



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2452 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER





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# RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

*May 2021 - Message*

For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary's exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an excellent opportunity for young people ages 18 to 30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. Simukai Matshalaga, a Rotaractor from Zimbabwe, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.

Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today. It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these members of the Rotary

family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realized that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.

Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organizations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business — a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.

I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do.

New Generations Service Exchange changed Simukai's life. It can change yours, too. All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online — and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges through Rotary Friendship Exchange, another excellent program for Rotary members of all ages.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that Rotary Opens Opportunities, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary's exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.



Holger Knaack  
President, Rotary International

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE



*DG MAZEN ALUMRAN 2020-2021*

*Fellow Rotarians,*

The month of April has been assigned by Rotary International to be that for dealing with Maternity and Child Health Issues.

There is no argument on how important mothers are in the upbringing and health of children and families.

Rotary International has given a lot of attention and support to Maternity and Child Care as Robert Zinger co-founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development said, “If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation

of hunger and poverty.”

Most countries whether governments in their official health care capacities or Welfare charitable organizations realize the importance of Mother and Child health in communities. Sometimes this is not enough.

## **How does Rotary make help happen?**

“The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their maternal and infant health care.”

Across different countries and communities, Rotary provided education, immunization, mobile health clinics and birth kits as required. Women were taught the importance of breastfeeding to ensure infant immunity and how to go about it, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. In countries of high prevalence of HIV, they were taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission.

**Maternal and Child Health:  
Saving Mothers and Babies**



- Community-level antenatal care and childbirth services including promoting good nutrition, preventing HIV transmission and frontline health work training
- Local and culturally sensitive support of reproductive health programs, including family planning services
- Under age five child health projects, including immunization and treatment for measles, malaria, AIDS, diarrheal diseases, and other childhood killers

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## Objectives

- To detect high risk cases & give them special care
- To identify complications and prevent them
- To educate the mother
- To promote, protect and maintain health

Some statistics point out to the fact that 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation. This can be prevented if quality care to mothers and children can be made more accessible.

### Objectives of Mother, Child Health Care

- Reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.
- Reduce per natal and neonatal mortality and morbidity.
- Regulate fertility so as to have wanted and healthy children when desired.
- Provide basic maternal and child health care to all mother and children.
- Promote and protect health of mothers.
- Promote and protect physical growth and psycho-social development of children.

In some less developed countries, help was provided in the shape of hospital equipment like incubators for premature infants, while in remote or rural areas sustainable access was made possible to skilled health personnel, sometimes through telemedicine: technology to access information from skilled nurses and doctors. Promoting breast-feeding, immunizations and regular checkups were encouraged. Also, by distributing clean

childbirth kits, Rotary members helped provide training for health workers in safe deliveries of babies and keeping children alive during their first year.



As early as the late fifties, early sixties, in Bahrain, my mother, together with a number of Society Ladies, started a Society called Children and Mothers' Welfare Society. Its objective was to empower women to take control of their lives, their health and that of their children and families. They provided information and training to help communities, especially in villages. When the need arose for immunization from diseases, they were the first out to convince families of its necessity. This was before Rotary Clubs started in Bahrain. Now, of course, Bahrain has adequate Public Health Centers all over the country that deal with this. However, this shows the importance of Maternity and Children's health in the development of any country.

### RECENT TRENDS IN MCH SERVICE PROGRAMME

- Integration of care:** Earlier maternal and child health care services were divided into antenatal, child care and family planning. Naturally it is helpful in increasing the capability and effectiveness of service
- Risk approach:** This new thought was born from the lack of resources and their availability. As per this the risk group among mother and infant is identified special care is given to them.
- Man power changes:** According to new concept, maternal and child health services should be left to traditional health workers (ANMs, health visitors) rather than specialist of field and child volunteers and workers of NGOs.

Rotary today, continues to play a vital role in uncovering Maternal and Children Health requirements in the communities that need attention and directing their projects towards them. This might not be local, but within the District or other areas of the World. In these days of the Covid-19 pandemic, clubs in our District should direct their attention to educating communities, including Mothers of the dangers of Covid, how to protect themselves against it, what to do if they were pregnant and how to protect infants. They should also stress the importance of vaccinations, especially for the elderly in the family.

