

DISTRICT 2452

Monthly Newsletter





RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

March 2021 - Message

As someone who knows firsthand the great leadership potential of Rotaractors, I always look forward to World Rotaract Week, which we are celebrating from 8 to 14 March. Rotaractors are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate Rotaract by including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International. Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with Rotaract's age limits.

But we are only just embarking on our journey together. Partnering effectively doesn't happen by itself. It requires both sides to be open and to understand the value of cross-generational alliances. Louie De Real, a dual member of Rotaract and Rotary, explains.

Joint virtual meetings have helped Rotaractors introduce Rotarians to new ideas and tools, pioneering unique ways for clubs to collaborate. In the case of pandemic and disaster response, Rotaract clubs used social media to coordinate efforts, drive information, and fundraise, while Rotary clubs used their networks and resources to amplify support, provide logistics, and bring the goods and services to communities.

Rotaractors' innovative virtual engagement and professional development activities inspired Rotarians to support and follow suit. The pandemic made Rotaract clubs realize that we can immediately connect and partner with Rotary clubs through virtual platforms. With constant collaboration, we realize that Rotary and Rotaract indeed complement each other — that we are part of a single organization with shared goals.

Both sides add value. Rotarians can be mentors and service partners to Rotaractors, while Rotaractors can demonstrate to Rotarians that difficult jobs can be simplified

and limitations can be surpassed through digital approaches. This synergy motivates Rotaractors to become future Rotarians: I joined Rotary because Rotarians gave me memorable membership experiences through inspirational moments of collaboration. I needed to be a Rotarian to inspire Rotaractors the same way, now and in the future.

That same synergy leads Rotarians to realize that while Rotaractors may have a different culture, we all share a common vision of uniting people to take action. Rotaract's unique ways of doing things serve as inspiration for innovation, helping Rotary increase its ability to adapt to future challenges. Rotarians and Rotaractors will build the future together, so let's start today.

I see no difference between a Rotary club and a Rotaract club, except perhaps for the average age!

Many Rotarians still view Rotaract as our youth organization, but I see it differently. For me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To be successful together, we need to have mutual respect — to see each other as equals. Let's see Rotaractors for who they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs who are capable of planning, organizing, and managing a Rotary institute — including breakout sessions in five languages — as they did in Berlin in 2014.

As we take this journey together, let's remember the strengths of Rotary and Rotaract. And, as Louie says, let's get started right away in building the future together. In doing so, we open endless opportunities for our organization.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

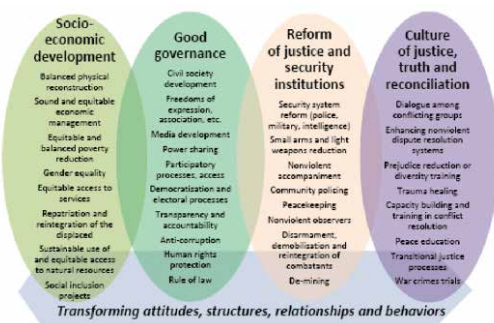


DG MAZEN ALUMRAN 2020-2021

Fellow Rotarians,

The month of February 2021 has been delineated by Rotary International as that of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.

In principle Conflict Prevention refers to a number of strategies and activities that can be taken within the field of Peacebuilding. These Strategies and Activities are usually deployed to avoid or neutralize potential triggers to widespread destructive conflict.



However, this is not always possible or easy.

Adlai Stevenson once said, “Making Peace is harder than making War”.

This is why we always find ourselves salvaging lives and livelihoods, after peace

has been established, more often than preventing a conflict from happening.

Peace building, is a long- term process of encouraging people to talk about how to deal with their hardships, repairing relationships and repairing livelihoods. For positive change to last, everyone affected by a destructive conflict has to be involved in the process of building peace.



How to Strengthen Your Rotary Peace Fellowship Application

Where does Rotary International stand on this?

According to Rotary International, today over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, half of them are children. As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of Rotary’s mission. It is believed that when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. Rotary’s

commitment to peacebuilding is lasting change.

What are the basic underlying causes of conflict?

They have mostly been known to be economic hardships, discrimination and ethnic tension.



Projects that educate on peaceful coexistence, tolerance, inclusivity, as well as projects that help alleviate poverty, can address some of these causes.

The goal is to create environments where peaceful change can happen and last.

