

DISTRICT 2452

Monthly Newsletter





RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

April 2021 - Message

This year, we celebrate Earth Day on April 22 with a new sense of purpose. The environment is now an area of focus for Rotary. Solutions for all great tasks always start with you and me, and there is much we as individuals can do simply by changing our behaviour: Cutting down on our use of plastic and using energy wisely are just two examples. But now we have the opportunity to do more together.

Supporting the environment is not new to Rotary; clubs have long worked on environmental issues based on local needs. Now climate change — a problem that affects us all, rich and poor — requires us to work together more closely than ever. Alberto Palombo, a Venezuelan engineer living in Brazil and a member of TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers, shares his view.

For 30 years, my work has been to connect with communities and policy officials to take care of the environment. Today, I am excited about Rotary's opportunities to help reduce environmental degradation and make communities more environmentally sustainable.

In every community where we have a Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club or a Rotary Community Corps, there are environmental challenges. As Rotary members, we can become stewards of environmental sustainability and adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in our daily lives at home and in our clubs. Then we can incorporate them into our Rotary projects.

My club has been involved with water and environment projects since day one. We seek opportunities to empower Rotarians and foster partnerships in our region and beyond, working with groups such as the Inter-American Water Resources Network and the World Water Council. Local clubs worked with the Water, Sanitation, and

Hygiene Rotary Action Group (wasrag.org) to help Rotary get a seat at the table during the 2018 World Water Forum in Brasilia, where we discussed how communities can recover from environmental disasters like the one caused by the failure of a mining dam on Brazil's Rio Doce in 2015.

Taking care of the earth is an effort that never stops. To make an impact, we must align our knowledge, abilities and enthusiasm — and Rotary is already great at doing this. As a volunteer with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (esrag.org), I have seen how our work for the environment dovetails with much of what we are already doing in water and in our other areas of focus. Rotary members are not passive spectators; we take action. Let's work together and make a positive impact.

Support from The Rotary Foundation will define this new chapter in our service. Through district and global grant projects, we will build upon our previous projects that help the environment. We will look for ways to collaborate more closely and make a greater impact on global environmental issues. And we will incorporate environmental concerns into all of our programmes, projects and events.

Rotaractors and participants in our youth programmes expect Rotary to take a clear position and provide leadership with vision. We will work with them, seeking intelligent solutions to the problems they will inherit. Our incredible members, networks, and Foundation give us the capacity to make an important and lasting contribution. Now, we will discover together how Rotary Opens Opportunities to help us expand our service to preserve the home we all share.



Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE



DG MAZEN ALUMRAN 2020-2021

Fellow Rotarians,

March 2021 has been assigned by Rotary International as the month for Water Sanitation and Hygiene.

This also coincides with World Water Day which falls every year on the 22nd of March. Rotary has always taken the opportunity on this day to show its commitment to provide clean water and sanitation.

It is said “Water is Life”, it is in fact the driving force of nature and of everything that lives on it. We are faced with the prospect that one day we might face a Global Shortage of water and therefore we have to think of sustainable ways of

providing and maintaining water supplies. Add to that the fact that Clean Water is the driving force for healthy living, especially for children. Thousands of children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and contaminated water. According to the UN statistics, 2.2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water services. Clean water is a basic need and right for human beings. When people, especially children have access to it, they live healthier and more productive lives.

Rotary is committed to providing clean water and sanitation and education programs to promote good hygiene habits.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)



6 of the United Nations on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and resiliency. Adequate and equitable access to safely managed water and sanitation is at the core of sustainable development.



Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructures.



During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation month, we are celebrating our commitment to create healthy communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

There are many examples of how the Rotary Clubs over the different Districts have done that all around the world. As for District 2452, in 2011 we have the example of all 24 of Lebanon's Clubs coming together- overcoming religious, cultural and political divisions- to form partnership with the Government, World Vision, UNICEF and the Red Cross. They developed a program that delivered clean drinking water to every public school in the country the Lebanon.



Rotary is also committed to support activities, projects and training programs that provide access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Taking into account sustainability and community driven requirements, the areas of focus revolve around the following:

1. Access to safe drinking water (i.e. supply and quality)
2. Access to improved sanitation.
3. Improved hygiene.
4. Community development and management of systems for sustainability.
5. Watershed management and food security plans that depend on adequate water supply.
6. Water for production (i.e. crops, livestock etc.).
7. Vocational training teams supporting the above activities,
8. Scholarships for graduate-level study programs related to water sanitation.