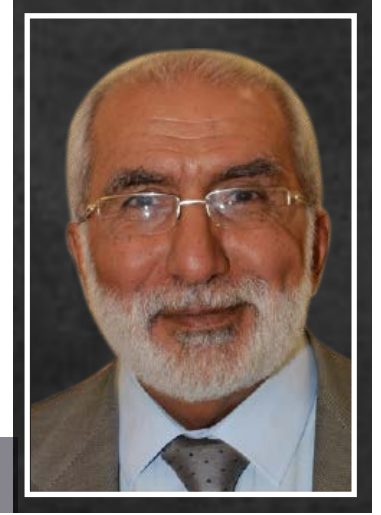
The health of women and children is vital to creating a healthy World.

So let us act together to find out what is needed and try to prevent unnecessary deaths and alleviate misery in our effort to work towards “A Better Tomorrow”.

**DG Mazen Alumran**



# MAY WORDS OF WISDOM!



*BY PDG EMAD ALMOAYED*

May is Rotary's Youth Service Month, and as we all know, Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders, through programs that help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Senior Rotarians' affinity to youth and youthfulness are properly presented, I think, through literature by poets like, Abbasid, Abulatahiya (747-826 AD);

وُنُحْتُ عَلَى الشَّبَابِ بِدَمْعِ عَيْنِي      فَمَا أَغْنَى الْبُكَاءُ وَلَا النَحِيْبُ  
فِيَا لَيْتَ الشَّبَابَ يَعُوْدُ يَوْمًا      فَأُخْبِرُهُ بِمَا صَنَعَ الْمَشِيْبُ

In English:

'I cried for the youth with the tears of my eyes, but the crying and wailing were no cure,

If only the youth would return one day, so I could tell it what old age has done'.

Or Almutanabbi, whom you must know by now;

وَمَا مَاضِي الشَّبَابِ بِمَسْتَرْدٍ      وَلَا يَوْمٌ يَمُرُّ بِمَسْتَعَادٍ

In English:

'... 'historic' youth is irretrievable, and no day that passes ever returns'.

Obvious though that is!

Or, what we recited at school, by Bishara Khouri (Alakhtal Alsageer, 1885-1968);

...نحن الشباب لنا الغدُ  
نحن الشباب لنا الغدُ  
ومجدهُ المخلدُ  
نحن الشباب  
شعارنا على الزمن...عاش الوطن، عاش الوطن.



لنا يَدُ والعملُ.. لنا الغدُ والعملُ  
نحن الشباب

In English:

‘We, the Young, have tomorrow... We the Young have tomorrow...  
And its glory is eternal, we are the Young.  
Our motto in all time, is; Long live the homeland... Long live the homeland.  
We have hands and work to be done...  
We have tomorrow and work to be done...  
We are the young’.

But what sums it all up is Abulatahiya, again, which tends to agree with Rotary’s approach to Youth;

علمتُ يا مجاشعُ بنَ مسعدةٍ  
أنَّ الشبابَ والفرَّاحَ والجدَّةَ  
مُفسِدَةٌ للمرءِ أيِّ مفسِدَةٍ.

In English:

‘I have learnt, my friend, that Youthfulness, Leisure, and Opulence...  
Are corruptive spoilers of a person, oh how corruptive’.

And through Rotary’s programs for Youth we aim to prevent the risks Abulatahiya is warning us against, FOR A BETTER TOMORROW!!



# DID YOU KNOW?

## *THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE*

***BY RTN/CHAIRPERSON LAMEES ALHASSAR***

### **DID YOU KNOW? MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, “Of course I’m a member of Rotary International.” But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be technically wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International! The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The constitutional documents of R.I. state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. Over 30,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International. A Rotary club is composed of persons with the appropriate qualifications of good character and reputation, a business or professional classification and who serve in an executive or managerial capacity. The Rotarian belongs to a club- the club belongs to Rotary International. This technical distinction is not obvious or even known to most Rotarians and seldom does it create any problems or complications. It does explain, however, why the Rotary International Board of Directors places expectations upon and extends privileges to Rotary clubs, rather than to individual Rotarians. If someone asks if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, “No, I belong to a Rotary club.” But I doubt if anyone would understand the difference, or, in fact, would really care.

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# Have You Registered?

**Rotary District 2452  
8<sup>th</sup> Conference  
Manama, Bahrain  
June 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**REGISTER**

**NOW!**

**Click Here To Register**

# The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



## Rotary Club of Manama

RCM had its third social evening in British Club. Rotarians, Rotaracts, and guests had a very nice get together before Ramadan. President Marjan returned the Rotaract COVID Basket of Joy to the Rotaractors on behalf of RCM for their above self service in collaborating for Ramadan Boxes and Art for Autism fund raising event.