Rotary’s commitment to peace building tries to answer new challenges: how to make the greatest possible impact and how to achieve the vision of lasting change. Trying to approach the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of peacebuilding and finding ways for people to get involved.



To that effect, Rotary has trained Practitioners that worked on projects for those in need, like refugees or displaced families by concentrating on fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children and supporting education to displaced children, and help in growing local economies. These are optimal conditions of peaceful societies.

Rotary has also supported projects to train Educators to become effective catalysts for peace.



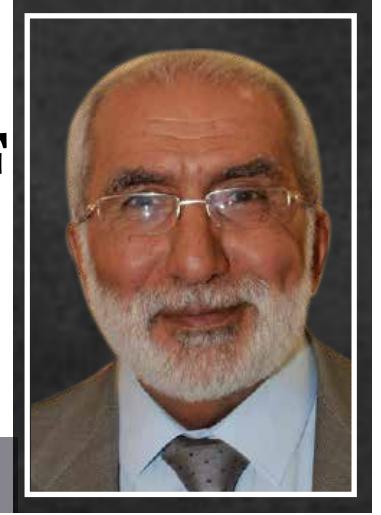
Mahatma Gandhi said, “If we are to reach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with children.”

So let us work on rebuilding lives, bridging cultures and educating the children of the importance of peaceful coexistence.

Let us work towards a “Better tomorrow.”

DG Mazen Alumran

MARCH WORDS OF WISDOM!



BY PDG EMAD ALMOAYED

March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month, and in Arabic literature, Abu Nawas (أبو نواس), in the 8th century A.D., said, comically;

أربعةٌ يحييا بها قلبٌ وروحٌ وبدن
الماءُ والبستانُ وال خمرَةٌ والوجهُ الحسن

'There are four that bring life,
To the heart, the soul, and the body.
It is Water, Garden, Wine,
And a Pretty Face!'

Being a teetotaller myself, I assume the Wine he recommends is alcohol-free, but I am not sure about that!

Antarah bin Shaddad Alabsi (عنتر بن شداد العبسي), though, more soberly, in the 6th century A.D., said;

لا تسقني ماء الحياة بذلة بل فاسقني بالعز كأس الحنظل
ماء الحياة بذلة كجهنم وجهنم بالعز أطيّب منزل

'Don't give me the Water of Life in humiliation,
But quench my thirst, in glory, with a Most Bitter Herb.
The Water of Life, in humiliation, is as Hell,
And Hell, with glory, is a glorious mansion'

I am sure, we Rotarians, are aware of and, adopt these basic principles in all the desalinated water projects we undertake, for our communities.

Because Dignity, and Pride, quench thirst more than water does.

Well, that's what I, and Antarah Alabsi, think, anyway!!



DID YOU KNOW?

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BY RTN/CHAIRPERSON LAMEES ALHASSAR

DID YOU KNOW?

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities unlike those of other groups one might join. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said: “A world-minded Rotarian:

- ◆ Looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.
- ◆ Resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority.
- ◆ Seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands.
- ◆ Defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear.
- ◆ Supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere.

- ◆ Upholds the principles of justice for mankind.
- ◆ Strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal.
- ◆ Urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life.
- ◆ “ That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club of Manama

This year, the Rotary Club of Manama decided to partner with talabat and reward its frontline riders for their outstanding performance and dedication towards delivering food and offering free delivery on medicines to customers throughout the lockdown period.

Marjan Modara, President of the Rotary Club of Manama stated that:

Each year, the Rotary club of Manama gives appreciation awards to individuals who have excelled in their area of service.

This year, and because of the extraordinary circumstances that everyone is going through due to the COVID-19 pandemic, RCM decided to give appreciation to a sector of the society that enabled people to stay at home and out of harm's way. One of those sectors are the delivery riders who were exposed to the risk of contracting the virus while performing their duties in delivering food to us while we stayed in the safety of our homes.





Another sector that the Rotary Club of Manama decided to reward for their outstanding performance and dedication towards the community was the School Mental Health doctors at the Ministry of Health.

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month of February was celebrated by a collaborative meeting between Rotary Club of Manama and Rotary Club of Salmaniya during which they hosted Rotarian Shafqat Memon, Peace Fellowship/Peace Centers Country Chair of Bahrain 2020/2021 as the guest speaker. Shafqat presented RI's fully funded program initiative for Peace Fellowship Certificate or Master's degree. His presentation was followed with a talk by Dr. Wale Adeboye, Rotary Peace Fellow and Global Peace Index Ambassador.



