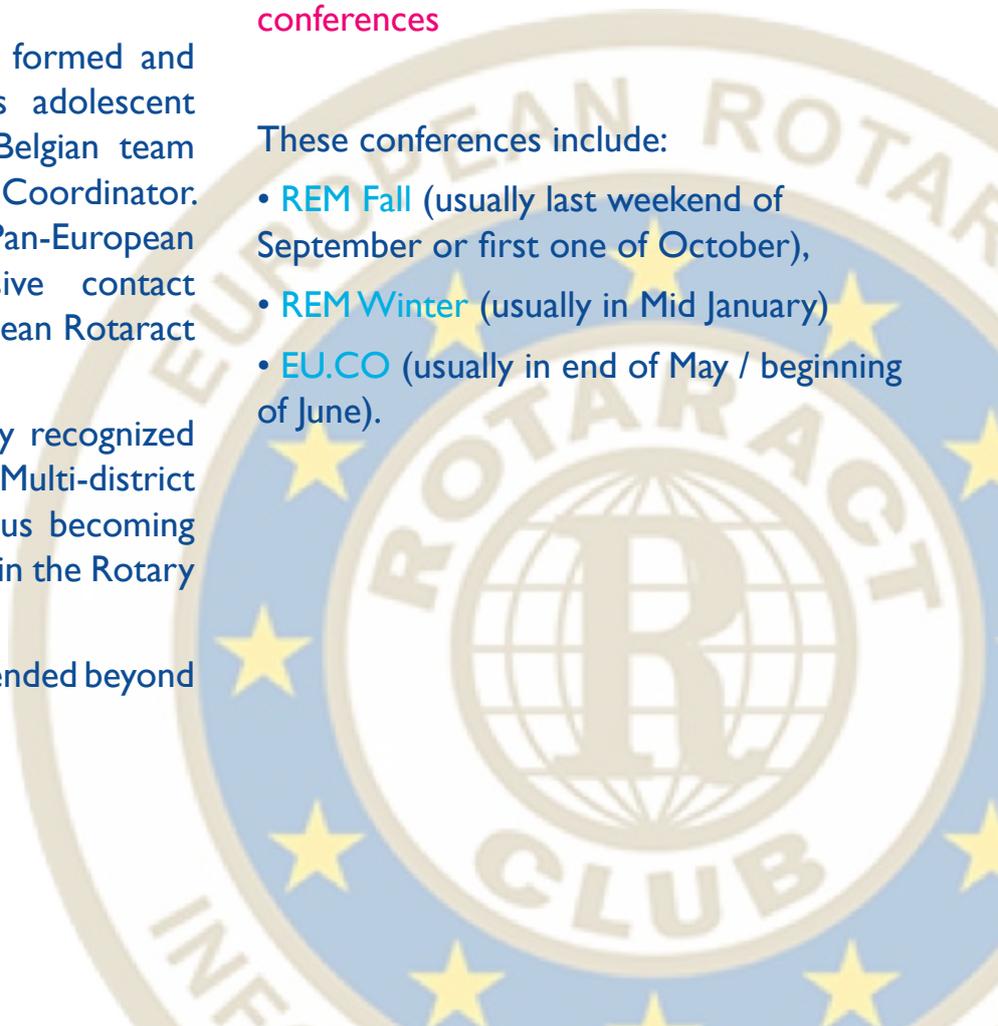
Now E.R.I.C. supports 136 districts, in 46 countries reaching more than 20.000 Rotaractors.

## What does E.R.I.C. do for you now?

E.R.I.C. continues to progress and support the development of international relationships between clubs and members all over Europe. Among several initiatives, E.R.I.C. brings people together through twinnings, training seminars, awarding top social projects (BESP), promoting projects and events and three annual international conferences

These conferences include:

- **REM Fall** (usually last weekend of September or first one of October),
- **REM Winter** (usually in Mid January)
- **EU.CO** (usually in end of May / beginning of June).



# October

The month of October is special in many ways. Personally, I enjoy October because of REM Athens and the opportunity to meet new people, develop lasting relationships and find new ways of building a better working community. For our Rotary community, October is special because it is Economic and Community Development Month and World Polio Day (October 24th).

Rotaract clubs around the world change lives by developing innovative solutions to community challenges both locally and globally.

This month, make a special effort to celebrate the progress and Rotaract commitment to elevate communities by focusing on developing an aspect of your community. In your club, regardless of size, there are several ways to alleviate community obstacles. In Europe, we can all relate to the inflow of refugees. Some of these communities may not have access to the same luxuries such as fresh food, clean water, education or anyone to help them integrate into our communities. This month, identify local communities in need and focus on providing sustainable solutions or just an extra hand. Your project doesn't need to be impressive; simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Here are some helpful examples to consider: donate children's books, provide training and basic language lessons, support integration by organizing a cultural event where diverse communities showcase their customs, culture and sell traditional food, or seek relationships with community leaders and businesses which can help alleviate some community obstacles.



Created in 1917, the Rotary Foundation purpose was of “doing good in the world”. At the beginning, the foundation work was just about doing donations. After a few years, in the 40s, they started developing durable programs. The first one was what now we know as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

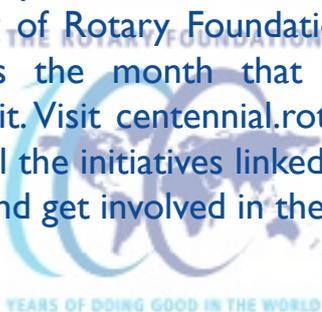
Then, in the following years, they started many other programmes, of which for sure you all know the End Polio Now (programme developed from the 80s to eradicate polio in the world) and the Rotary Peace Scholarship, which gave the chance to hundreds of students to attend the most prestigious universities collaborating with the Rotary Peace Centers.

The Rotary Foundation is currently the most important source for all Rotarians to have access to funds and realise world-changing services. All initiatives are funded through grants, and are aimed to develop:

- Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts
- Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study
- Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own

The process of funding is not very developed for Rotaractors, but very easy for Rotary Clubs. Contact your sponsor club to have more information.

Moreover, this year is the centennial since the beginning of Rotary Foundation, and November is the month that Rotary dedicates to it. Visit [centennial.rotary.org](http://centennial.rotary.org) to discover all the initiatives linked to this anniversary and get involved in them!



# November



# December

Disease is a harmful deviation from the normal structural or functional state of an organism. A diseased organism commonly exhibits signs or symptoms indicative of its abnormal state. Thus, the normal condition of an organism must be understood in order to recognize the hallmarks of disease. Nevertheless, a sharp demarcation between disease and health is not always apparent.

The study of disease is called pathology. It involves the determination of the cause (etiology) of the disease, the understanding of the mechanisms of its development (pathogenesis), the structural changes associated with the disease process (morphological changes), and the functional consequences of these changes. Correctly identifying the cause of a disease is necessary to identifying the proper course of treatment.

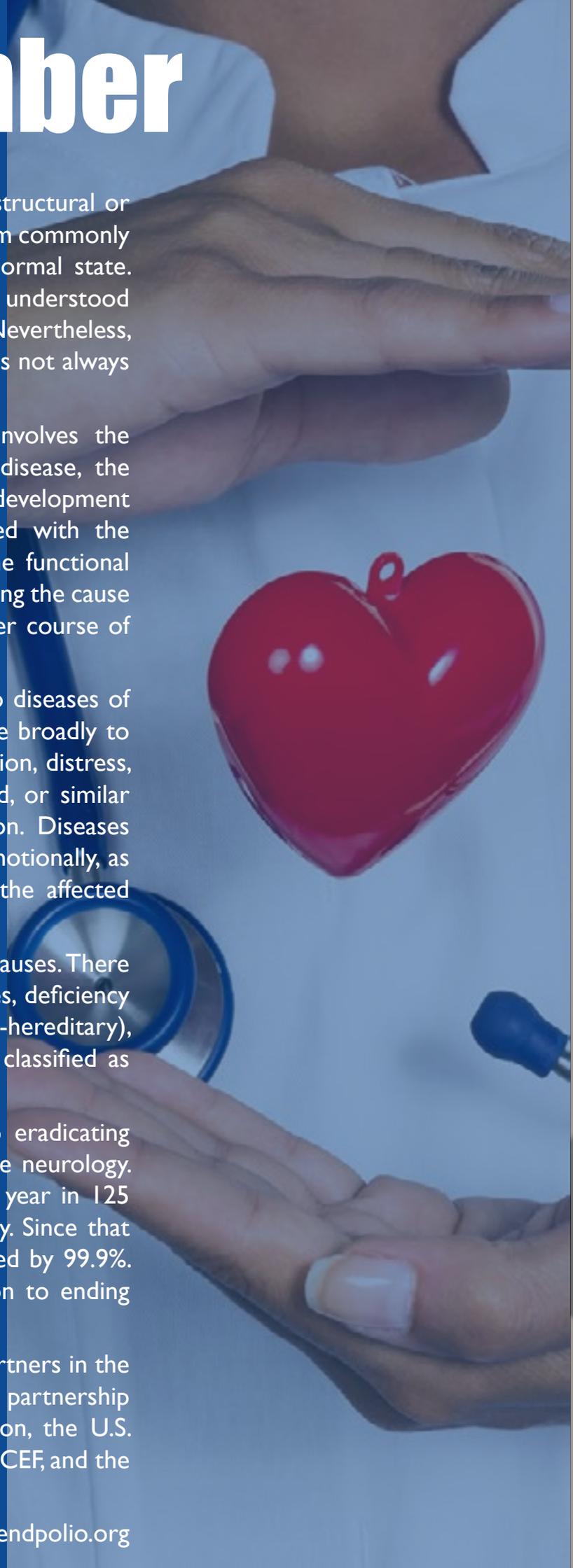
Humans, animals, and plants are all susceptible to diseases of some sort. In humans, disease is often used more broadly to refer to any condition that causes pain, dysfunction, distress, social problems, or death to the person afflicted, or similar problems for those in contact with the person. Diseases can affect people not only physically, but also emotionally, as contracting and living with a disease can alter the affected person's perspective on life.

Death due to disease is called death by natural causes. There are four main types of disease: infectious diseases, deficiency diseases, genetic diseases both (hereditary and non-hereditary), and physiological diseases. Diseases can also be classified as communicable and non-communicable.

In 1988, Rotary and its partners committed to eradicating poliomyelitis, an infectious disease concerning the neurology. Polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children per year in 125 countries – or, more than 1,000 children per day. Since that time, the number of polio cases has been reduced by 99.9%. Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.5 billion to ending polio.

Rotary is joined in the fight to end polio by its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership that also includes the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

For further information and to donate, visit [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)



A man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and red tie, is tearing open his white shirt. Underneath, he wears a blue t-shirt featuring the Rotary International logo, which is a yellow gear with the words "ROTARY" and "INTERNATIONAL" inside. He is looking upwards and to the right with a determined expression.

# ROTARACT HEROES

country by country

# Bulgaria



After Baia Mare (2013), London (2014) and Belgrade (2015), the honor to organize the Rotaract Global Model United Nations fell to Sofia. In the days between July 23rd and 30th, 2016 gathered over 40 students from 20 different countries to participate in this year. In organizing this event were District 2482 in the face of DG Dimitar Dimitrov, PDG Nina Miteva, Rotary Club Sofia Serdika and Rotary Club Sofia-Capital. Strategic partners were the "Sofia International Model United Nations" Foundation and the Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.



The opening ceremony was held on 24th of July. During the dinner were presented greetings from the President of Rotary International - John Germ. During the five training days, delegates took part in a simulation of the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Some of the included topics were "Violent Extremism as a threat to international peace and security" and "United Nations Security Council's reactivity to humanitarian and human rights law violations". In each of the above topics, the delegates managed to adopt a resolution. The awarding of the participants held an official ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.



# Czech Republic

## HandiCamp

Tears of sadness everywhere. That is how the last day of HandiCamp looked like. What is that and what is so special about it that it made people of various ages cry like small babies?

This year's HandiCamp, organised by Rotaract Brno, followed tradition of its successful ancestors. The purpose of the camp is to assist youngsters who are generally socially excluded because of their physical disabilities. Our goal



is to provide them with a meaningful time during their holidays. Their parents like this concept even more, as they can get a rest from caring about their children.

Physical activities were practiced, such as boccia, hanging bowling, table ice-hockey, hippotherapy or walks in the nearby forests. There was also time for great art various masterpieces were made, including t-shirts, bags, carpets and pottery. Some special visitors came: a fire brigade, doctors, and even owls and eagles from a local Zoo.

We would like to thank our sponsors who made HandiCamp 2016 happen. You helped the children to escape from their vague reality. You made them so happy that they cried when they had to leave. Yes, the tears of the final day belong to you. Thank you.