There are vast differences in Community

well that need attention and Rotary is in line to provide support as seen fit.

COMMON WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS

- Increasing water supply and distribution (for example, rainwater harvesting, water storage, wells and boreholes)
- Improving water quality (purification)
- Providing hygiene education
- Supplying waste management
- Enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions in schools and communities



requirements across countries, districts and regions and each has to work around their requirements.

However, there are global requirements as

The Global Goal is that by 2030, everyone will have safe water to drink.

Let us play our part in making this happen, each in his own District servicing the requirements of their Communities and beyond in providing sustainable solutions.

Let us work for “a Better Tomorrow.”

DG Mazen Alumran

THE GIFT OF WATER

- *How many times do you access water in one day?*
- *How do you access it?*
- *What would your life be like without taps?*

It can be easy to forget how important water is. Across most of Australia, at the turn of a tap we have instant access to clean drinkable water.



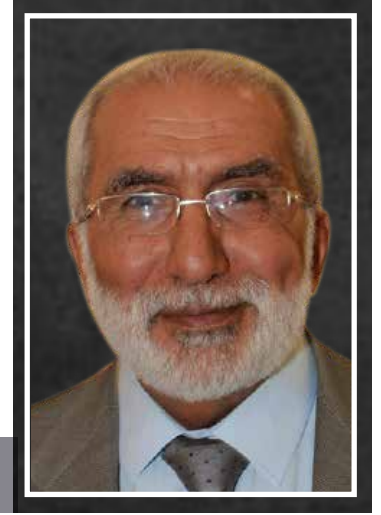
THE DIGNITY OF SANITATION FACILITIES

- *Think of your school or home sanitation facilities, are they safe and private?*
- *What would your life be like without a toilet?*

It is easy to forget how important access to sanitation facilities is. Across most of Australia we have access to safe, clean and private facilities.



APRIL WORDS OF WISDOM!



BY PDG EMAD ALMOAYED

April is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month.

Hafez Ibrahim, (1872-1932), Poet of the Nile, as he was called, called for maternal and child care in early 20th century, long before women were allowed to be members of Rotary Clubs!

He said;

مَنْ لِي بِتَرْبِيَةِ النِّسَاءِ فَإِنَّهَا
الْأُمُّ مَدْرَسَةٌ إِذَا أُعِدَّتْهَا
الْأُمُّ أُسْتَاذُ الْأَسَاتِذَةِ الْأُلَى
فِي الشَّرْقِ عَلَّةٌ ذَلِكَ الْإِضْفَاقِ
أُعِدَّتْ شَعْبًا طَيِّبَ الْأَعْرَاقِ
شَفَلَتْ مَا تَرَاهُمْ مَدَى الْأَفَاقِ

In English;

'Let's help educate and invest in women, for in the orient she is the source of failure. Mother is a school, if you prepare it, you will prepare the whole nation.

Mother, is the professor of all professors, whose exploits have exceeded all horizons.'

He felt he went too far, at the time, in glorifying women, and said;

أَنَا لَا أَقُولُ دَعَمُوا النِّسَاءَ سِوَا فِرَا
فَتَوَسَّطُوا فِي الْحَالَتَيْنِ وَأَنْصِفُوا
بَيْنَ الرِّجَالِ يَجْلُنَ فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ
فَالشَّرُّ فِي التَّقْيِيدِ وَالْإِطْلَاقِ

And in English;

'I am not saying; let women travel and mix, with men, walking in the markets uncovered.

So, moderate, in both cases and be fair, for the evil is in restriction and in release.'

Progressive and daring, as that might have sounded at the time, it doesn't sound so now. Now that women have been admitted into Rotary, a near century too late, and have become Club Presidents, District Governors, and soon to be President of RI, even!