Rotary Club of Manama held their third Business Meeting on February 21st during which the Board presented their progress for the club during the months of November, December, January and February.



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club Of Salmaniya



The Rotary Club of Salmaniya distributed food boxes to families in Demanstan on Saturday 13th February 2021



MONTHLY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club of Adliya



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - 2021

Agile Leadership for Tomorrow's Leaders

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Mubarak Bin Daina

Special Envoy for Climate Affairs
CEO of the Supreme Council for Environment

H.E Dr. Mohamed Mubarak Bin Daina has been at the helm of the Supreme Council for environment since 2014. The Fulbright Scholar was granted his Ph.D. from the Imperial College, London and is a member of various local and regional associations like SPE, the American association of engineers. In 2020, His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa appointed His excellency Dr. Bin Daina, the Special envoy for Climate affairs.



Dr. Simon Galpin

Senior Advisor – Investment Promotion, EDB

A global expert in economic development with a record of leading world-class investment promotion agencies to deliver thousands of investment projects and attract billions of dollars of direct investment from Scotland to Hong Kong. Formely the Managing Director of EDB where he serves today as Senior Advisor, Dr. Simon helps steer EDB as a full-service investment promotion agency and as a catalyst for economic diversification and digital transformation.



Dr. Fatima Al Balooshi

Former Minister of Social Development, Educator' Founder & CEO - Capacitee, Philanthropist , Angel Investor



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Abdulrahman Ayman

Co-Founder and Chief Growth & Strategy Officer, Educatly, AIESEC Past Global President 17-18



Leveraging his strong educational background and years of leadership development having served as the Past Global president of AIESEC, the world's largest student organization, Abdulrahman Ayman is an aspiring serial entrepreneur with a portfolio of three startups in EdTech and Healthtech. He serves today as the Chief Growth and Strategy officer of Educatly.

Amal Kooheji

President Nominee, Rotary Club of Adliya, MD & Founder – Human Capital Development Advisory, Past Chief Operating Officer - Tamkeen



With over 27 years of experience in Training and Development, Amal is a well known power-house of the sector in Bahrain. She started her career in the well-established Bahrain training institute and the regionally renowned BIBF moving on to become the COO of the Tamkeen labor fund. Having an MBA from the University of Glamorgan and Executive training from the Darden Business School, She is now the founder and MD of the Human Capital Development Advisory firm.

«رؤياي المستقبل» ينظم المنسقة الثالثة من جائزة القيادة الشبابية

أعلن نادي رؤياي المستقبل، بالتعاون مع نادي رؤياي المستقبل، المنظمة الثالثة من جائزة رؤياي القيادة الشبابية 2021 والتي ستقام في نادي رؤياي المستقبل، في تمامه 27 فبراير الجاري بمشاركة 101 طالبا من مختلف دول المنطقة والذين هم أعضاء في سننوي رؤياي المستقبل 2021. وتعد هذه الجائزة امتداداً لتكاتف الأوساط التعليمية والأكاديمية، ودعم رؤياي المستقبل، ورؤياي المستقبل، وتعد هذه الجائزة امتداداً لتكاتف الأوساط التعليمية والأكاديمية، ودعم رؤياي المستقبل، ورؤياي المستقبل، وتعد هذه الجائزة امتداداً لتكاتف الأوساط التعليمية والأكاديمية، ودعم رؤياي المستقبل، ورؤياي المستقبل.

Gulf Weekly Future force

@rotaryclubofadliya is hosting the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards around Earth Day! Learn more bn

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RYLA Alumni
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RYLA Alumni
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Vice president
Rotaract Bahrain

Holger Knaack addressing our RYLA 2021 participants in Closing Ceremony.

The District 2452 Club News - Georgia

Rotary Club of Tbilisi Academia

◆ Club members participated in zoom conferences of the club proper (2 meetings) and some conferences of the District (Salmaniya etc.)

Discussed club member's Irma Baramidze's global grant project regarding training of care-givers of disabled children, aimed at improving quality of their life and their quicker rehabilitation, which would leave some funds (from those given by the Mayor's Office) for a bigger number of patients placed on the waiting list, rather long.

◆ Club started to get ready for the third round of humanitarian project aimed at sponsoring the Center of Disabled Children (in Tbilisi). The first time it was Spring 2020, when the club members gave the Center garden benches and sweets; then Dec. 2020 - the club gave the Center Christmas gifts (sweets and handiwork materials). Now we are discussing in which way we can render help to the Center.