# Croatia



ORW is a three-in- one event by Rotaract Club Osijek which will be held this autumn from 14th to 16th October in our city, as well as in Baranja, a wine-rich Croatian region northeast of Osijek. ORW will start on Friday with our Club's 20th Anniversary gala dinner in Hotel Osijek, a hotel located in the Winter Harbour with a view of Promenada, river Drava and the suspension bridge crossing it. Almost 150 attendees are expected to join us in celebration of our first two decades being part of a global Rotaract family as one of the oldest clubs in Croatia. On Saturday morning, the Day 2,

will continue with a Semiannual District Meeting of District 1913 Rotaract clubs. The meeting, better known as Konfca, will be held at the Faculty of Business and Economics. It will bring our DRR and the presidents of all the D1913 clubs together for the first time in this Rotarian year. In the early afternoon two big buses will be awaiting us in Tvrdá. From there, we'll be heading to Baranja for the XVIII Rotaract Wine Roads. The 2016 Winery Plan will cover Gerštmajer, Pinkert and Josić Winery with live tamburaši, dinner and fine wine.

# “Elephant in the Room”- debating competition for the secondary schools

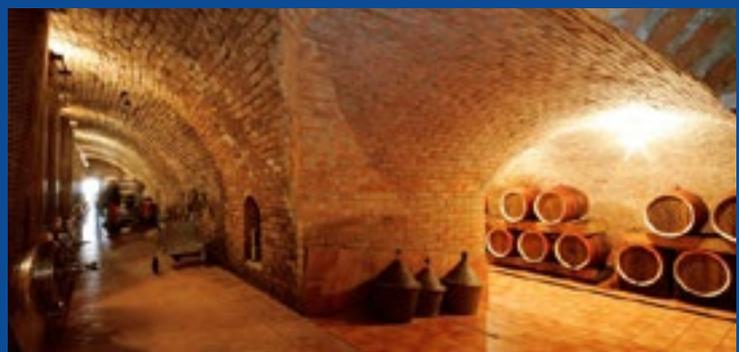
“Elephant in the Room” was the first debating competition for the secondary schools organized by Rotaract club Rijeka in collaboration with Rijeka Debating Union. The event took place from 29.01.2016. to 31.01.2016. in Rijeka and gathered more than 60 students, not just from Rijeka but also from Zagreb, Opatija and Pazin. On the first day everyone were getting to know each other and members of Rijeka Debating Union introduced participants with the rules of debate through few workshops. Next day participants divided in teams and the official competition had begun! We were quite impressed with the knowledge most of these young people had shown on given topics. They were all super engaged and eager to win a discussion.

The goals of the project were to encourage critical thought, share ideas and create discussions on important topics among young people. In addition, this was a great opportunity for secondary school students to make new contacts, experience teamwork and have fun in a learning environment. Our goal was also to encourage young people to get involved in extracurricular activities and introduce them with the work of Rotaract. The project got a lot of attention and was supported by many sponsors, including the city of Rijeka which provided us access to the City Hall for the grand finals. Since the project was extremely successful we are hoping to make it our traditional, once in a year event.

Lara Kapović

President of Rotaract club Rijeka 2016/2017

## Osijek Rotaract Weekend - ORW



## Rotaract Club Medjimurje

Our Rotaract Club Medjimurje was chartered at the beginning of June 2016 with 23 initial members, established by two sponsoring Rotary clubs (RC Prelog and RC Cakovec) determined to include young people of our region into a Rotary family. We took this opportunity to organize for our guests interesting and fun 3-days fellowship journey to introduce, to see, taste and experience autochthonous features of our beautiful county called Medjimurje, on the North of Croatia.

As an entering event, we had a thematic Pin-Up party and kept same spirit also next day while visiting a Museum of Old timers, unique St. Jerome church and one of the oldest river mill in Croatia. June 4<sup>th</sup> was a date of our Charter ceremony and we're proud and honored for having really amazing support from many Rotaract and Rotary clubs of our District 1913 who attended it and made us feel more then welcomed into Rotary family and very motivated to serve above selves. Guests were invited to bring a book or a social game with them and all the collected items we'll donate to local Retirement home when visit them. Summary of our Charter weekend includes many new friendships, already several new candidates for club members, new fundraising ideas and determination to turn our dedication and enthusiasm into benefit for our community.



# Rotaract Club Zagreb

Rotaract Club Zagreb 1242, founded on 1st September 2015, currently has 20 active members. The charter dinner was held on 19th February 2016, in a restaurant named "Lobby". So far, we as a club have organized and conducted three actions, independently and in cooperation with other foundations. To start with, we helped our sponsor club Rotary Club Zagreb 1242 with an action of their own named "Pokaži ljubav" (literal translation: "Show the love"). This action successfully raised financial means for the much needed purchase of a medical device for a children's hospital in Zagreb. Secondly, in cooperation with a few Student Associations, we organized an action under the name "AGreat Student Blood Donation" in December the past year. Lastly, our biggest action last year was also an independent one

and it was inspired by our previous work with the Children's hospital, and it involved selling symbolic key chains and bracelets for kidney disease sufferers and raising funds for amachine the Kidney diseases department in one of Zagreb's hospitals needed greatly. We are happy to say that the action went successfully.

As for the coming year, we plan to introduce more lectures from various different areas of knowledge and expertise and organize more humanitarian actions, both in cooperation with other clubs and associations and independently. Ultimately, we will again most certainly support and be a part of various events of other Rotaract Clubs in Croatia and actively be a part of conferences in Croatia and Europe as a whole.



# Cyprus

We figured since REM is happening in Athens, we thought it would be nice to teach you a few important phrases before the big event. So let's begin:

I love you: Σε αγαπώ: (Se agapo),  
Hello: Yassou (YAH-sue), How are you?:  
Ti kanis? (tee-KAH- nis), Thank you:  
Efkaristo (eff-kah- rees-TOH), You're  
welcome / please: Parakalo (pah-rah-  
kah-LOH), why is Cyprus amazing?:  
Γιατί είναι η Κύπρος καταπληκτική;....

Well we're not sure how to answer the last question, but why don't you come see for yourself? In fact, on November 17<sup>th</sup> Cyprus will be hosting the MDIO M2R Mediterranean Rotaract Meeting. We will be joined by Rotaractors from all over Europe and the Middle East. It's a great opportunity to strengthen relationships, experience a new culture, have a fun time and improve your Greek. For more information, check out our website.



## Summer Fellowship

During the summer, Cyprus's VDRR, Christos Alexandrou, organized the Pan-Cyprian summer fellowship in Paphos, Cyprus. We had the pleasure of hosting our fellow Rotaractors from Lebanon, PDRR Emil Moawad and DRR Julio Corredor- in fact, Julio spent his first day of the 2017 Rotaract Year with us. We had a wonderful time strengthening our relationships and listening to our districts' strategy.

# Refugees FunDay

In early August, the Rotaract Club Larnaca Kition the Kition club, organized their third FunDay at the Kofinou Refugee Camp. The aim was to make the children living in the camp laugh all day long as well as to furnish the camp with as many hygiene products and everyday goods as possible. While some club members were entertaining children by playing with balls and balloons together, having fun dancing with Zouzounitsa and Peppa Pig and getting their face painted, the remaining team was sorting and delivering the much needed goods around the camp. The actions of the Club towards the Refugees has earned them the Med MDIO Prize for Peace 2015-16 and support from Clubs around the world until today.



# Perseid's Meteor Shower 2016



What better way to enjoy the Perseid meteor showers other than with family and friends? In case you're wondering, the Perseid showers occur yearly from mid-July to mid-August. The shower's name come partly from the Greek word Persides- Περσείδες, a word found in Greek mythology referring to the sons of Perseus.

Rotaract Larnaca Kition hosted a night in the isolated beach of Softades, Kiti, with the company of lots of music, laughter and falling meteors. After the sunset, with the collaboration of Kition Planetarium and Observatory, they had the opportunity to observe the moon and planets through a telescope and spend the night watching the falling stars, relaxing and camping until the sunset over the beach.

## Boat Party

Cyprus's Rotaract Club of Limassol Amathusia, co-organized with Bodysense Gym, hosted the most exclusive annual charity party in Cyprus on a boat. During September the club sold tickets to raise money to support "Oi Filoi Tou Spitiou" people with autism and disabilities. The night started with a short sailing trip during the beautiful Cyprus sunset during followed by a dance party with belly dancing and a gift raffle for guests.

## Rotaract Club of Nicosia and Rotaract club of Nicosia-Ledra

The mega project from June – a cultural event bringing together food, dancing and other flavours from different parts of the world- has commenced. For many months two clubs – Rotaract Club of Nicosia and Rotaract club of Nicosia-Ledra solicited embassies and organizations to participate by selling their local culture in the downtown and stream the event on a popular local radio show.

Net proceeds were donated to Aspida of Aiantas - A small group of volunteers, who aim to support our fellow citizens who due to the economic crisis are unable to fulfil their need in clothing and household equipment- in the form of school supplies for children. They purchased over 150 backpacks and stationary.

Event Partners included:

High Commission of India

Australian High Commission

Royal Thai Honorary Consulate

Embassy of Spain

Embassy of Ukraine

Embassy of Georgia

Embassy of the Republic of Cuba

Embassy of Lebanon

Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Vivre à Chypre Association

Cyprus Association of Francophones and Francophiles

Chypre en Coeur Choir

Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic

Embassy of the United States of America



# Denmark

All things come to those who wait? Or does it? Or could it be, that a wave of new Rotaract clubs being shaped and chartered in Denmark, is happening because Rotaract and Rotary have and are working hard to get awareness of great projects, club-life and of the opportunities that arise from being a member of the Rotary family. Are we simply becoming better at telling about what we do and why we do it? Or what is it, that makes Rotaract appealing these days?

Two new clubs have been chartered in Denmark within the last 6 months, one in Hjørring in the north of Denmark, and a rebirth of Roskilde Rotaract club near Copenhagen (yeah Roskilde festival is also housed here). Two more are on the way, an international club in Aarhus, as well as a club on the west-coast, in Esbjerg. It is very interesting that clubs spring to life, not only in the bigger cities, but in every corner of the country. With everything, it's the sum of all things great. But a part of the answer, to the success of establishing new clubs and the continuous success of welcoming new



which makes the first-hand experience for guests both positive, warm and welcoming. Another topic, experienced from his work as DRR, is that the success of chartering clubs can be contributed to a much closer collaboration between Rotaract and Rotary, with Rotaract working to make Rotary aware of the possibilities of being more involved, driving and supporting new club initiatives – Jesper pointing out that “the two recent chartings we have had, is fortunately a product of Rotary driving and supporting the idea, and the great passion and hard-work from the soon-to-be Rotaractors”, a great collaboration.

Chris Mosby, president of Horsens Rotaract (a club on the way back to the top) agree with the social aspect, pointing out that “the need to have a sense of belonging have never been greater than today and finding yourself in this day and age can be hard, but organizations like Rotaract offer a unique opportunity to expand your own

network, personal traits and contributing with your help on a local or global level. This is why Rotaract is growing on a rapid pace, because of the need to be connected and making a small difference in their own way. Not everybody is made for a political, sporty, online community, but everybody need to belong somewhere and Rotaract offers many ways.” Nathalie Søndergaard, honorary Rotaractor in Frederiksberg brings in the perspective of dedication and for guests to get the Rotaract-experience as soon as possible, feeling the vibe from great events and gatherings from the very beginning. In Nathalies words “one of the reasons why we have experienced growth in Danish Rotaract clubs is thorough work from the district representatives and the clubs close by the news ones. They’ve invited the members of the culture clubs to events - local as well as national - to make them feel part of the organization and try the Rotaract experience themselves”

Helene Kronborg and Nikolai Lindholm from the newly chartered Rotaract club in Hjørring

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members into existing clubs, can be found in the many initiatives clubs are introducing.

In Frederiksberg, a club with a track-record of 30 years, past-president Ditte Guldbrasen mentions that “making guests feel welcome is of highest importance, and new guests are matched with a member, that helps ensure the guest never feel unaccompanied or unseen”. The buddy-system comes highly recommended and other clubs are embracing this initiative. In clubs all over Denmark, guest-days are also taking on an important role in embracing potential members, in the mist of good fun and sharing the story of Rotaract.

According to Jesper Frits Nielsen, District Representative D1450, a key driver for the boom in new clubs, can be related to existing clubs hard work in increasing the perceived value of Rotaract, thinking hard to express all the greatness in the best and most inspiring way, getting to the core of what we do - and then also that clubs are increasingly growing stronger social club cultures,

## Baby boom in Denmark!

recognizes a need within the younger generation, for more professional and serious agendas, than what many experience as part of their everyday. Helene raises the point of Rotaract being very relevant for a generation of young people, who want to challenge themselves and get that entrepreneur-feel first-hand. Helene notes that “this is exactly what happens when being part of Rotaract, where you get a close contact to the business community and work with humanitarian projects”. Nikolai agrees, seeing that members join and that they have success with their new club, as the members see value in being part of a setup of enthusiastic

people, wanting to have that professional and still social experience. In Nicolai words “many seek social networks, that are more serious than most available offers for young people – wanting to be part of something more than just fooling around and having fun”. This trend of young wanting serious-fun, is shared by Cecilie de Renouard, president of the new Roskilde Rotaract club, who sees that there are many young and ambitious people who want to partake in issues and things taking place in society and at the same time grow and mature themselves – and “this is what Rotaract is amazing at delivering”.