Maternal and child health, though, remains as important as it has always been, remembering always the Islamic teaching;

الجنة تحت أقدام الأمهات

Paradise is under the feet of mothers.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BY RTN/CHAIRPERSON LAMEES ALHASSAR

DID YOU KNOW? OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking. The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members. Rotary clubs, which have a reputation of being “friendly clubs” usually, follow a few simple steps: First, members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week. Second, Rotarians are urged to sit with a member they may not know as well as their long-time personal friends. Third, members invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying: “Come join us, we have an empty chair at this table.” Fourth, members share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Fifth, Rotarians make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club by seeking out those they may not know. When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club Of Salmaniya

◆ Mural Painting At The Bahrain Down Syndrome Society

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya's community service project for the month of March was all about enhancing the awareness of Down Syndrome as part of the Worlds Down Syndrome Day 2021! In which, a mural painting project of the Down Syndrome Awareness Ribbon with talented down syndrome kids and individuals was carried out at the Bahrain Down Syndrome Society over a period of two days. This project aims to enhance the awareness about Down Syndrome through art, demonstrating the talent of Down Syndrome individuals, and artistic capabilities.



◆ World Down Syndrome day

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya participated in World Down Syndrome Day 2021 event facilitated by the Bahrain Down Syndrome Society with a focus to spread awareness about Down Syndrome achievements and potentials. The Rotary Club of Salmaniya carried out a mural painting project of Down Syndrome Awareness Ribbon with talented down syndrome kids and individuals were carried out at the Down Syndrome Society aiming to enhance the awareness about Down syndrome through art, demonstrating the talent of DS individuals and artistic capabilities.



The District 2452 Club News - Cyprus



Rotary Club of Nicosia Aspelia

◆ Celebrations for the 116th birthday of Rotary

The 20 Cyprus Rotary clubs celebrated the 116th Anniversary of Rotary International and the addition of the Environment as the 7th Area of Focus with the launching of the “Cyprus Pollinator Project” in an online meeting that was transmitted Live on the Cyprus Rotary Facebook Page on Tuesday 23rd February 2021, with 80 attendees from all over the world.

The Project was presented by Rotarian Manfred A. Lange, Cyprus Environment Chair and Director of Energy, Environment and Water Research Center (EEWRC).



◆ The Pollinator Project of Rotary Cyprus

Cyprus, similar to other parts of the Mediterranean is undergoing rapid and intense changes in climate. Rising temperatures and decreasing rainfall adds to the already ongoing desertification of the island. One of the consequences of desertification is a steady decline in the diversity of plant and animal species, including useful insects, known as pollinators.

Pollination is an essential part of plant reproduction and is required for the continuation of a species and the growth of fruits and vegetables. Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, bats and beetles, provide pollination services to over 180 000 different plant species and more than 1,200 crops. One out of every three bites of food one eats is there because of pollinators. Pollinators therefore support healthy ecosystems. However, they are threatened by climate change, the extensive use of agrochemicals

and pollution from various sources. This reduces the habitats of pollinator species and is increasingly observed in Cyprus.

Based on these facts, the Rotarians in Cyprus decided to take action. In order to protect and nurture pollinators on the island, the creation of Pollinator Gardens or Pollinator Parks is seen as a relatively simple way of counteracting the decline in the Pollinator population.

With the initiation of the Pollinator Project (Climate Change and Biodiversity in Cyprus) on February 23rd 2021, Rotary's 116th birthday, a first step in this direction was taken. An Environmental Task Force of Rotary Cyprus is advancing the project. To date, the Task Force includes 24 members of Cypriot Rotary and Rotaract clubs and 2 other volunteers.

Planting of the first Pollinator Gardens initiated and carried out by individual Rotarians or Rotaractors and their clubs will comprise the next step of the project. However, we also strive to address schools and encourage them to create Pollinator plots or gardens. Lectures and demonstrations by Rotarians will complement the Biology curriculum and will help to raise interest and awareness of students for pollinators and their importance for a healthy ecosystem. Finally, it is planned to cooperate with individual municipalities in order to create larger-scale pollinator parks across the island.

The project has been entered as a Rotary Showcase Project at Rotary International (<https://map.rotary.org/en/project/Pages>), underlining the importance of the Seventh Area of Focus of Rotary International: Supporting the Environment.

For more information on the Pollinator Project, please visit our website at <http://rotary-cyprus.org/projects/the-pollinator-project/> or contact Manfred Lange (m.a.lange@cyi.ac.cy), who has started the project as a member of the Nicosia Aspelia Rotary Club.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Saida

سلم نادي روتاري صيدا ، مستشفى دار السلام للمسنين التابع ل « جمعية جامع البحر الخيرية » تجهيزات طبية من أسرة كهربائية و كرسي متحرك و كامات و غيرها من الادوات الطبية ، من ضمن الهبة المقدمة من اندية روتاري فرنسا و لبنان لدعم الجسم الطبي .