RCM collaboration with the Rotaracts for Ramadan Boxes distribution of 1500 boxes to families in need for year 2020-2021.



Art for Autism, a fund raising event arranged by Rotaract Bahrain and supported by RCM was launched on April 24th under the patronage of District Governor Mazen Alumran.

An art exhibit combining works of established and upcoming artists in Bahrain would be on display from the 24th of April for two weeks and all the proceeds would go

towards supporting development of our local autistic communities.

## The Goals of the Rotaracts Are:

- ◆ To Contribute to the physical, mental and emotional development of autistic community in Bahrain.
- ◆ To develop a sustainable initiative which creates awareness in our community about Autism.
- ◆ Assist in the integration of our autistic brothers and sisters into the general workforce.



# The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



## Rotary Club Of Salmaniya



The Rotary Club of Salmaniya arranged 630 Ramadan food boxes to be distributed to needy families this month. Each box contains important food items that will be enough for one family for a duration of 2-3 weeks. With the help of Almutazah Market in Isa Town the boxes were dispatched to 22 societies and 630 families on Monday the 12th of April 2021.



# RC Salmaniya and Manama Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program

◆ Rotary International and Toastmaster International have agreed on a strategic alliance to mutually benefit their members in personal and professional development.

◆ The Rotary Club of Salmaniya arranged a similar alliance with the Manama Toastmasters Club in Bahrain by co-organizing the first virtual Youth Leadership Program (YLP).

◆ This is the first YLP jointly arranged with Manama Toastmasters this year covering 6 high schools participating with 4 students each.

◆ The program is expected to generate a great impact on youth communications & leadership.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** **MANAMA TOASTMASTERS CLUB** **ROTARY CLUB OF SALMANIYA**

**Session # 6**  
**GESTURES**  
**IN SPEAKING**

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**April 6th 2021**  
**5 -7 pm local Bahrain time**

Zoom Meeting ID: 231 097 1059  
Passcode: YLP1



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# The District 2452 Club News - Cyprus



## Rotary Club of Paphos Aphrodite



“Paphos-Aphrodite Rotary Club is having an art sale to raise funds for Shelterbox and also the Intensive Care Unit of the Makarios Children’s Hospital in Nicosia. The wife of one of the members is Elham Razani, an extremely talented artist from Iran. She has chosen several of her paintings and will offer 20% of the sale price to this project. Please find more information on the website **www.paphosrotaryartsale.com** and take a look at her beautiful paintings.”

[Click Here To View](http://www.paphosrotaryartsale.com)





# The District 2452 Club News - Georgia

## Rotary Club of Tbilisi Ambassador

February 23rd is an important day for every Rotarian around the world.

On February 23, 2021, the members of “Rotary Club Tbilisi Ambassador” celebrated the 116th anniversary of Rotary International with an interesting event, which was held at the gallery “ARTTENT”. The jubilee meeting was attended by club members, club membership candidates and invited guests. Club members gave presentations to the guests about the core values of Rotary, the activities carried out by the club and future plans.

The participants of the meeting, with the involvement of famous Georgian artists, took part in an art project and created a jubilee picture dedicated to the 116th anniversary of the Rotary.



# The District 2452 Club News - Georgia

## Rotary Club of Tbilisi Academia

◆ Club members participated in 3 on-line meetings discussing various projects, most important of which is the prospective Global Grant project of Dr I. Barbakadze regarding training of caregivers, trainers, volunteers engaged in taking care of children with autism syndrome. The project will speed up their recovery, even if partial and will save means for rehabilitation of a greater number of such children.

◆ In one of the meetings a Rotarian from a club in California participated who declared her club's readiness to act as a leading partner in the Global Grant project. The outline of the project was already sent to this club and to the District.

◆ Smaller projects were discussed, like preparing a gift of books for the Public Library which will distribute them to the regions. Stickers are ready with inscription "From Rotary Club of Tbilisi Academia" and a Rotarian wheel on it.

◆ Club members participated in various club meetings in the District (like Salmaniya club, Bahrain)

# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



## Rotary Club of Tripoli-Maarad

With the support of the French clubs and with the initiative of the Rotary Club Beirut Metropolitan, the Rotary Club of Tripoli Maarad and the Rotary Club of Tripoli Cosmopolis provided various medical equipment, including electric beds and medical masks for the Tripoli Governmental Hospital.