The baby-boom is of course a product of many aspects, all playing together at the right time, with the right people involved. But 3 key points worth taking on, is the collaboration with Rotary, the club-culture, bringing guests the truly warm and passionate Rotaract-vibe from the beginning and then the fact that Rotaract is facilitating the need for a professional and inspiring network for the change agents out there, the savvy generation that craves influence and impact. The future is bright and we look forward to welcoming even more new babies to our family.

# France

Rotaract Club de Toulouse

On the 4th of September 2016, Toulouse Rotaract clubs' members (from Toulouse Saint Lys, Toulouse Saint Exupéry, Toulouse International, Toulouse, Toulouse Terre d'Avenir, Toulouse Purpan) organized, for the back to school 2016-2017, a big collecting school supplies.

It took place in 3 different shopping centers, next to Toulouse.

Rotaractors asked people to give schooling supplies, for example, pens, notebooks, pencils, erasers, paper, binders... Etc

The collection will benefit a Medical Educative Institute, a Center for autistic Children and an association for children in need all of which, are next to Toulouse. But it'll benefit to one Madagascar Association too.

The school supplies will be given to the local associations and institute on the 22nd of September and send the 30th of September to Madagascar.

Members from this six Rotaracts are very proud of this collect in the beginning of Rotary year ! Indeed, at the end of the collecting day, all the rotaractors collected 960 Kg of supplies ! It represents 6 800 euros !

It'll enable school children to have some equipment.

And like said Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for women's rights, peace nobel price : *"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."*



# Rotaract Club de Caen

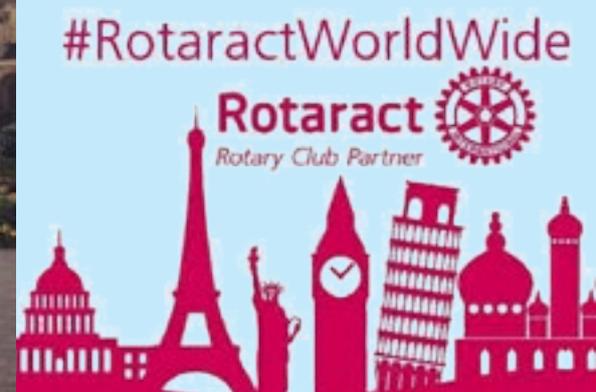
We are the Rotaract club of Caen, located in Normandy in the District 1640 and we are proud to present you a beautiful service that we are going to present at the Rotary International Convention in 2017!

We chose to create a project for the summer that would be easy to join for everyone and yet be meaningful. We came up with the idea of a picture project that would promote the international dimension of Rotaract, and therefore, promote peace and friendship around the world: Rotaract WorldWide. With the help of social media, we were able to spread the word and create a successful project.

The rule was simple : Rotaractors around the world only had to take a picture of themselves wearing a Rotaract shirt, or with a flag or a piece of paper with Rotaract written on it, in front of a monument or a landscape of their city. We asked them to post the picture on social media using the hashtag #RotaractWorldWide, and we published the pictures in galleries every week.

The result was amazing: we received more than 63 pictures from clubs all around the world and from every continent. We created new bonds with foreign Rotaractors, and showed that friendship is possible anywhere !

You can visit the #RotaractWorldWide gallery on the club page : <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractcaen/?fref=ts> and the district 1640 page : <https://www.facebook.com/Rotaract-District-1640-Normandie-133577033482480/?fref=ts>



# Rotaract Club Montpellier

## Chocolates sale for blind pupils in Benin

At Rotaract Club of Montpellier, we have been 10 years long strongly involved in supporting unprivileged children attending schools in Africa, especially in Benin and Senegal, binding a partnership with Rotaract Club of Cotonou Centre.

In 2015-2016, we raised €2400 to support the Centre Père Paul Rival, in Adjohoun, in the neighbourhood of Cotonou, that brings up visually-deficient children aged 5 up to 19, by selling high quality chocolates short before Christmas and Eastern. Corné Dynastie, famous chocolatier in Montpellier, manifested great enthusiasm and supported our action by charging us their top quality chocolates at cost price.

We aim to contribute to the education of partially sighted and visually-deficient children by gathering basic necessities such as rice, oil, sugar, supplying teaching material catering to the blind people, such as Braille paper, slates and styli, cubarithm slates and cubes. We also aim to supply various game materials catering to early learning activity, such as sound balls, and to provide furniture like bed sheets and mattresses.

We plan to visit Adjohoun soon to bring the whole collected money and buy supplies on site whilst supplies that are difficult to find, such as specific teaching material, will be gathered before departure.



*District 1690 Rotaractors support the association « Enfant du Désert » This association facilitate child education access. Knowing correlations between Health, living conditions and education, it has expended its acting fields to allow children global support.*

*Our action is divided in two:*

## 1. School Building

- \* Making school access possible for children from isolated villages
- \* Expunge illiteracy in remote areas in the desert

Characteristics:

- \* Promotes local economy and strengthens ties with education organism
- \* Encourages children to learn and develop themselves freely
- \* Supports the population by fighting against illiteracy
- \* The budget is about 10 000 €- depending on the school's location.



## 2. A child, a book

To give children the benefits of owning a book, adapted to their language and culture.

- \* Respects the local culture by delivering adapted Arabic books
- \* Supports children instruction, offering them books to read and discover at home
- \* Promotes the local economy by working in partnership with Moroccan editor
- \* Works in association with the school
- \* Benefits more than 2500 children all year long
- \* Possibility to extend to other schools



This action could be summarized by « 1€, 1 book » : for 2640 books, for a budget of 2673€.



While the „GermanTrip“ 10 Rotaractors from over 10 countries, had the chance to visit our country in 10 days.

End of April the Rotaractors from Argentina, Australia, India, Canada, Mexico, Sweden, Spain, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and the USA traveled to „Frankfurt am Main“. Within 3000km the group drove from the North Sea down to the Alps.

During the whole Trip the motto „Wanderlust“ was all around. A walk through a beautiful wine-growing area, a boat cruise at the Hamburg harbour, a hike through an underground mine, and a visit to the castle of Neuschwanstein were only a few stops while our GermanTrip 2016.

Of course the participants had enough time to taste the traditional German cuisine. Everyone was super excited about an east frisian tea ceremony, and the mandatory fish bun at the north sea. A special moment was the „Käs-Spätzle“-

# Germany

cooking with Rotaract Club of Kempten Allgäu. Beside the awesome cooking they played live music in front of an open fire.

In Berlin the participants learned more about German history. They travelled through time and visited the DDR-Part of Berlin and saw a prison for students called „Karzer“ in Heidelberg. During the whole time the GermanTrip group had an awesome weather: In Aachen we had a snowball fight and in Berlin we were sunbathing at the „Museumsufer“. All in all it was an surprisingly German April weather.

To not only see the country but also to meet the Germans there was a great support by some Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, which was one of the most thrilling enrichment while our trip.

Also the host clubs all around Germany, which organized the program and provided sleeping berth, had an great opportunity to meet new friends and bond an awesome international network.

## German Trip 2016 - Time to make friends!



Save the date: We are already planning the German Trip in 2017. The Trip starts on 27 March and ends on the 9 April 2017. For further information please contact: (germantrip@rotaract.de)

# Great Britain & Ireland



The Students Unite to End Polio (SUEP) project was initiated by two Rotary International Scholars from the United States, Kasia and Cecilia. Inspired by their scholarship opportunity to study International Development at the University of Manchester, their campaign seeks to address a great humanitarian challenge. Through their self-funded climb, the students hope to increase awareness of the Polio virus while generating financial support for its complete eradication through the Rotary International funded project: Polio Plus.

The SUEP team consists of ten post graduate students from the Global Development Institute at the University of Manchester. In September 2016 they are travelling to Tanzania and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro (5,895 m) in the name of Polio. The climb is independently financed so 100% of funds raised will be donated to Polio Plus.

The fundraising campaign aims to

raise \$25,000 for the Polio Plus programme. Following the launch of the campaign in April, a film screening of the documentary "Every last child" happened in June where people donated to the programme but also found out about the challenges of eradicating Polio in Pakistan.

On 31/08/2016 SUEP with the support of Rotaract Manchester International organised an event – "Pitchers for Polio" where students were invited for a post-dissertation celebration fundraising event.

The 10 students have already started their climb of Kilimanjaro and are ready to face many adventures in the name of their cause. If you would like to support them, donations can be made at:

[http://www.unitetoendpolio.com/get\\_involved](http://www.unitetoendpolio.com/get_involved)

We wish them great luck and we invite everyone to support their cause because we should all Unite to End Polio!



## Students unite to end Polio





Budapest-Budavár Rotaract Club is the only club which stayed active during the summer, because we had a project to complete. Although it was a pleasure to meet up after a long day for a drink or two outside in the good weather to discuss the tasks.

Our project was a 5 days daily camp in a small village near Debrecen, Hungary for kids with disadvantaged backgrounds. Rotaract clubs of Budapest organized a basketball tournament in Budapest as a fundraiser to support the camp's budget. The main organizer of the tournament was the Budapest-City and the Budapest-Margitsziget Rotaract Clubs and they collected approximately 323 Euros.

This was the second year that the

Rotaract Clubs of Budapest donated this amount to the camp, but it was the first time that we went there and we helped with the programs as well.

In the EuCo in Milan we met wonderful people from all around Europe and from the World actually, but we had the chance to spend more time with the members of the Rotaract Club of Tyneside, from England. We shared our plans with them and they became super excited and wanted to join us with this project, also raised 666 GBP with different events, what we also gave to the organizers of the camp.

During the camp members of the Budapest-Budavár Rotaract Club were hosting the Rotaractor friends from England as most of the members are from Debrecen. The two local clubs, members of the Rotaract Club Debrecen and Rotaract Club Debrecen Főnix were



# Hungary

strongly involved with the camp as well.

For 5 days we were playing all kind of sports, like football, american flag football, table tennis, frisbee, and darts in mixed teams with the campers. There was also arts and craft activities for children, who did not want to participate in the sport events, or just wanted to have a break.

Local ladies were doing the cooking every day for the almost 90 children, around 40 supervisors and around 10 Rotaractors per day.

Again, it was a daily camp, so after the kids went home, we had the opportunity to talk about

Rotaract, we shared fundraising opportunities, project ideas and cultural differences, as our club is turning 20 years old in November, meanwhile the clubs in Debrecen and from Newcastle are babies compared to that.

Of course we had time to do a little bit of sight-seeing in the Budapest and in Debrecen as well. We really hope that next year we will be organize this camp as a part of the Hungarian Roundtrip and we can see you in Hungary!

## Rotaract Club Budapest Budavár



# Italy

## **Let's go back to school!** **National service**

The 13 Italian Rotaract districts will work with Caritas Development Kongolo in order to improve the conditions of access to basic education in the territory of the Republic of Congo, and to increase school attendance rates, with the completion of the first wing of the school building and provide all school supplies.

Rotaract will intervene in the Province of Katanga, one of the eleven provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (the diocese of Kongolo).

In particular, Rotaract will support:

**The fundraising (budget 50.000,00 €);**

**The monitoring of the various phases of the project (site preparation for the foundations, construction of the building, provision of school equipment, etc.)**

Although we will build a school the beneficiaries of this project are not only 870 students but also all citizenship by providing jobs. It is a service that highlights the capacity of Rotaract to take prompt action in areas which need to born and grow again.

**Be International Be Rotaractors!**





Once upon a time, there was in Italy a big and heavy book, of about 700 pages, which was given to me the day of my first Rotaract event. I put it on a bookshelf. Once upon a time, there was a wobbly table in my living room. Today, the Rotaract book is not on the bookshelf anymore, and the table is not wobbling. Coincidence?

Sustainability and usability of the tools we use in our everyday life is nowadays fundamental. At the same time organization and communication are the basis of an efficient association. For this reasons, we decided to develop Rotarapp!

Rotarapp is a digital yearbook and contains details about all Italian Rotaract members, including roles and club history, but it also contains a calendar for events, which allows invitations, gives directions to the event, and creates a list of participants. It was developed to simplify the club or district's secretary lives: it is a tool to quickly send a message to all members of a club or district (according to the role - no risk of spamming!). We want to create a managing app, and we are still trying: Rotarapp is evolving every day, and we won't stop developing.

**Save a book, download Rotarapp!**



From the 22nd up to September 5th , in a little paradise named Ancarano (SLO), about fifty people with disabilities (26 Italians, 15 Slovenians, 4 Croatians and 4 Austrians) have been involved in a specific summer program sponsored by Rotary Club Muggia and Rotary Club Koper, supported by a lot of volunteers from Rotaract.