اقام نادي روتاري صيدا اجتماع مشترك مع عدة نوادي في لبنان محاضرة قدمها الدكتور عبد الرحمن البزري ، رئيس لجنة اللقاحات في لبنان ، تحت عنوان : الكوفيد ١٩ : أخطاره و كيفية الوقاية منه و فعالية اللقاحات المتاحة ضده

Rotary Club of Saida, jointly with RCs:
Beirut Metropolitan, Byblos, Chtaura-Bekaa Gate, Zahlé-Békaa, Chouf, Sahel Metn, Tripoli, Tripoli Cosmopolis, and Tyre Europa, cordially invite you to a Zoom meeting with
Guest Speaker : Dr. Abdul Rahman Bizri
(Infectious Diseases Doctor at AUBMC & Head of the Covid19-Vaccine Committee)

الكوفيد-١٩ : أخطاره وكيفية
الوقاية منه وفعالية اللقاحات
المتاحة ضده

Wednesday 10th of March 2021
at 7:00 PM

Meeting ID: 2227074269
Passcode: 492294

The meeting room capacity is capped at 100

قام وفد من نادي روتاري صيدا تقدمه رئيسته السيدة ايمان عيسى بحسون وعدد من أعضاء النادي بتسليم لوازم و معدات لقائد سرية أطفال بلدية صيدا الملازم سليم الغضبان بحضور عدد من عناصر السرية .



معدات وتجهيزات لوجستية من " روتاري صيدا " لسرية الإطفاء في المدينة



التصنيف: الناس

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ضمن مبادراته الداعمة لعمل المؤسسات العامة ، قدم نادي "روتاري صيدا " هبة معدات وتجهيزات لوجستية لـ " سرية اطفاء بلدية صيدا " عبارة عن منشار "هيدروليك "و30 مصباح إنارة يدوي وقناع للتنفس مع 10 فلتر يستخدم خلال اخماد الحرائق .

The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Zahle - Bekaa

The Rotary Club of Zahle - Bekaa, inaugurates two water treatment plants, in the presence of the Mayor of municipality Zahlee Mu'allaqah and Tanyel, Eng.

With the initiative of the Water Committee in the Rotary District 2452, and on the occasion of the Rotary Water Month in the world, and with the presence and support of the Municipality of Zhaleh Mu'allaqah and Tanyel, the Rotary Club of Zahle - Bekaa launched two drinking water treatment stations in the public garden and the municipal park, as a continuation of a project launched two years ago through which Zahle Club contributed And the Lebanese Water Committee has installed many water filters in the Bekaa and Lebanon.

On the occasion, the Mayor of Zahlee Mu'allaqah and Eng. Asaad Zgheib spoke about the importance of this project and the role of Rotary in promoting and activating this mission and securing water for public school students, praising the permanent cooperation between the municipality and Rotary on more than one level, thanking the International Rotary Clubs that supported this project, wishing cooperation Permanent between

the municipality and the Rotary for the benefit of the city.

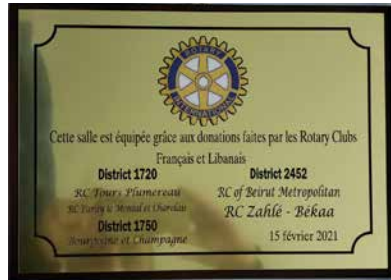
In turn, Vice President of the Rotary Club of Zahle-Bekaa, Tony Abu Naum, spoke on behalf of the club's president, Maha Maalouf Kassouf, that this project would not have been completed without the support of the municipality, which signed a cooperation agreement with the Zahle-Bekaa Rotary Club, to follow up on these filters that were put in the public schools. Emphasizing that, starting with Water Month, the club and the Rotary International Foundation strive to deliver drinking water to every person and every student.

In turn, Eng. Jad Jeries, Executive Officer of the project, stressed the importance of what Zahle Club presented, and the cooperation of the Zahle Municipal Council, which has taken it upon itself to follow up on the maintenance of these filters, conveying the greetings of the former head of the Water Committee, Governor Jamil Moawad, to the mayor and the president and members of Zahle Club.