The general director of the Tripoli Governmental Hospital, Mr. Nasser Adra thanked the two Rotary clubs in particular and the Rotarians in general. All thanks to the clubs contributing to this work.



# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



## Rotary Club of Tripoli El-Mina

Distribution of food boxes, gloves, and masks by Rotary Club of Tripoli El Mina in collaboration with Rotaract and Interact El Mina clubs to needy families and elderly houses of Christian Orthodox Righteousness Association and the House of Al-Akarem affiliated by the Islamic Makarem Al-Akhlak Association in Mina.

Many thanks to Rotary Club Beirut Cedars, Los Angeles Cedars Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in Lebanon that have sponsored this action through the Food Boxes initiative, and also to the International Club Committee between Lebanon and Germany that have sponsored this action through the masks and the gloves initiative.



# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club of Tyre Europa

RC Tyre Europa, President and Members visited the City Town Prison, and agreed with the Commander to provide the prison with a Water Filtration system. RCTE offered masks and detergents.



RC Tyre Europa, President Iman Jaffal, PE dr. Hazem el Khalil, PP Huda Hachem Baydoun, Chair committee Basma Takieddine with Rotaract of Tyre, President Mohamad Fakhoury and members celebrate the \*Earth's Day\* by planting Carobs trees at Sour Public Forest by the Lebanese University; having cleaned the park previously with the help of the UNIFIL.

# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

## Zone 21B Video Competition / Power of Goodness

Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations District 2452 for contributing to the success of this event!  
12 clubs out of 58 have participated to the Zone 21B video competition.

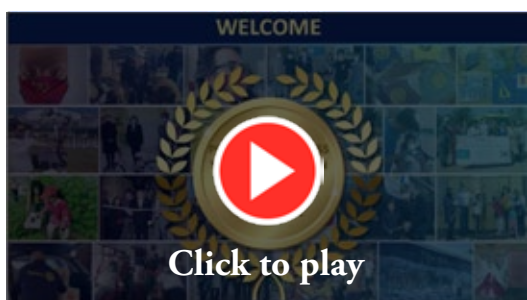
RC's: Amman Cosmopolitan (Jordan), Batroun (Lebanon), Beirut Cadmos (Lebanon), Beirut Cedars (Lebanon), Beirut Metropolitan (Lebanon), Chtaura Bekaa (Lebanon), Dubai (UAE), Jumeira (UAE), Metn (Lebanon), Paphos Aphrodite (Cyprus), Seef Bahrain (Bahrain), Tripoli Maarad (Lebanon).

Four videos were shortlisted among the first 11,  
Rotary clubs of Beirut Cadmos, Beirut Cedars, Beirut Metropolitan from Lebanon.  
Rotary club of Dubai from UAE.

And most important, the first prize winner went to **Rotary Club of Beirut Cadmos from Lebanon!!!**

Our District participation in the Power of Goodness Video Competition and the efforts of the clubs have given an excellent opportunity for us Rotarians, to tell the world our humble contribution to our local communities and beyond, and letting the world know how Rotarians' humble dedication in service above self-make the world a better place.

**N.B you will find below the recording of the event!** **As well as the link to watch all videos**



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### Zone 21B Rotary Public Image Team



RPIC Nijad Zone 21B    ARPIC Altan D2420, 2430, 2440    ARPIC May D2452    ARPIC Emil D2482    ARPIC Velimir D2483    ARPIC Mari D2484, 2470    PRPIC/PDG Gunes Team Consultant

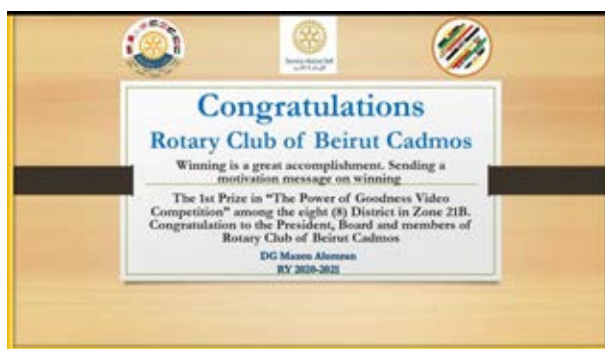
We know No Boundaries,  
 We reach out,  
 We are People of Action!

# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

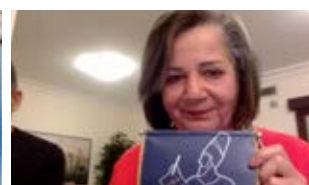
## Rotary Club of Beirut Cadmos

Rotary Club Beirut Cadmos of District 2452 was awarded “The Power of Goodness” video competition being the First Place for year 2021. This award is the collectivity of many forces joined together internally to put service above self in front. No one cares who gets the credits by doing good for the community, rather putting a smile on people’s face and delivering the main goal behind every initiative. All our social services were based on the seven areas of focus of Rotary International. We responded voluntarily to every crisis that happened during that period in order to make an impact on people who are in need.

Thank you for awarding our club and we look forward to sustain the same momentum of service above self in the years to come.



**President Francis Allard**  
Rotary Club Champs Elysées



**PP Samar Salman**  
Rotary Club Beirut Cadmos



# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club of Beirut Metropolitan



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Together we're STRONG



What happened this Valentine's Day in Lebanon?

If for lay people Valentine's consists in offering red roses or a box of chocolate, this February 14, Rotarians from 28 RC in Lebanon showed their love of Service Above Self by offering medical material from 2x40' containers received from France:

- RC Tours Plumereau D1720 and
- RC Paray Le Monial et Charolais D1750 to Hospitals, dispensaries and needy people.



بعد وقوع انفجار مرفأ بيروت الكارثي، تداعت أندية الروتاري في لبنان لمشكلة خلية عمل لا تبدأ.

وباشرت كل منها في الاتصال بالجهات المانحة لتأمين ما يلزم من مساعدات، سواء أكان للعائلات المحتاجة والمتضررة جراء الانفجار، أو للمدارس والمستشفيات.

ومن هذه المبادرات ما قام به نادي بيروت متروبوليتان، الذي تواصل مع رئيس نادي PLUMERAU FRANCE السيد روبير الشدياق الذي بدوره قام بالاتصال بالاندية والجهات المانحة ما نتج عنه تأمين عشرة أطنان من المعدات الطبية.

أصدر نادي متروبوليتان على ان هذه الهيئة ستكون هبة لجميع الاندية الروتارية في لبنان متحدة، والبالغ عددها 28 ناديا، وان العمل كمجموعة سيكتب له حتما النجاح. هذا فضلا عن شموليته ليطال ليس فقط العاصمة بيروت بل كل أرجاء الوطن.

وقد تم توزيع هذه المعدات واللوازم الطبية على مراحل كان آخرها يوم السبت الواقع فيه 13 شباط 2021.

واستفاد من هذا العمل الجبار كل من المستشفيات التالية: الروم، الجعيتاوي، المركز الطبي للجامعة اللبنانية الاميريكية ( رزق )، بيروت الحكومي (الكرنتينا)، جمعية ARC EN CIEL، دار المسنين المنصورية، جمعية St Vincent de PAUL، الدفاع المدني، السجون، كلية بكفتين، وغيرها من المؤسسات والجمعيات والمنظمات غير الحكومية ودور العجزة ومؤسسات رعاية الاطفال ومستشفيات أخرى في المناطق.

وقد بلغت كلفة الهيئة 100.000 يورو تم جمعها من الاندية الفرنسية وبهمة مجموعة من الأطباء واللبنانيين المغتربين.

إن هذه المبادرة ما كانت لتتم لولا الايادي البيضاء والخيرين في:

District 1720 - Rotary Club Tours Plumereau

RC Paray Le Monial et Charolais - District 1750 Bourgogne et Champagne

كما والشكر يعود لشركة CMA CGM للسفريات والتي قدمت خدمة الشحن من مرسيليا الى بيروت.

وكل من ساهم من قريب او بعيد في إنجاح هذا المشروع ووضع حيز التنفيذ.

نعم انه الروتاري نعم انه العطاء الذي لا حدود له والذي لا يعجز بين انسان وآخر او منطقة وأخرى.

وسيقف الروتاري المؤسسة الرائدة في العمل التطوعي المجاني شعارها: الخدمة فوق الذات

## عشرة اطنان من المعدات الطبية من أندية الروتاري في لبنان للمستشفيات والمنظمات غير الحكومية بقيمة 100.000 يورو.



## TEN TONS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM ROTARY CLUBS IN LEBANON TO HOSPITALS AND NGOS, WORTH 100,000 EUROS .