The Camp was a 360° experience with activities shaped on guests needs. The program was full : swimming lessons, physiotherapy, acquagym, chess, music, painting but also magic shows and concerts. The special guests were able to live new experiences like music therapy (surly better than a headshrinker), trip boat and sailing; during the evening we took pleasure in singing and dancing and after few days we became real friends.

Over and above the show I saw a real magic: all the physical and mental barriers have been removed, there were no more differences and nobody cared about words because the most popular alphabet was composed by a tender mixture of hugs and smiles.

The 8th edition of this Rotary Camp is over and the greatest reward is what the special needed guests taught us: it's not hard to be happy and as the Beatles would say "all you need is love".

*«My days at Debelii Rtic | On August 22 I departed with my mother toward Slovenia, but my mother was afraid because she doesn't know the roads well and she has never been across the border by car. After various stops to ask information, we arrived.*

*For us it has been a surprise because we didn't imagine such a beautiful place [..]*

*The volunteers accompanied me in the swimming pool and on the beach, to the music therapy sessions and during the evening they danced with me. It was amazing!*

*I'm very happy because here we are all equal ones, they love us and they treat better us than people without problems like mine. I was more happy with them than with my relatives (however I have a very small family)...and then how marvelous boat trips! Oh how beautiful was walk together in wheelchairs without fear to be looked and judged!*

*Every evening parties and dances; how much I have danced! I felt as I was before the accident that changed my life.*

*I'm sure that this beautiful experience will be with me during the whole year and I hope to relive it also the next summer. I'd like to hug everybody. Love, Selene »*

## All you need is love Rotary Camp Ankarano



The letter wrote by the host of the camp Selene Qualizza who has given us a precious testimony of love and gratitude.

## District 2032

The Rotaract District 2032 includes Liguria, south Piemonte and Montecarlo. It is the smallest district in Italy, but it always works hard. In fact, last year it raised around €53000 for AISLA, an Italian association which cares about the medical treatment and support of SLA patients.

This year, at SIDE 2016, as our main project we chose to help an Italian non-profit-organization who protect women victims of violence. If you are curious, you can follow our steps on the social networks looking for the hashtag #FloweRAC. Even though we are only at the beginning of the year, we have already organized some beautiful events. For example, in July there was the Flower Party at Arenzano, which was a party on the beach. In August famous White Party in Portovenere took place.

Only pictures can explain the beauty of five hundred people all white dressed in an ancient castle with a great view of the sea. You have understand therefore that we know how to have fun and at the same time bring forward a project! For this reasons, why you are not already following our Facebook page "Distretto 2032"?





**Lithuania**

Kaunas Rotaract club escorted this spring and greeted summer with two generous and significant projects. Utilizing energy and time, club members aim to set an example that all the good initiatives and positive changes first begin with oneself. Therefore, charity projects fantastically illustrate that we all have a power to make a change.

The first project, an annual charity table football tournament called "Gerumo ivartis 2016", is an open-air event, initiated by Kaunas "Rotaract" club and successfully running for the last 5 years. During the tournament donations were collected that will be later used towards various causes

helping those in need. This year, the project collected and provided €1000 to a specialized children's school that teaches kids with mental disabilities.

Another remarkable project was "Supuokles". The purpose of the project was to help renovate kids playgrounds outside blockhouses. Most of these playgrounds are in really bad condition and no longer serve their purpose. Four playgrounds were selected in Kaunas, and with our member's hard work, were transformed into beautiful outdoor spaces. That definitely put smiles on little residents' faces! In total, 21 playgrounds have been renovated since the beginning of the project.



# Luxe

Our club is the only club in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. At the moment, we are 20 members and around 30 active people in the club including trainees and guests.

With participants in our club coming from more than 15 nationalities, we are a club that represents the beauty of Luxembourg and the enriching culture of its diversity.



**Rotaract**  Rotaract Club  
Rotary Club Partner Luxembourg



Our club has plenty of activities during the year offering opportunities in sports, cultural, professional development, and social activities. Our social activities include fundraising and hands-on activities.

Our hands-on projects include days of fun with the children of the Autisme Foundation Luxembourg (Fondation Autisme Luxembourg - FAL <http://www.fal.lu/>). A group of volunteers thinks and prepares activities dedicated for the teenagers and children with autism and spends a fun day with them. We also support the Red Cross in the yearly bazaar where last year we sold paintings and photographs, the funds collected at the bazaar are donated entirely to the Luxembourgish Red Cross and their actions.

We focus our fundraising activities to support MPG Responsibility now and the Somwang School. These activities include a sale of St. Nicolas (December 6) bags, filled with chocolate and goodies for the children. Different sales during the year as well as the funds collected from our WEEKEND INTERNATIONAL LUXEMBOURG (WIL) which takes place first weekend of July every year.

The WIL is a dedicated weekend for all rotaractors who want to have an amazing sightseeing and fun weekend in Luxembourg. Last year, 52 Rotaractors joined us in Luxembourg where we showed them some of the best things Luxembourg has to offer. The whole weekend was filled with a great atmosphere, new friendships and a lot of #rotalove.

# embourg



## MPG Responsibility now

MPG Responsibility now is an NGO created by six Luxemburger students back in 2013. It supports the Somwang School - which name means to have one's hopes fulfilled -. The school is located in Thailand and takes in Burmese refugees children. It teaches Thai, English and Math to children that otherwise would be helping their parents working in the orange

fields. At this point, Somwang hosts 61 children, 4 teachers and 1 driver and is supervised by the "Best Together Foundation" of a local temple called Wat Sri Boonruang.

Our donations help support the school for monthly expenses that covers salaries, transportation, lunch food, hygiene and basic health needs of the children.

For more information visit: <http://www.mpgresponsibilitynow.com/>

# Moldova

## **Rotaboom Rock Concert** **Rotaract Club Chişinău**

In March 2016, Rotaract Club Chişinău developed an a fundraising rock concert initiative called Rotaboom, a fresh concept attracting attention from many diverse groups of people, especially youth, making them more sensitive towards the Club's activities. The idea of a rock concert was chosen due to the fact that music unites and connects people towards a common goal.

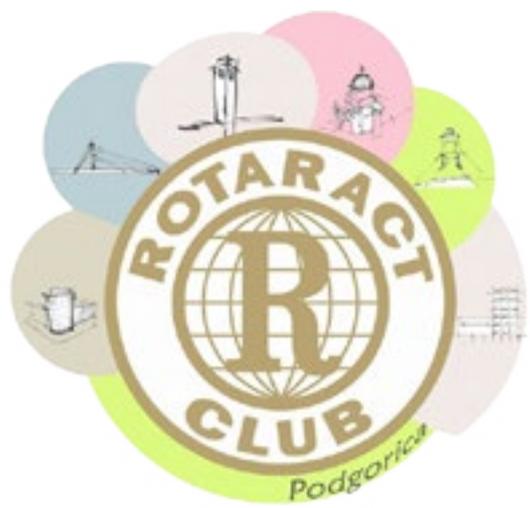
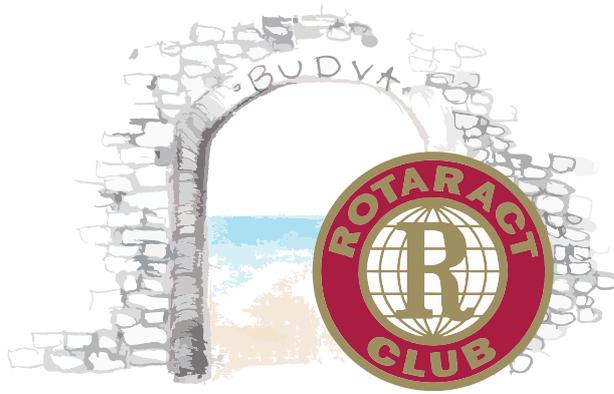
So far, the rock concert was organized in Chişinău twice and a third concert will be organized in the near future.

The first Rotaboom concert was organized in March 2016 with the purpose of collecting money for rebuilding a kindergarten's stairs in a village close to Chisinau. The project reached it's goal and we collected all the money needed for materials.

The second edition of the rock concert was organized in August 2016, during the Youth Festival, in the support of youth and youth employment in the Republic of Moldova. Our goal was to grow Club visibility in the country and show what it takes to improve society.

The project team plans to organize another rock concert in November of this year, but on a much bigger scale. We plan to to invite famous Moldovan and Romanian rock bands. If we managed to make you curious and if you are in our neighborhood around that time, do not miss the opportunity to participate at the event!





## Rotaract club BUDVA

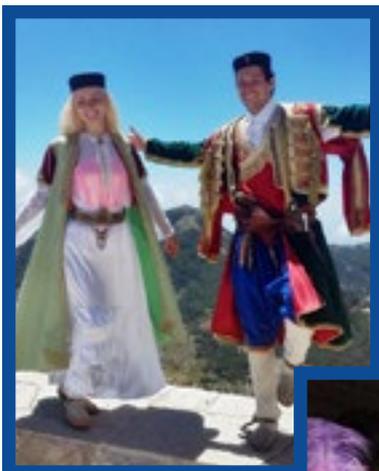
This year Rotaract clubs in **Montenegro** organized their very first **Rotaract Montenegro trip 2016**. This amazing trip took place from July 30th to August 7th, and was organized by **Rotaract club Podgorica** and **Rotaract club Budva**. We had 7 participants from 6 different countries: **United States, Croatia, Germany, Lebanon, Russia and Switzerland**. Our goal was: ride more than 700km; visit 10 cities, 3 national parks, 2 islands; party in the best clubs in the world; go to carnival; and all of that in just 7 days!

After having ridden more than 700km and doing this activity for the first time in Montenegro, we can just say **THANK YOU** to all those who have visited us for their great company and fun and to all those who have worked making this trip possible.

And to all of you who are reading: What are you waiting for? Click like on our facebook page now, and be ready for Montenegro trip 2017. Rotaract club Podgorica and Rotaract club Budva are waiting for you!

<https://www.facebook.com/mnetrip>

# Montenegro



In Norway, we currently have two Rotaract clubs. One in Oslo, and one in Drammen. We both have meetings every other week, and once every semester we have a meeting together. At the moment we are only a few members, so our main focus is recruiting more members. We have social meetings and meetings where we plan projects.

In Oslo we run two projects, one which has been running since 1976! In this project we take patients from a cancer hospital shopping and sometimes we also do other activities. We do this every other week when we don't have meetings. In the other project, we sell poinsettias to Rotarians, and give the money to a charitable project which the club chooses. Last year we helped LAMS, a school in Pakistan which focuses on educating girls.

We are also proud of our mentor-arrangement with Rotary- where they extend their mentorship to any interested Rotaractors. This has proven valuable on many levels for several of us.

# Norway

During the final days of the holidays all members of the Rotaract Club Bydgoszcz spent time with new exchange students on a language camp at the Zawisza hotel.

The participants had the opportunity to learn the Polish language before going to their exchange schools in Poland.

Our guests also learnt about Polish history, but not only in class! All the students visited the Army Museum, which is located in Bydgoszcz and the amazing castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork, which is the largest in the world measured in land area.

Of course, the camp wasn't only focused on learning. During these few days they also had time for a relaxing walk in Myślęcunek Park and a tour around beautiful Bydgoszcz.

This camp gave them a chance not only to assimilate but also to create a strong bond of friendship that will last forever.



# Poland

# Portugal



## Rice Up Rotaract! project collects 10 ton of food

"Rice Up Rotaract!" was a District 1960 project to fight hunger and poverty in Portugal.

The idea started in 2014 within the DRR's team and the main goal was to unite all Rotaract and Rotary clubs within our district while raising awareness about the importance of working alongside with the Rotary Foundation, especially for rotaractors.

In the first phase the DRR team published a kids book that Rotaract clubs sold to their communities in order to raise funds. Then the clubs could choose to donate part of the revenue from sales to the Rice Up Rotaract project with a minimum amount of just € 40 per club. The participant clubs were Amadora, Barreiro, Castelo Branco, Lisboa, Lisboa-Estrela, Lisboa-Norte, Lisboa-Olivais, Odivelas, Sesimbra and Torres Vedras. Then, the Interact Clubs of Setubal and Tavira joined us, as well as our friends of District 1970.

In the second phase the DRR team after gathering these funds from the clubs, multiplied it by three and asked Portuguese rotarians to join the project with the help of the Portuguese Rotarian Foundation. Finally, we applied for a Rotary Foundation grant.

In total € 6.572 was raised from all partners involved and with a nice discount from the supplier, more than 10 tons of rice was bought. For distribution, we made a partnership with Caritas Portuguesa - a social and catholic organization that provides social service in all Portuguese territory.

The project has seen its end in the beginning of this year 2016 and 3.899 families are currently receiving aid for up to 12 months.