◆ Above all and first of all club administration and members discuss main issue for the club - membership growth and retention in connection with public image promotion of Rotary system

and ideas not very well known to the population.



Rotary Club Rustavi International

In January club had 2 regular meetings:

- ◆ discussed a project created by club members
 - ◆ Admitted 2 new members - Tamari Kachlishvili and Anastasia Mshvidobadze
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Rotary Club Tbilisi International

Online meetings 12.01.2021 - 26.01.2021

- ◆ Club took part in RD 2452 District Governor Elections
 - ◆ Discussed Rotary Public Image promotion
 - ◆ Discussed club membership
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Rotary Club Tbilisi Ambassador

On Jan. 26 at a regular meeting the club admitted 2 new members - Nini Chachia and Irene Tsintsadze

Club celebrated India's Republic Day

In January, members took part in some seminars in zoom format (like PR 2020-2021 Sekhur Mehta's webinar "Eastern India Lions Leadership Academy")

The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club of Chouf

Concerning our activities this month:

◆ We raised funds to buy a Ventilator for Baakline Hospital. This fund was in collaboration with Gift of Life and Doco.

◆ Received also from RC Tours Plumereau and Paray le Monial – France in collaboration with RC Metropolitan Beirut the following items:

◆ 2 hospital beds with a medical chair, clutches delivered to Baakline Hospital.

◆ Commode chair, wheel chair , box of masks, special walker, to Soeur de la croix Deir el Kamar.

◆ 1 box of masks to be distributed to clinics.

◆ we got 50 food boxes from RC Cedars that we are distributing them in the area.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Zahle - Bekaa

هبة من نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع لمستوصف قوسايا ببركة صاحب السيادة المتروبوليت أنطونيوس الصوري.

تسلم صاحب السيادة المتروبوليت أنطونيوس (الصوري) الجليل الإحترام ، هبةً (كرسي كهربائي لفحص المرضى) من نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع من ضمن الهبة المقدمة من أندية الروتاري في لبنان وفرنسا ، لتكون بتصرف جمعية القديس نكتاريوس الخيرية الأرثوذكسية في مركزها الطبي في بلدة قوسايا. بحضور صاحب السيادة المتروبوليت أنطونيوس الصوري ، الإعلامي طوني أبو نعوم ممثلاً السيدة مهى معلوف قاصوف رئيسة نادي روتاري زحلة _ البقاع ، واللجنة الإدارية في المركز.

وبالمناسبة توجه صاحب السيادة بالشكر لأندية الروتاري على هذه المبادرة الطيبة ، على أمل استمرار التعاون بينها وبين المطرانية في زحلة على صعيد الأبرشية . هذا وتحدث باسم نادي زحلة نائب الرئيس طوني ابونعوم شاكر سيادة المطران أنطونيوس الصوري على حفاوة الاستقبال مشيدا بعمل المستوصف والخدمات التي يقدمها للمنطقة، واعدت باستكمال هذه المبادرة بمشاريع مستقبلية يتم التنسيق فيها مع راعي الأبرشية. وختم كلامه بالتوجه بالشكر الى من ساهم وقدم وخاصة الأندية الفرنسية واللبنانية.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Zahle - Bekaa

نادي روتاري زحلة _ البقاع يكرم مدير عام مصلحة الأبحاث العلمية الزراعية د. ميشال افرام.

في إطار سلسلة من التكريمات زار وفد من نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع مصلحة الأبحاث العلمية الزراعية في تل عمارة حيث التقى بمديرها المهندس الدكتور ميشال افرام ، وكانت جولة أفق حول آخر المستجدات الزراعية ومراكز ومختبرات المصلحة. بعدها كرم نائب رئيس النادي طوني ابونعوم باسم رئيسة النادي مهى معلوف قاصوف والاعضاء المدير العام افرام على عطائته وانجازاته العلمية ولدعمه النادي مشددا على استمرارية التعاون بين الطرفين.

نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع يكرم رجل الأعمال نقولا أبوفیصل زار وفد من نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع مدير عام شركة غاردينيا رجل الأعمال نقولا ابوفیصل، وذلك تكريما لعطائته في مجال الصناعة وتطوير المنتجات الزراعية مما جعل اسم لبنان يصل الى كافة دول العالم، وكذلك لدعمه لنادي زحلة والذي تجسد بالقاء محاضرة حول الواقع الاقتصادي في ظل ازمة كورونا والتي نظمها النادي.