نادي روتاري زحلة _ البقاع يجهز غرفة للمسنين في دار السعادة زحلة. بدعم من الاندية الفرنسية وبمبادرة من من نادي روتاري متروبوليتان ، قام نادي روتاري زحلة _ البقاع بتجهيز غرفة للمسنين في دار السعادة للمسنين زحلة ، حيث قدم النادي عدد من الأُسرة والأجهزة الخاصة للاستعمال الشخصي والتي تسهل خدمة المسنين، وكمية من الماسكات الطبية الواقية. بعد كلمة شكر من نائب رئيس النادي طوني ابونعوم والذي أبلغ مديرة الدار الأخت نجوى مهنا تحيات رئيسة النادي مهى معلوف قاصوف ، متمنيا لدار دوام التقدم والنجاح، وللمسنين الصحة، معربا عن سروره للقاء العحزة ، مشيدا بالخدمات التي يقدمها الدار والعناية الفائقة التي يوليها للنزلاء .

بدورها شكرت رئيسة الدار الأخت نجوى مهنا نادي روتاري زحلة _ البقاع وندية الروتاري في لبنان وفي فرنسا على تقديماتهم وعملهم الدؤوب لخدمة المجتمع والمحيط، وكمبادرة من المركز تم تعليق لوحة على مدخل الغرفة التي قام النادي بتجهيزها لتبقى ذكرى للأجيال وكدليل للتعاون الذي جمع طرفي اللقاء. كل الشكر للاندية المساهمة بهذا العمل



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

Rotary Club Of Zgharta Zawie

Securing Clean Drinking water became a Mega Challenge!

Since every student has the right to drink clean water and live a healthy life with no infections and diseases, Rotary Club Zgharta Zawie inaugurated many public schools and colleges where they installed the Water Filtration System as part of their GG 1877220 financed by Rotary Club of Muskogee – USA, District 6110. This Water Filtration System aims to change tanks, pipes, faucets completely and purified the drinking water used by the students.

Consequently, Rotary Club Zgharta Zawie offered this system for many NGOs as the Rehabilitation Center for Drugs Users, Elderlies House and Orphelinat Center belonged to Father Majdi Allawi at Bonheur du Ciel – Nahr IBrahim, Keserwan. They also offered the Water Filtration System to the Autism Center and Inaya Ilahiya Center – Zgharta, specialized in assuring services and accommodations for people with physical or mental disabilities.

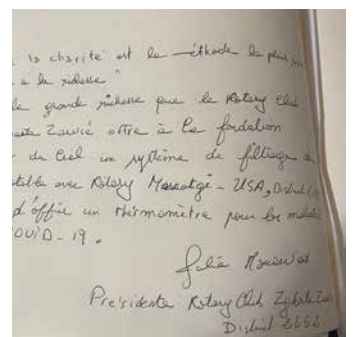
Furthermore, School Sainte Famille – Becharre, School Sainte Thérèse –

Hadchit, Pèrè Karmel – Kobbayat and Amaret AL Bayket – Akkar Public School benefited also from this healthy project.

President Julie Mouawad presented a speech appreciating the help of the Rotarians worldwide who are always contributing to the welfare of the Lebanese society hand in hand with the Rotarians in Lebanon to succeed in installing Water Filters along with ultraviolet systems in more than 1200 public schools around Lebanon, a project of an overall cost exceeding 3 Million Dollars.

President Mouawad ended her speech by repeating the Motto of Rotary: Service Above Self.





The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Chtaura-Bekaa Gate



RC Chtoura bekaa gate distributed heating oil, Aquafilter and they installed doors for the needy ones