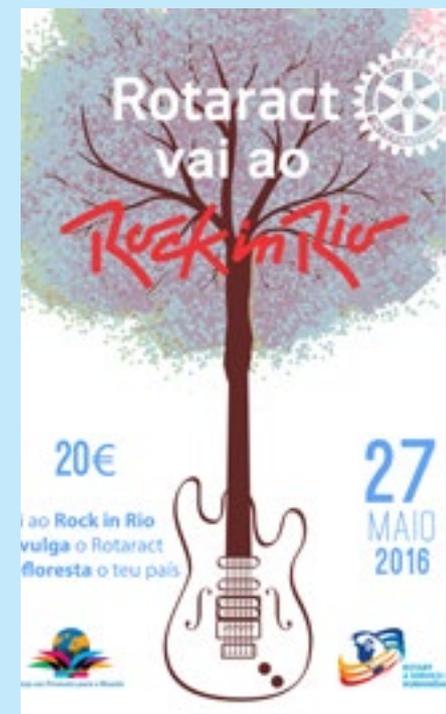
# Project Rotaract goes to Rock in Rio

Every summer Portugal struggles to control hundreds of wildfires across the continental territory and islands. The losses are always devastating and heartbreaking.

In order to make the difference in this scenario of ashes, Rotaract Portugal came together for a national project to reforest one of the most affected area - the Caramulo hills - and also alert for our cause.

During Rock in Rio - a huge music festival, originating in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and now branched to Madrid, Las Vegas, and of course Lisbon - we developed a campaign of awareness where were sold 300 Reforesting Packs that included a one day ticket for the festival, and a Rotaract themed t-shirt about this project (never losing the chance to promote Rotaract in an event where possible future rotaractors could be waiting to be recruited).

At the end of the day, we appeared on national television and it was possible to collect enough money to plant 15.000 trees. This plantation will occur during the current rotarian year with all participants and the collaboration of the authorities.



# Romania

## Rotaract Club Craiova

Ryla Ranca is the fifth edition organized by Rotary Club Craiova. It is held in a new location (Ranca holiday resort) gathering rotaractors of District 2241 under the same chalet roof.

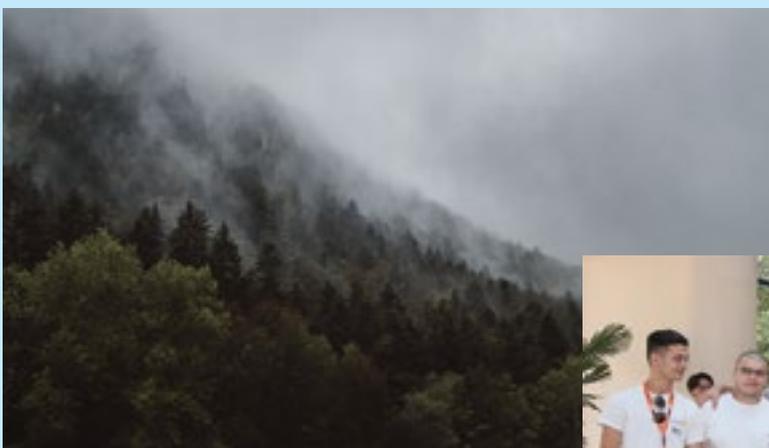
During a period of 4 days, the youngsters will be engaged in several activities both indoor and outdoor as team building activities, mountain hiking, barbeque party with fire cam, visit to Constantin Brancusi memorial house in Targu Jiu,. The program includes interactive sessions regarding the main themes of the camp: leadership fundamentals, management, problem solving, public speaking.

This edition of RYLA gathers top speakers and trainers as Cristina Veliscu- The club of third millennium leaders, Marian Victor

Popa - CEO Deutsche Bank Romania, Razvan Curcubață - Toastmasters, Sebastian Vaduva - Dean of Griffith School Management, Silviu Hotaran -General Manager Microsoft Romania 1996-2008, Victor Alistar - Executive manager, Transparency International Romania. The aim of the event is to develop leaders in communities and in Rotary by empowering rotaractors which will learn about the foundation of a proper life path, the meaning of success, the importance of perseverance, tacking responsibility, attitudes regarding self and others.



**Ryla Ranca: 7-10 September 2016**



# Rotaract SAMVS

## Duck Race

Rotaract  
Rotary Club Partner  
Cluj Napoca Samvs

Location : Cluj Napoca  
Date : 14.08.2016



The duck race was an event which aimed to involve the whole community: children, parents, businesses and institutions in a charitable activity. The intention was to help children from the orphanage “House of Joy” Cluj, by supporting the orphanage financially and offering our support to long-term needs by volunteering at the house. All profits that resulted from the Duck Race have been donated to the orphanage. We managed to raise €4000 in the race.

Ducks were made out of plastic, yellow and numbered. Anyone could book a number (or more) in one of the locations noted in the event, by registering. In order to book a number, a donation of 10 Lei (€2.5) per duck was made.

The actual race consisted of 2021 ducks which were thrown from one of the pedestrian bridges in Cluj Napoca, and needed to reach a finish line near the next bridge (around 700 m). The finish line had a system to catch all the 2021 ducks, so no plastic was dumped in the Someş river.

The race was part of the Someş 2021 event, which supports the European Capital of Culture and the idea of building a “model” of how the river banks of Someş could look in the future.

# Russia



## Rotaract club Novosibirsk - Initiative

This summer Rotaract club "Novosibirsk - Initiative" has organized two educational picnics, in order to raise awareness about Rotaract and awake cultural interest among residents of the city. The first outing was dedicated to the world of literature and called "Chekhov on the grass". It was held by PhD in Philology Anastasia Moskaleva. About 20 people came to the first event to have an interesting lecture on the cozy blankets in the park. The audience was very diverse: students and programmers were merely communicating with librarians and scholars.

It was a really cognitive way to spend leisure-time: we were told about the works of Anton Chekhov from a new completely unexpected angle- through the prism of Alexander Pushkin's oeuvre. Surprisingly, isn't it?) Bearing in mind that Chekhov was close to the theater community; all the participants had a chance to evolve their theatrical skill in a game. After the success of the first picnic we decided to make the

second one : "Oratory on the grass". With the help of young and energetic orator we were able to gather about 25 people on our cozy blankets in the park. It was especially nice to see our old friend - people we met on the first picnic. With the number of useful tips on public speaking that we got there every participant can easily and successfully take part in any debate or negotiation. And we are not speaking about the warmest emotions we collected on that day!

For us it was very valuable to discover how many people passing by asked for permission to participate. One of the biggest results of the project is understanding that people in our city are ready to be in progress and to receive a new experience if they have a chance and a group of like-minded mates. And this is a perfect option for Rotaract to contribute!

We are waiting for next summer to continue our educational picnics! New themes, new opportunities, new friends!

# Rotaract Nizhny Novgorod

## NEW LIFE of the trolleybus

Who of you didn't dream to come back to childhood for several minutes and to experience genuine emotions from new opening? Such opportunity was given to members of the initiative group of ROTARACT NIZHNY NOVGOROD. Guys in team-minded, sole rush decided to renovate the old trolleybus that was abandoned in the picturesque place of the Nizhny Novgorod Region on the bank of the Gorky impoundment next to recreation camp "Grebeshok" intended for family rest of employees of the budgetary sphere.

Many years ago this trolleybus was given to the recreation camp "Grebeshok" where it was used as a place for a "mini-club" and other children's activities. "Grebeshok" didn't work for the last three years and the car just rusted and collapsed. But ... this year, the base was transferred to the new management (MC "Nadezda") and reopened - our "Troll" got a hope for a new life. It could have been cut it on parts and to handed over in scrap metal ...if only members of the initiative group of ROTARACT NIZHNY NOVGOROD didn't take care of it (<https://vk.com/ninortc>).

Thanks to effort and sole work of young people, the recreation camp "Grebeshok" got the reconstructed "Troll" back and now children and teachers can have various developing activities there.



Thanks to members of the initiative group of ROTARACT NIZHNY NOVGOROD and to volunteers (Sabancheva Maria, Zhura Kristian, Vershinin Alexey, Evstafyeva Natalya, Terziyevatsvetomira, Kamolov Timur, Bukhanov Alexander, Lobanov Alexey, Bankova Tatyana) for the interest shown to the project and the work done! And thanks to the management of MC "Nadezda" (Bankov Nikolay Stepanovich), for the given opportunity to make a good deed, by realizing creative abilities of participants of the project and to have a rest in the camp "Grebeshok"! In Russia we say: "Who works well, rests well"! We managed to do both! And that is just a beginning!

# Siberian Trip

## Discover the real winter with us

Hello, dear friends.

We would like to tell you about one of our most favorite and brightest project-Siberian trip. It is organized by Krasnoyarsk, Kemerovo, Omsk and Novosibirsk for 8 fearless rotaractors from all over the world. It is really a memorable for a lifetime adventure through four amazing Siberian cities.

The first host city is Omsk. It's the city of old architecture and warm-hearted people. The next one is Novosibirsk. One will never forget its impressive sights, cozy places and a wonderful zoo. Then trippers visit Kemerovo, where they enjoy husky dog sledding. And the last but not least city is Krasnoyarsk. The city with breathtaking nature and history!

Our main aim during this trip is to create cross-cultural bridges of friendships. The trip is an amazing opportunity to learn more about our country and why Siberia is considered a special place by locals. And what is more important –local clubs has an opportunity to learn a lot about other cultures and traditions. Here you can find all important organization information:

- 1) Application deadlines: September 1 st -15 th , 2016.
- 2) Dates of the trip: 2nd-13th January, 2017
- 3) Cities of visiting: Omsk -- Novosibirsk -- Kemerovo -- Krasnoyarsk
- 4) Fee: 300 euros

The names of lucky rotaractors who will be chosen for Siberian Trip will be announced on October 1st!



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WhatsApp (Masha)

Thank you for your interest in Siberian  
Trip! We hope to see you in Russia soon!

Love,  
Siberian Trip Team



# Rotaract Vileki Novgorod Children's Happiness Project

Everyone had a childhood dream. Some wanted to fly into space, others to become a doctor. Some had material dreams too: I want that boy's football or I want a new phone... and in our childhood none of us ever thought about the importance of things like: cosiness of the home, love, care and attention. Though most of us had love and care while we were growing up. We lived with our parents and never thought anything of it, or that some lived somehow differently...but some did.

Now that we're older, we understand that most important things in life are exactly those - love, care, attention, friendship, belief in yourself and a bright future. Someone became an astronaut, someone became a doctor...and some are still dreaming about realising themselves. All of you now know that by far not all children are raised in full, warm and loving families with both parents, some are raised completely without parents. There are many reasons for such cruelty and it deprives children of parents' love, care and attention. They don't know what its like to believe in oneself or how to build a good future. It is in our hands to help them...

"Children's Happiness" Project opens an opportunity for us to get involved and help realise dreams of those who were raised in children homes. We can make that difference by spending time and effort in light of showing what love, care and attention to their lives is all about. We want to give them that missing piece of warmth and care that they might be missing, and share what was once given to us.

We believe it can make a difference in planting a seed of hope for them to realise their own dreams!

# St. Petersburg Trip When in St. Peters....

What happen when 15 Rotaractors from all over the world gather together in one place?.. Good question, isn't it?

From 21th to 28th of June, 2016 three Rotaract clubs of Saint Petersburg, Russia met people from 10 countries within 'At Peter's trip'.

Inspired after organizing REM in January, we decided to renew the conception of our traditional "Two capitals trip" and created a new program to surprise. 7 days in Saint Petersburg, cultural capital of Russia, with Rotaractors from Lithuania, England, Serbia, USA, Germany, Slovenia, Macedonia, India, Lebanon and Australia turned into an unforgettable experience for both participants and organizers.

During those days our guests were exploring Russian culture from different perspectives. Starting with visiting one of the most famous museums in the world –the Hermitage, where the participants had an tour prepared by members of the clubs; having a day trip to one of the most ancient cities in Russia – Veliky Novgorod (was founded in 9th century), the land where baptism in Russia were firstly adopted; visiting beautiful St. Petersburg's suburbs, especially Russian Versailles – Peterhof – and observing palaces and more than 150 fountains there. And this is just a tiny part of everything what our guests discovered!

Of course, our goal was not only to get our participants acquainted with official culture side, but also with Russian traditions and entertainments. And one of the most memorable experiences our dear guests had was banya visiting. We are sure you have heard about it at least once in your life, but have you ever had a proper experience there? With birch slapping, cold water shower after being in a steam room and dinner in between with vodka and traditional Russian dishes cooked by nice hosts? If still not, it's your turn to apply for our trip next year! At least for telling your friends afterwards that you survived a Russian banya

Even wishing to share as many nice memories with you as possible, we don't forget about the rule: "What happens on a trip, stays on a trip", but we are glad to invite you to share one of the best time in your life with us next year. Cause you can never feel what we feel before living this experience.

To sum up and answer the question stated, we can say, that friendship for years, a lot of fun, adventures and memories happen when you gather Rotaractors from different countries together for a week.

And this stays with you for all your life.







# San Marino

## **Banzariact** Discovering and tasting the landscape

Fundraising with fun!