تضمنت الزيارة جولة في ارجاء المؤسسة حيث اطلع ابو فيصل الوفد على اهم الاقسام الموجودة فيها. هذا وشكر نائب رئيس النادي الإعلامي طوني ابونعوم السيد ابو فيصل ناقلا اليه تحية رئيسة النادي مهى معلوف قاصوف متمنيا له المزيد من التقدم والنجاح.

نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع يكرم رجل الأعمال علي العينا.

تقديرًا لعمله وعطائه زار وفد من نادي روتاري زحلة _البقاع رجل الأعمال علي العينا في دارته في بر الياس وذلك في اطار جولته التكريمية والتي يجول فيها على فعاليات واصدقاء للنادي، وكانت جولة افق عامة تخللها تكريم العينا بحضور والده المربي قاسم العينا ، وذلك لدعمه نشاطات النادي وتقديرًا لنجاحه في شركته واعماله في امارة ابو ظبي.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Tripoli-Maarad



More food boxes donation during this difficult period our country is passing through

This time jointly with Rotary Club Tripoli Cosmopolis we distributed them to the daily workers of Tripoli municipality بلدية طرابلس Tripoli Municipality

ROTARY Doing Good to the World

The District 2452 Club News - Palestine

 **Rotary Club of East Jerusalem**

Despite the harsh, ongoing lockdown restrictions in Jerusalem, Rotary club members have continued to show their dedication and passion by attending the club's bimonthly meetings. As a result of the club members enthusiasm, a lot has been accomplished during the period between January and February of 2021. On January 26th, RCEJ invited Mr. Andrew Watson, director of the Jerusalem American School. In his presentation entitled "Inspiring Change Agency," he spoke about the vast changes both academic and extracurricular he is slowly manifesting into the school. More so, after having been approached by a member from the club regarding the initiation of Interact at the school; at the general assembly meeting he announced that he would be more than happy to work in cooperation with the Rotarians to launch Interact.



A Rotarian was chosen to sponsor the Interacts at the Jerusalem American School and the process for initiating the club began, but due to the strict lockdown, schools have not yet opened, causing some delay to the progress of Interact.

On another note, RCEJ welcomed its newest member; Mr. Jad Qadamani, a prominent and active lawyer in the Palestinian community.



Furthermore, RCEJ members were excited about the latest developments on their projects. The Library for Special Needs Children at the Princess Basma School have finally received part of the equipment. The Hope Flower school Project, in collaboration with Minnesota Club, have also finally received contributions from all clubs for the initiation of their joint project.

RCEJ is also proud to announce that one of its members, Dr. Basil Husseini, has been appointed Deputy District Governor for the year 2021-2022.



Rotaract members attended Rotary meetings and announced future plans for attending the Rotaract conference in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, which is due to take place between May 20-23rd. They voiced their enthusiasm and are aiming for a large Palestinian delegation (from all clubs) to attend the conference. Rotaract is also continuing their work on more projects; as they have also welcomed more members into their club.

The District 2452 Club News - Palestine



Rotary Club of Bethlehem



Lockdown restrictions have been less strict in the West Bank areas, thus enabling the Rotary club of Bethlehem to initiate new projects. Their latest project, “Baby Blankets & Accessories,” for baby incubators; they are aiming to target as many hospitals as they can. The targeted hospitals range from Hebron to Nazareth to Lebanon. The cost per blanket is 250 euros and they have already begun distribution on January 14th. The process is still ongoing and they are hoping to receive shipping logistics soon for distribution to head to Lebanon.





The Last Word

Rtn. Renuka Nambiar, Editor

As I sit in my garden, in the warmth of the winter sun, I can't help but feel grateful and hopeful. Gratitude, that we still have a life even though the lifestyle has changed. Hope, although there is much to mourn, there is much more to celebrate.

The ingenuity and adaptability of us, as a race, never ceases to amaze. In the past year we have learned and innovated, be it in our work routine, our entertainment, our hobbies or the time spent with our family. Wisdom demands that we understand what was, only then can we deal with what will be.

Rotary focuses on Water and Sanitation in March.

March also celebrates International Women's Day and some parts of the world celebrate Mother's Day this month. I will leave you with the quote from the most giving of them all....

“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.”

-Mother Teresa