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club of Batroun

إيماننا بالدور الأساسي لجمعيات و مؤسسات مثل مركز بيت الراحة في البترون خاصة في هذه الظروف الإقتصادية الصعبة وبالإضافة لجائحة كورونا Ozanam . قدم نادي روتاري البترون هبة مؤلفة من: كرسي متحرك، كرسي كهربائي طبي، كمادات، حرامات وشراشف بالإضافة لمواد غذائية وغيره من المستلزمات الضرورية التي قد يحتاجها المركز الذي يأوي أكثر من ٥٠ مسن . وقد شارك في التسليم من قبل نادي روتاري البترون الرئيس جان خليفه، د. شارل زعيتر، الرؤساء السابقون تريز طنيسا، زياد شاهين وكمال عساف. وتسلم الهبة مديرة المركز السيدة كاتيا عون مع أعضاء من الهيئة الإدارية للمركز وممثلين عن جمعية مار منصور فرع مار اسطفان البترون . وكان لرئيس نادي روتاري البترون كلمة، شكر فيها كل العاملين في بيت الراحة على الجهود الجبار الذي يبذلونه، وأثنى على صمودهم في هذه الظروف الصعبة. وختم كلامه شاكرا كل من ساهم ودعم ووضع ثقته بالنادي لإنجاح هذا العمل وبالأخص نوادي الروتاري في قبرص، فرنسا، الولايات المتحدة ولبنان وايضا الأيادي (RC LA Cedars, RC Beirut Metropolitan, RC Beirut Cedars, Country Fund) البترونية البيضاء في لبنان والمهجر .

Believing in the essential role of associations and institutions such as the elderly home in Batroun OZANAM, especially in these difficult economic conditions, in addition to the Corona pandemic.

The Batroun Rotary Club provided a donation consisting of: a wheelchair, an electric medical chair, masks, blankets and sheets, in addition to food and other necessary supplies to the center, which helps more than 50 elderly.

This donation was delivered on behalf of the Rotary Club of Batroun by President Jean Khalifeh, Dr. Charles Zeaiter, P.P. Therese Tanisa, P.P. Ziad Chahin and P.P. Kamal Assaf. And it was received by Mrs. Katia Aoun, director of the center, along with members of the administrative body of the center and representatives of St. Mansour Society, St. Stephen Batroun branch.

The President of the Rotary Club of Batroun thanked all the workers in the elderly house for the tremendous effort they made, and praised their steadfastness in these difficult circumstances. He concluded his speech by thanking everyone who contributed, supported and put their confidence in the club to make this work a success, especially the Rotary clubs in Cyprus, France, the United States and Lebanon (RC LA Cedars, RC Beirut Metropolitan, RC Beirut Cedars, Country Fund) as well as the White Hands in Lebanon and the Diaspora.



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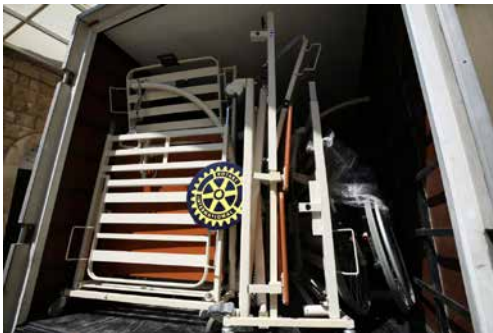
Rotary Club Of Tripoli-Maarad

بدعم من الاندية الفرنسية وبمبادرة من نادي روتاري بيروت متروبوليتان ، قام ناديا روتاري طرابلس المعرض و طرابلس كوزموبوليس بتقديم تجهيزات طبية (walker) مختلفة ومنها أسرة كهربائية ومقاعد متحركة ومساعد للمشي (الجمعية الخدمات الاجتماعية (دار العجزة) .

وتشكر الدكتور مصطفى الحلوة الناديين خصوصاً والروتاري في لبنان عموماً على عملهم الدؤوب لخدمة المجتمع وثنم التعاون الوثيق والمزمن بين الجمعيتين اللتان تتقاسمان ذات المبادئ الانسانية لخدمة أهلهم من دون تمييز في هذه الظروف الصعبة .

كما نوهت رئيسة لجنة المساندة، السيدة ليلي كرامي بشفافية التعاطي وشفف العطاء كقواسم مشتركة بين الجمعيتين .

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The Last Word

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Going through my last few editorials I realized that the pandemic featured prominently in most of them. We have now adapted to a new lifestyle and most of us have been vaccinated.

So this month, let us move forward. Let us talk of the Spring that has brought hope with it, the weather is still gorgeous. Everywhere I look I see only blessings and I feel only gratitude.

It has been over a year since we have travelled. We have, however, started appreciating our surroundings. With this in mind, I suggest we dedicate a couple of pages in our next issue with photographs taken of our space – be it work, home or even our city. Please send just positive pictures to brighten our day.

I love nature and I am always taking pictures around the house. I will post a few to give it a start. So here goes....