On August 7th took place the 1st edition of the new game called Banzairact totally organised by our club members: 4 teams, 10 of the craziest games ever seen, a summer afternoon spent with Rotaract friends having fun and playing in team. The project was shared with Rotaract Club Forlì and Rotaract Club Lugo raising money for a common service Every year we take the chance to join the warmest season to enjoy our beautiful country with outside activities. Our Club organized a wine tasting on may to learn something about the production process of our local wines.

On july we met the Discript Governor in one of the most breathtaking place of our Country, the square where the Parliament Palace rises up. In the same place, appreciating the beauties of our Country we organized the handover dinner in the same place, giving a warm welcome to the new Rotaract year.



# The Earthquake that shook our hearts



As most of European people have surely heard from newspaper and internet news, on August 24th the middle of Italy was woken up in the middle of the night by a 6.4 magnitude strength earthquake which tore down 3 little towns and damaged many others causing the death of almost 300 people, and the count is still increasing.

As Rotaract members we quickly decided to organize a fundraising to help the people hit by the earthquake and on Saturday 27th August we raised almost 600€ in an afternoon to give them. If any club or member of ERIC would like to join us in this difficult period for Italy we would really appreciate it. This is the bank account of Rotaract Club Rieti who is taking care of collecting all the money and giving it to the local authority in charge for the emergency.

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# Serbia



## **World CleanUp by Rotaract** **Organized by Rotaract Club Beograd Sava** **and Rotaract Club Amaroussion**

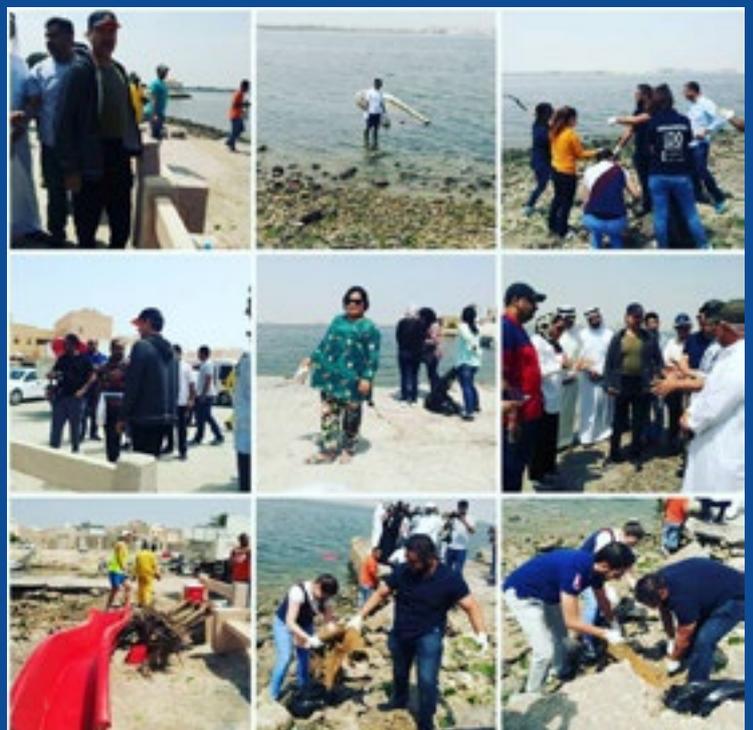
The Rotaract Club of Amaroussion, Greece started this project in 2014 and after a year the Rotaract Club Belgrade Sava joined forces with RTC Amaroussion because we recognized the importance of this easy yet very meaningful project. In order to improve the environment and make the space around us better and more beautiful, we invite Rotaractors from all around the world to join us in this project, so together we can raise awareness about the importance of preserving our planet. Now that we have 3 successful years behind us we can proudly say this will become an annual project. We have established a timeframe- the last week of May- and provided the name "World CleanUp week." **This year 24 clubs from 19 different counties joined World CleanUp by Rotaract to spend time cleaning up an area in our communities.** Our aim is to make World CleanUp by Rotaract a big project conducted by Rotaract Clubs throughout the world every year, but we can't do it without you. Help us spread the word and engage with as many clubs as we can. Let's make a difference one park at a time, together we can make it count!

# Balkanact

After a very successful event in Bulgaria, the first Balkan act multidistrict conference, gathering over 100 Rotaractors from 3 districts in March 18th -21st in the beautiful city of Nis in Southern Serbia, an even bigger conference was held. For three days more than 150 Rotaractors from seven Balkan countries (Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Bosnia, Montenegro and Serbia), spent an unforgettable weekend. Many topics were discussed including future joint projects, aims of the Balkan act and our future path and roles. Furthermore, the program included very useful

lectures on Rotary grants and Rotary's public image and marketing, a social project for Cambodia and a twinning club agreement signed between Rotaract Club Nis Medijana (SRB) and Rotaract Club Podgorica (MNE). After a more than successful conference, we spent a very active summer, working on rules and procedures and thinking intensively how to make Balkan ACT even bigger in the future.

Follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/BalkanAct-732900136812063/> and get involved!!!





## ROTARACT CLUB BEOGRAD

### **For Takeo - Mobile Clinic Cambodia**

In 2016, Rotaract Club Beograd has continued supporting the international project "For Takeo - Mobile Clinic Cambodia" organized by an Italian club, Rotaract Club Roma Est. With the goal of promoting and supporting the project, Rotaractors sold Cruciani bracelets with Rotarian motives at Balcan Act, a team building event in Belgrade Ada Lake and District Conference in Belgrade. Everyone who bought a bracelet was photographed with a writing "ISentADoctorToCambodia" and the photos were published on Instagram profile [rtc.beograd](https://www.instagram.com/rtc.beograd) followed by the same hashtag. The project's goal is creating a mobile clinic in Takeo (Cambodia) to help their young population.

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# SERBIA TRIP

2016

*exceeding expectations*



Once again clubs from Serbia joined forces to organize a memorable trip through our country. Our goal was to provide our participants with an unforgettable cultural experience.

We started our journey in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, where our five amazing participants enjoyed in the cultural and historical contents but also got a test of Belgrade's famous nightlife. They even had a chance to visit a Rotary and Rotaract event held on lake Ada. In the following days we explored the country from the north to south visiting the following cities where we were hosted by local Rotaractors: Sremska Mitrovica, Novi Sad, Subotica, Zrenjanin, Kragujevac, Nis, Vranje and Pirot.

Our international group had a chance to meet local Rotaractors and learn about Serbian history and culture. We devoured ourselves in the famous Serbia cuisine and had so much fun. Words can't really express how amazing this experience was for all of us.

Overall we spent 9 amazing days with a group of people from all around the world who came as strangers and left as family. Rotaract clubs from Serbia are ready to go above and beyond to make the next edition of the Serbia trip even better, so stay tuned and see you in 2017.



# Relation

## Slovenian District Conference

Every Rotary year a different club organizes an autumn district conference. This year we have the honour of hosting all Rotaract members of the district 1912 in Ptuj, the oldest city in Slovenia.

The first day of the conference will be dedicated to a selected theme – this year we will be talking about relationships at work, in a family/partnership and about phubbing (the influence of social media on relationships). We will also conduct a workshop on this subject. However, we will not forget to spend some time together over dinner and have a lot of fun at the party in the evening.

The second day will be, as usual, intended for the official part of the conference, where all the clubs present their work and share experiences from the past year. With this in mind, we also establish new friendly ties, learn from each other and we are motivated to be even more successful in the coming Rotary year.



# Slovenia

## Rotaract European Sailing trip (REST)

REST is a one week sailing trip organized by Rotaract club Ljubljana from Slovenia, district 1912. It is much more than just a sailing trip. It's about meeting new people, enjoying life, discovering hidden places, finding best party spots and creating unforgettable memories.

The idea for the sailing trip came from Rotaract club Ljubljana team-building sailing and Rotaract Cup, regata organized for Rotaractors by Rotaract club Celje, both in September 2013. Events were very positively accepted and we decided to make it international.

Since a few members of the organising team already organised a similar sailing project in their professional life, we had more than enough experiences and contacts to do the next step. In September 2014, we organised the first official REST sailing trip with three sailing boats in the fleet. We spent five amazing days in North Adriatic with 24 Rotaractor from 11 different countries.

In 2015 REST truly expanded over all expectations and we gathered almost 100 Rotaractors from 19 different countries from all around the globe. From the first 5-day edition it was extended to the whole week. Although the weather wasn't serving us very well, we visited a few of the best places in Adriatic Sea and according to the sailors feed-back it was truly a week of our lives!

**It was one of the best sailing trips we have been on so far and is giving us motivation for organizing REST 2016.**

This year the trip will start and finish in the magnificent city of Split and during the whole week we will visit few of the most famous islands and popular places in the region. Sailing over the day in magnificent and unspoiled nature, swimming in the warm and crystal clear Adriatic Sea, party onboard in the wild bay or in one of the best clubs in Adriatic are just a few of the highlights of the week.

Rotary is based on friendship and our promise to you is, that you will leave REST sailing trip with many new international friends and wonderful memories. Either you apply alone, in small groups or as the whole club, the week spent onboard will connect all the participants like nothing before.



## St. Nicholas' Weekend Rotaract Club Celje

December. One of the warmest months despite low temperatures, since it brings a lot of happiness, warmth, sincere smiles and warm hugs, which delight just about everyone. We are well aware of that in the Rotaract Club Celje from Slovenia so we annually prepare a very special weekend for the children and youth from The Youth Care Center Malči Belič Ljubljana, which we name after St. Nicholas.

Last year we were visited by seven children from The Youth Care Center Malči Belič Ljubljana and we prepared a very special creative program. We started Saturday with a visit to the Children's Museum Herman's Den, where we first saw the exhibition, and later created our Christmas ornaments. Then we went to The Primary School Lava, where we baked Christmas cookies and muffins together with their volunteers. In the afternoon, the children were visited by the good husband St. Nicholas, who endowed each of them and drew a smile on their faces.

On Sunday we went to Škofja vas village, where the children had a very special adventure. Equestrian club Celje brought them a step closer to their very much beloved animals - horses. After Sunday lunch, we had to say our goodbyes, but only for a year. We are now already looking forward to this year's St. Nicholas weekend, which is almost at the door. We are pleased that we can organise it again and give the children what they need the most in this time - a bit of luck and warmth.

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# Spain

## A new start for Rotaract Club Barcelona Condal

In our club we have taken advantage of the summer holidays! On Sunday, August 28 th we had our fourth meeting of the year! We can definitely say this year the team has started with great ideas, which will bring many activities to the club during the course of the year. One of our members, Kaitlyn Winegardner, who has been a Rotaractor for over nine years now, went on a volunteering trip which let us start our first long term International Project in Guatemala helping an organization with lots of experience there, Mayan Families. One of the ways we have thought of to help the community is to order some of their handmade products, in this case bracelets and keychains, and sell them to our fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians to raise funds, which will go right back to the same community. We are also going to start a Local Project with the Monoparental Families Federation in Barcelona and to collaborate with two or three other organizations to raise awareness on the HIV virus amongst university students. You can check more information on our social media accounts in Instagram and Facebook! [@rotaractbcncondal](#)



## Change of Buttons of RDRs and Presidents of Clubs in District 2202

On a beautiful Sunday, July 10th, in Tarragona and in Reus, we held the change of buttons of the Rotaract District Representative (RDR) and all the District 2202's club Presidents. It was a wonderful day since in the morning the Rotaractors took part in dynamic and fun activities at the beach while in the afternoon the event started right after the bell was rang jointly by the Past RDR, Inés Rodriguez and the Past District Governor, Sergio Aragon, and the District Responsible for Youth, Montse Moral, did the Rotarian invocation.



Right after the lunch, the Past RDR, Ines Rodriguez, did a positive analysis of the Rotary Year 2015-2016 and thanked all the members of the board. The next step was to change buttons with the new RDR, Marina Filella, who presented her goals for the new year and her new board. Having started the year this perfectly, now was the time for the Presidents of the different clubs of the district, who also presented their plans for the coming months. Finally, the new Governor, Carles Campistrón, and the new RDR, Marina Filella, rang the Rotarian bell together to announce the end of the event.



# Sweden



## **Project #min gata (My street)** with **Lika Olika** and **Advanced RYLA Sweden**

The world is changing, and Sweden too. Many are scared of the future, but this is a challenge and we are ready to take it. The right way is the education about prejudice, stereotypes, and different approaches. We are ready to build Sweden 3.0, adults and children, private and public sector - all together.

Advanced RYLA Sweden participants are starting with this project in October 2016, and taking an agile approach to work with various Swedish schools and train them in Lika Olika® method, developer on Kristianstad University by a Stockholm Rotarian Mary Juusela. Rotaract Sweden wants to lead the way towards greater tolerance and open-mindedness, thereby reducing xenophobia, violence and mental health problems. We are going to contact schools in all the country and train students in this method.