After the disastrous explosion of the Port of Beirut, the Rotary Clubs in Lebanon came together to form a restless work cell. Each of them began to contact donors to secure the necessary aid whether for families in need, or for schools and hospitals .

Among these initiatives, the Rotary Club of Beirut Metropolitan contacted the president of PLUMERAU FRANCE, Mr. Robert Chidiac, who in turn contacted the clubs and donors in France, resulting in the provision of ten tons of medical equipment .

The Rotary Club of Beirut Metropolitan insisted that this donation/fundraising should be extended to all the 28 Rotary clubs currently present in Lebanon. Working as a group would inevitably be successful in order to reach not only the capital Beirut, but also all parts of the country .

The medical equipment and supplies were distributed in stages, the last one being on Saturday, February 13, 2021 .

The hospitals that benefited from this tremendous work: Roum, Jeitaoui, Lebanese American University Medical Center (Rizk), Beirut Governmental Hospital (Karantina), ARC EN CIEL Association, Mansouriya Elderly Home, St Vincent de PAUL Association, Civil Defense, Prisons Bikften College, and other institutions, associations, non-governmental organizations, nursing homes, childcare institutions and district hospitals.

The value of the donation amounted to 100,000 euros, collected from French clubs, doctors and Lebanese expatriates .

This initiative would not have taken place without District 1720 - Rotary Club Tours Plumereau RC Paray Le Monial et Charolais; and District 1750 Bourgogne et Champagne

A special thanks also goes to CMA CGM Travel, which provided shipping services from Marseille to Beirut, and everyone who contributed from near or far to the success of this project and its implementation .

Yes, it is the Rotary. Yes, it is the tender that has no limits and does not distinguish between one person and another or one region and another. Rotary will remain the leading institution in free volunteer work with its motto: Service Above Self.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS

In addition, to all the above, 4000 masks were donated to the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities to be distributed to the members of the Civil Defense and for the Prisoners.



بيروت في 14 شباط 2021

جانب وزارة الداخلية والشباب اللبنانية  
معشراً بمعدلي الوزير العبيد محمد مهدي العطرير.

لجنة روتارية طبية وبعد.

في ظل أزمة كورونا العنيفة التي ألمت بوطننا الحبيب لبنان.

جلنا اليوم في كتابنا هذا، لتحييتكم علماً بأن جميع أقفحة الروتاري في لبنان مجتمعاً، أرسلت لتقديم طرد يتوزي على /1000/ قناع قائل للغسل Washable masks . وذلك كهدية للدفاع المدني والسجون أيام استخدامها للمساعدة على الوقاية من الفيروس المتفشى القاتل.

ندعم في صحة وعافية والوطن الساهرة للحداية ووطننا الحبيب لبنان.

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# The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



## Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan / Beirut Center

RC Beirut Cosmopolitan received hospital beds and equipment from France, therefore RC Beirut Center was able to donate 2 hospital beds and Covid-19 masks to the Abey Medical Care Center, as well as a wheelchair and a walking stick to the Jamiyyat Al Tofol Wal Umm.



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## Rotary Club of Beirut Center

Due to the drastic economic situation in Lebanon, the RC Beirut Center is distributing every month food boxes to needy people of Beirut through Al Gina Association and Paroisse St. Maroun Gemayze.

افطار رمضاني لنادي روتاري بيروت سنتر  
بمناسبة شهر الخير والبركة قدم نادي روتاري بيروت سنتر ٣٥٠ وجبة افطار للعائلات المحتاجة بالتعاون مع جمعية الغنى.





# *The Last Word*

*Rtn. Renuka Nambiar, Editor*

I am constantly amazed, how fast time flies. We are in the penultimate month of this very challenging Rotary year, a year with so many hurdles in our way, yet we have managed to come out tops.

May is the month of Rotary Focus on Youth Services. No group has been more challenged than the youth during this crisis period. We in Rotary should focus on how to reintegrate the youth into the new normal, from school children to young adults. They should be given the opportunity to articulate their needs and ideas. We also need to focus on their mental health by supporting them in psychosocial activities that help them overcome the impact of the restrictions placed on them.

.....and now for the befitting end to this year. We hope all of you are set to attend the District conference from June 10th to 12th, either physically or virtually.

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***“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. The point is none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give,”***

***-Steve Goodier***