# Switzerland



## Rotaract International Skiweek 2016

This winter over 20 Rotaractors from various countries (Germany, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovakia and of course Switzerland) participated once more at the ISFR Skiweek and it was a huge success. Together with about 200 Rotarians, the international group enjoyed perfect snow conditions and cloudless skies in St. Moritz. During the day the biggest Swiss ski resort had a lot to offer and we never got bored on the 350km of beautiful slopes. In the evening, after a relaxing Sauna in the hotel, we often got together with the Rotarians and enjoyed great dinners and good conversations.

The Gala dinner at the end of the Skiweek in the Badrutt's Palace was of course another highlight and a great way to end this fantastic event. If you are interested in participating in a Rotaract International Skiweekend like our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractski> in order to be up to date.

Vivianne Huber Rotaract Limmattal



Rotaract  Fribourg  
Partenaire du Rotary



LE COPAIN 

## Le Copain

This year, for the first social action of the Rotaract club Fribourg | Freiburg who was created last year in Switzerland, we decide to support the association “Le Copain” (<http://www.lecopain.ch/en/>). This association educates dog assisting persons with physical handicaps, epilepsy or delayed development.

The phase of basic education begins at the age of two months with the placement of the puppy at the training family. The role of these families, that work entirely on a voluntary base, is to prepare and condition the puppy to sustain the phase of special training. At the age of approximately 15 to 18 months, the dogs leave their training families to return to the Swiss Center for training assistance dogs. Here, they undergo a full time special training program by our canine educators.

For six months, the educators give the dogs their special training, based on individual aptitudes. At the end of this period, the dogs are ready to be assign to a person with special needs. Only obedient, calm and bonding dogs will be assigned to beneficiary.

The association cover all the cost (food, veterinary...), the family doesn't have to spend any money for the dog. A dog cost between 25'000 CHF to 40'000 CHF (for the one given to an epileptic person). It is in this perspective that our club, the RAC Fribourg | Freiburg, has partnered with the “Brasserie du Chauve” (<http://www.labrasserie-duchauve.ch/>) i Fribourg to brew a Rotaract beer: “La Rotaractienne” (The Rotaractor!)! All the profits from the sales of this beer will be donated to the association “Le Copain”.

RAC Marc Denervaud

# RYLA North America Conference 2016

In July three delegates from Switzerland attended this years RYLA North America Conference in Washington, DC. M'Faddel Cherkaoui and Valeria Kovalenko from Rotaract Club Lausanne and Eveline Randegger from Rotaract Club Solothurn.

Together with delegates from more than 40 countries and territories from around the globe we spent an unforgettable week. We stayed at George Washington University that is only three blocks from the White House. We volunteered at an Elementary School and we attended plenary sessions about Conflict Resolution, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Small Group Dynamics/Teamwork, Cross Cultural- Communications, Negotiating Skills and Rotary Foundation, Presentations about Rotaract Clubs and Social Projects.

During workshop sessions we learned a lot about Membership, International Service, Fundraising, Building Community Partnerships, Professional Development, Promotions + Public Relations and a lot more. A highlight during the sessions was the Low Ropes where we faced a few challenging team-building activities. Beside this we had a lot of activities such as sightseeing, dancing, dinners at embassies (Bulgaria, France and Venezuela), international hour to remember, RYLA North America expo, kayaking, gala and many more. It was inspiring to spend a week with amazing people from so many different countries and learn about their culture and share ideas about their clubs and projects. The next RYLA North America Conference will take place from June 17-22 2017 in Washington, DC and the registration is already open. Go for it, you won't regret it. (<http://rylanad7620.com>)

Eveline Randegger, Rotaract Club Solothurn

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The RYLA Conference in North America is an intense leadership training program that is designed to recognize, encourage, and further develop the leadership skills of 18-35 year olds who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their local communities. All Rotaractors, non-Rotaractors, RYLA alumni, former Youth Study Exchange, former Group Study Exchange alumni, former Ambassadorial Scholar alumni, current & former Rotary Global Grant Scholars, former Interactors and former Peace Scholars between the ages of 18-35 can participate in this conference. The RYLA Conference in North America is a combination of International RYLA, Rotaract Pre-Convention, USCC (United States-Canada-Caribbean Rotaract Conference) and District 7620 RYLA Program.

# Turkey

Fellow Rotaractors,

A brand new Rotary year has started with a great acceleration. I would like to share with you the projects of our Turkish Rotaract clubs, which are great enthusiasts with "Friendship through Service" motto of Rotaract.

**Rotaract Club of Alsancak, Izmir** – For "Not One Week, Every Week Happy Kids" project, Tepecik Public Hospital is visited by the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Alsancak together. They both had a meeting with pediatric nurses and doctors about how to serve the children. The project aimed to cheer the children up, entertain them and keep it straight throughout the year. Now it had been 45 weeks that club is visiting the pediatrics department. The project is being held by Rotaractors every wednesday between 19.30-21.00 p.m.

**Rotaract Club of Antalya** - Rotaract Club of Amman West was their guest in Antalya and both clubs made a flag and cultural Exchange. The guests from Amman arrived on 5th July 2016 and they had a wonderful day together. Rotaractors visited the famous Düden Waterfalls, the old city and the historical heritage of Antalya. Both clubs expect a future coordination in projects.

**Rotaract Club of Bornova, Izmir** – The project is about children that live at Society for the Protection of Children. The aim of the project is to touch the lives of those children after they leave the society. The club is gathering information from society how to help and planning to coordinate with them.

**Rotaract Club of Deliklicinar, Denizli** - The traditional school painting project is held before the school year beginning on Necati Fikriye Dalaman Middle School with club members.

**Rotaract Club of Dokuz Eylul, Izmir** – "Rotaract Memories" project aims to re-live the joy of achievement and share the service love to the world. The club would be happy if you contribute and invites you to join in their facebook account – <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractmemories>

**Rotaract Club of Efes, Izmir** – The club is started a project called the "Adventures of John and Laura". They want you fellow Rotaractors to dress the paper dolls of John and Laura as you wish either by printing or using photoshop and sending them with a photo of your club meeting or a project or any club visit to anywhere with you. You may find the examples on instagram or facebook page of the project. You may find the paper dolls in the .rar

file linked below. <https://www.instagram.com/adventures.of.john.and.laura/>  
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**Rotaract Club of Ege, Izmir** – The project began in 4th July 2016 and it focuses on children in disadvantaged groups and their parents. The objective is to contribute to children's education and personal developments. Turkish, English, History, Health, Mathematics, Education Guidance, Creative Drama, Art courses have been given by Rotaractors voluntarily and regularly every week. Despite the courses, through the activities the club aims to contribute to their social and cultural development.

**Rotaract Club of Kizilay, Ankara** - According to the decision taken by RI COL 2016, Rotaractors can have dual membership with Rotary Clubs and serve both as a Rotaractor and Rotarian, starting from July 1st, 2016. Kızılay Rotaract Club President Utku Akay, Club Secretary Çağlar Böke and Club Treasurer Tayfun Konuralp became members of Ankara Kızılay Rotary Club, D2430, with a ceremony held on 28th June 2016. They became the first Rotaractors in the world, who serve both as a Rotaractor and Rotarians.

**Rotaract Club of Kordon, Izmir** - "The Project for our Neighbourhood" - 50 food aid boxes were delivered by Rotaractors in person, to the people in need in the certain area called Artinordu.

**Rotaract Club of Gemlik, Bursa** – "Social Media in Business" training programme has been started and the first woman in training programme is educated. Also Rotaract and Rotary Clubs of Gemlik together gave feeding and treatment services to animals, which live in streets.

**Rotaract Club of Goztepe, Izmir** – On 3rd August, the club visited the hematology department at Ege University Hospital. Toys, sheets for their beds and basic essential medication were given to children staying in hospital. The initial aim was to give them joy and to share their parents' concerns.



**Rotaract Club of Guzelyali, Izmir** – the club holds 9th annual year of clothing donation project. The purpose is to reach over 1500 people with coordination of another NGO called "Balcova Solidarity Center".

**Rotaract Club of Ipekyolu, Gaziantep** – "Fıstık Gibi Buluşma" (Turkish National Rotaract Meeting) is an event that will be hosted by Rotaract Club Gaziantep Ipekyolu in Turkey/ RI 2430, to bring together not only the Rotaractors in the host district but also all three districts in Turkey. It will be a national meeting that also aims at a cultural tour, which will take place between 18-20 November 2016. The organization consists of various leadership games, city tours, regional great food tasting tours (including every type of baklava and sweets) and gala night. As we will take Gaziantep cuisine as the main concept, we are sure that our Rotaractor friends will have a great weekend in Gaziantep. They are also inviting you to this great event; <http://fistikgibibulusma.com>

**Rotaract Club of Maltepe, Ankara** – On 3rd of July, the club made the annual Ramadan Food Aid Project. The aim of the project is to deliver a box of fundamental supplies for food as in Ramadan is the month to share the meals together. 300 boxes were provided to many families in need.



**Rotaract Club of Perge, Antalya** – The club started the Project “Redundancy for you, Benefit for us” which was the third time since the first. It is a service project to collect clothes unneeded clothes from people and give them to people in need for winter. Clothes are collected from people and are handled one by one by all members of the club within the project. After all, goods are stuffed and delivered to Alev Küner Education and Cultural Center to be received by more than a hundred families.

**Rotaract Club of Tophane, Bursa** – In order to promote global Rotaract friendship, the club president visited Rotaract Club of Berlin Hauptstadtclub and attended a handover ceremony and exchanged flags.

**Rotaract Club of Urla, Izmir** – “The Vintage From Yesterday till Today and its Importance” cultural event is organized by the club on 27th August. The main motivation of the project is to highlight the importance of vintage culture in the region. The region of Urla is known with grapes and wine and also it has been a residential site since ancient Greek and Romans. The vineyards and ancient historical sites are visited. The journey has ended with a wine-tasting event.



Hope we all have an amazing REM in Athens with the awesome host organization committee.

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Rtc. Olgu Özdemir – Country Representative of Turkey

# Ukraine

## 70+ Kids In Bilokurakino Started A New Chapter Of Their Life Book

### Rotaract Club Ivano-Frankivsk

When most of the clubs are going on summer vacations, Rotaract Club Ivano-Frankivsk, since 2011, works on project "Going to School"; each summer. Usually we provide school sets to kids from our patronaged Orphan house "St.Nikolas's Mercy House". This year, we were invited by another NGO - AUM "Zakhyst" (Olena Nagorna, Dima & Yana Shinkarenko and Co) - who helped with logistics and many other issues directly in Bilokurakino - to try our best and help kids from the East of Ukraine - Bilokurakino School #1, close to the war zone in the Lugansk region, to start their school life in a better position. The list of future pupils had 70+ kids from the beginning and the total price of the project was quite big. We decided to invite more Rotaract Clubs in Ukraine to join and this turned into first Pan-Ukrainian project "Going to School" in our new District 2232. Together 8 Rotaract Clubs- RAC Ivano-Frankivsk, RAC Kharkiv Multinational, RAC Poltava, RAC Rivne, RAC Kyiv, RAC Kyiv-Centre, RAC Kharkiv First Capital, RAC Odesa- joined their effort, energy and desire to make it happen: Our goal was to equip students with school bags and stationery for around 70 soon-to- be students at the school in Bilokurakino (Lugansk region).



In the first part of the project we wanted to focus on providing comfort and a good start in the world of knowledge for young citizens of Ukraine from Bilokurakino. After our visitation on September 1st to examine the school, we better understood what was really needed. Within the project Go to School Rotaract and Rotary clubs of Ukraine united their effort in order to prepare first-graders for school - Bilokurakino Secondary General Education School for I-III Levels (Luhansk region, the territory controlled by Ukraine).

Some friends from Europe joined us (Francesco, Claire, Richard) in addition to the help of 14 Ukrainian Rotary Clubs. Some clubs held their own events to support the cause, such as The Rotary Club Kyiv who had a charity auction and the Rotary Club Lviv Knyazhyy who held

another auction during their President Inauguration event. Above all, we would like to sincerely thank RC Ivano-Frankivsk, RC Kyiv, RC Lviv Knyazhyy, RC Kyiv-Centre, RC Kyiv Sophia, RC Kyiv Pechersk, RC Kyiv City, RC Kyiv Multinational, RC Kharkiv Multinational, RC Cherkasy, RC Uzhgorod Skala, RC Donetsk Advance, RC Slovyansk and the Rotary E-Club Ukraine. Our team appreciates the help of the 200 people who took part in this big dream through joint actions, personal donations, and providing



cute surprises for kids: handmade gingerbread cookies (Iryna Stanislavska), books (Publish



House "anok"), teddy bears (Ahmad Co), VivatTrade who provided tasty discounts for school bags and supplies, Alla Sokol (RC Kyiv) who not only played a vital role in the auction but also through inspiring so many friends and clients to support our goal and a special thank you to each Rotarian who supported us until the very last moment.

This year the annual project from Rotaract Club of Ivano-Frankivsk was expanded nationwide and geographically - we are proud that we could inspire others to build a better future by investing into our ambitious young generation. This particular school was chosen because of its geographical location and pro-Ukrainian position of the school authorities and is home to many IDPs (internally displaced persons). Despite the small population, the first class of 70 students will be formed (according to the preliminary lists (33 girls and 37 boys). The site of the school: <http://bsh1.ucoz.ua/>



Promoting peace and literacy are among the priorities of the Rotary International. We are doing all we can to support the educational process in the Luhansk region, because school teaches children to be a part of society and forms their basic social and human values. School bags were brought directly to the hands of the pupils on September 1 st by the DRR and DRR-Elect - Olechka Kosovych & Kyrylo Kamyshansky - this is also a good reason and start of cooperation. The project steps were posted on Facebook and we also received coverage from an interview on HromadskeRadio. We are very pleased that we were able to serve humanity together with other NGOs.



Together we were a strong team where each sub team had their own responsibilities and duties and did their best to achieve our common goal. We are greatfull to each person who helped to make this dream come true and to be in time for the 1st of September with all school sets for each new pupil in School in Bilokurakino. We spired to continue our effort by your willingness and desire to make the world a better place. Now we have started working on the second part of this project. We plan to provide new school furniture to each of the 3 classes. If you would liketo participate and support

our project, please contact: Tel: +38066 917 04 70 Olechka Kosovych (chief project coordinator, Rotaract Club Ivano-Frankivsk)E-mail: [olechkakosovych@gmail.com](mailto:olechkakosovych@gmail.com) This project became is a perfect example of Rotary and Rotaract cooperation - Partners in Service. To see the children's smiling faces and eyes filled with excitement of future opportunities, and to be involved in their first steps in a new chapter of their life book - that's a priceless gift that we have by serving

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Rotaract Club Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine  
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## Rotariada - competition of Rotaract youth

Communication is one of the pledges of close cooperation of Rotaract clubs in Ukraine. Throughout the year there is the opportunity to meet during the national conference, PETS, club charters and other activities organized by clubs. Due to the urgent need for communication, creative Rotaract members added to the calendar of official district events one more event - Rotariada. Rotariada – is traditional sport competition between Rotaract and Rotary clubs in different sports, sometimes even very unexpected. 2015 – 2016 Rotary cadence was under the slogan “Be a gift to the world” and it ended for Rotaract members of Ukraine with traditional sport event - Rotariada.

Rotariada is held in the club which won the race last year. Rotariada cup passes from one year to another to the winner club. The competition was attended by 9 clubs and participants from 4 foreign countries: Poland, Macedonia, Slovakia and Lithuania. Rivne Rotaract club was a hosting club this year and welcomed everyone in a great location. Holding Rotarida in Rivne was symbolic, because the club held a number of Rotaract events: National Conference, training boards, District conference, trainings, now remains planning of REM and EUCO. First guests were welcomed by representatives of the Rotary Club of Rivne, and started racing. All participants were divided into 4 teams: the Dragons, Crazy Beavers, Alcoambulance and Crazy Raccoon. Chosen competitions were interesting and fun, which would strengthen the spirit and inspire for the result. It was nice that for-

ign guests actively fought in their teams. After we had plenty of fun, Ukrainian clubs took part in the discussion of Rotaract rules. We made some important corrections and comments. It is important that we achieved some consensus on important issues of Rotaract such as: election of the Board, functions of board members and organization of event.

During the dinner, the results were announced, so the results of the competition, were the following:

- 1st place Sthe Dragons
- 2nd place Crazy Beavers
- 3rd place Crazy Raccoon
- 4th place Alcoambulance

However, due to the composition of the teams, it was decided that the next Rotariada will be held in Poltava.

In the evening there was an interesting surprise from the organizers: symbolic gifts and theme party in Hawaii style outdoors with Rivne band “Without Limits” and several contests.

After the breakfast in the morning, once again exchanging experiences participants headed to their cities to meet again in the new location. Rivne Rotaract Club members are thankful for all those who were present and wishing you bright autumn adventures, sun in soul and smiles on your faces.

Tetiana Kartseva, Rotaract club Rivne

# Greece

## **RYLA in Thessaloniki FROM 25 TO 28 AUGUST 2016**

The informal network of cooperating Rotary clubs in the Balkans CFC, with the care of the Rotary Club Thessaloniki Anatolia and the Rotaract and Interact Clubs, organized with great success at the Metropolitan Hotel in Thessaloniki, from August 25th to Sunday August 28th 2016, the 6th consecutive RYLA.

The RYLA was attended with great interest by Rotaract and Interact from Nis of Serbia, Craiova, Bucharest of Romania, Chisinau of Moldova, Sofia of Bulgaria, Volos, Kozani and Thessaloniki. The RYLA trainers were from Romania, Serbia and Greece.



# Belgium

## Belgium Kicks-off

## The Three Belgium Rotaract Districts Talk to inspire

### Launching

It's a true D1620-tradition, the yearly Rotaract Launch in September. Because Rotaract Belgium loves to celebrate, innovate and connect, this year's District Vice-President Eline De Meester and her team changed the whole tradition to something that turned out to be even better: The Kick-Off!

### Connecting

Belgium is small and crowded, which means that Belgians love to be close and connected to each other. That's why all 3 Belgian Districts were welcome and present at this D1620 Kick-Off event. It was an amazing experience to see Rotaractors crossing District borders.

### Talking

This year's District Theme is: Communication. We all communicate a lot - sometimes even too much. An interactive speech and great game made us think more about how to communicate. Especially when guiding a group of people, wanting to achieve goals together.

Because of Eucro 2018, the Kick-Off became the first event crossing Belgian District borders. D1620 was responsible for the allround organization of the event, but



got a lot of support from members from D1630, as well as from D2170. It was heartwarming to see how new encounters arose spontaneously during this first edition. *Red. Lynn Hamerlinck*

### What happened during the Kick-Off event?

Eline De Meester, Vice-President of D1620: 'Thanks to our President Frédéric Vergaert, I got in contact with Peter De Prins, Prof. of Management Practice at Vlerick Business School, who gave an interactive and inspiring speech about communication. He taught us how openness is the key to participation.'

What apparently seems to be forgotten when we try to communicate our ideas, is that in order to get someone to do the action we need to better explain our thoughts. If one really understands what you mean and what the common goal is, the will to participate and undertake action will be much bigger.



## The Communication Games

To put all new knowledge into practice, Eline and her team invented a fun and active game, called "The Communication Games". As there were Rotaractors from all Belgian Districts and all D1620 Clubs, it was a great opportunity to mix up the teams. In order to win the game, the teams had to face each other in different duels and show how great their communication skills and teamspirit was in several - very creative - team challenges.

### A new tradition is born

At the end of the day, it was clear to see that this event opened a door - or even a gate - towards new friendships and partnerships. Rotaract Kick-Off is officially born as a new tradition!



## A Kick-Off, Eline?

"I took the challenge to reinvent The Launch that got a negative connotation over the years. What I aimed for, was to create a new concept. I wanted an active and fun event that really brings everyone together."

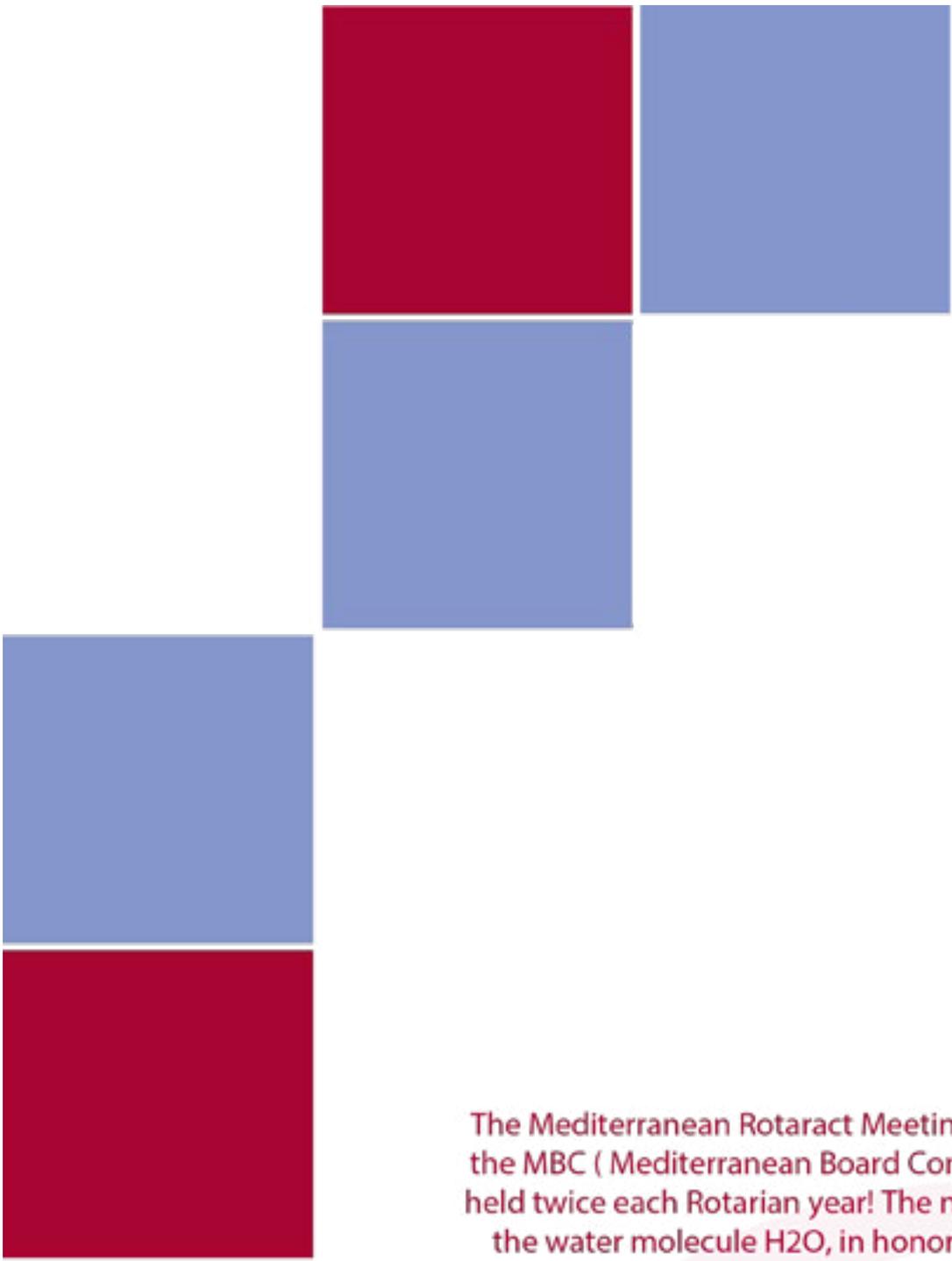
### Why about Communication?

"Choosing that as the theme was an evidence for me, after experiencing in the committee last year how difficult "easy communication" can be. It's such a broad subject that offers a lot of options! Lies Huyghebaert and I created, The Communication Games' for the Kick-Off. I really wanted to incorporate some learning with a lot of fun and friendship for the Games!"



### How will you incorporate the theme during the year?

"At the first District Meeting we welcomed a group of deaf youngsters, they did a great job introducing the theme. Of course, there's more to come."



The Mediterranean Rotaract Meeting (M2R) is the successor of the MBC (Mediterranean Board Convention), a four-day event held twice each Rotarian year! The name M2R is given echoing the water molecule H<sub>2</sub>O, in honor of the Mediterranean Sea!

The agenda of this event includes one Med MDIO executive board meeting, the Rotaract Cyprus Academy as well as lots of sightseeing! The M2Rs are international Rotaract meetings, available for every Rotaractor and Rotarian!

The very first M2R of the Med MDIO is going to take place in beautiful Cyprus this November, from the 17th till the 20th!

[med-mdio.org/m2r-cyprus](http://med-mdio.org/m2r-cyprus)



The Italian Districts are happy to invite you to the National Rotaract New Year's Eve party. The event will take place from the 29th of December to the 1st of January. You'll be host in Florence, a city which holds in itself an invaluable heritage, which saw the birth of Renaissance, which is nowadays the capital of the Italian art, architecture, and science. It is visiting Florence that Stendhal felt the symptoms of the well-known syndrome, while looking at the view: "I was in a sort of ecstasy, from the idea of being in Florence, close to the great men whose tombs I had seen. Absorbed in the contemplation of sublime beauty... I reached the point where one encounters celestial sensations ... Everything spoke so vividly to my soul. Ah, if I could only forget. I had palpitations of the heart, what in Berlin they call 'nerves.' Life was drained from me. I walked with the fear of falling"

We will guide you through the most peculiar alleys, in the main squares, letting you discover artworks of extraordinary beauty such as the majestic Villa Medici, hidden among the tuscan hills. The trips will be, of course, accompanied by good food and wine, as the real tradition of Tuscany suggests.

There is no better chance of spending three days surrounded by art and history in one of the most beautiful Italian cities. There is no better way to say goodbye to the old year and to start 2017.

*Vi aspettiamo in Toscana!*  
We are waiting for you in Tuscany!

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