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Kingdom of Bahrain



RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

June 2021 - Message

In January 2020, when I announced my presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, and spoke of the changes that Rotary needed to embrace, none of us had any idea how quickly change would arrive. But I am a longtime believer in seeing challenges as opportunities. This year, we seized new opportunities to reimagine what Rotary could be. For years, we had discussed ways to make Rotary flexible and adaptable, and we had tried a few experiments. This year, we all experimented — and succeeded! Online meetings are a regular fixture now as clubs invite guests from across the globe.

Susanne and I love to meet members of the family of Rotary around the world, and we've missed seeing you in person over the past year. But for me, it was a new way of experiencing Rotary. We traveled the world virtually. I definitely met thousands more of you than I would have otherwise. I never set foot in my office in Evanston as president, yet we found new ways to get the job done while cutting travel costs.

This is the Rotary we experienced in 2020-21: nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.

We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere.

I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals. Let's keep going

in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that Rotary Opens Opportunities. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

Susanne and I are thankful for all the opportunities to serve the organization during this special year, a year of finding new meaning in Service Above Self. We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what Service Above Self means for Rotarians.

There are so many opportunities waiting for us that will help us change the world. Let's seize them together and get ready to open doors to achieving greater things. And as we open these doors to new ideas, our minds and our hearts also open. Remember that everything we do in Rotary opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.



Holger Knaack

President - 2020-2021, Rotary International.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

DG MAZEN ALUMRAN 2020-2021

Fellow Rotarians,

The month of May has been designated by Rotary International to be that for “Youth for Service”.

In Rotary’s Literature you would come across how Rotary values developing the next generation of leaders. This belief has been turned into action by developing programmes that helped younger leaders build leadership skills, broadened their horizons, expanded their knowledge and education and most important of all, learned the Value of Service. Our Interact and Rotaract clubs all worked towards fulfilling this objective, so did the RYLA awards.

Youth Programs and COVID-19

Work together to
**explore
flexible options**

Devote this time to
**strengthen
your program**

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Holger Khanbek | RI Press/ISRC | 2020-05-24



One always, hears, “Youth is the Future”, but what have we done about it?

In my RYLA opening speech, I quoted **Frank D Roosevelt** who once said, “**we cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future**”.

How true this is, sometimes what the future holds can elude us, but a well prepared youth can face anything.

Rotary has always been proud of its Clubs and programmes for Youth.

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary

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The Interact Clubs, brought together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills, while discovering the power of Service above Self.

This worked locally and across borders by connecting these young people to service-minded community leaders in the community, that helped them locally to be of service to their communities or internationally, through exchange programmes to discover new cultures, promote international understanding and broaden their horizons.

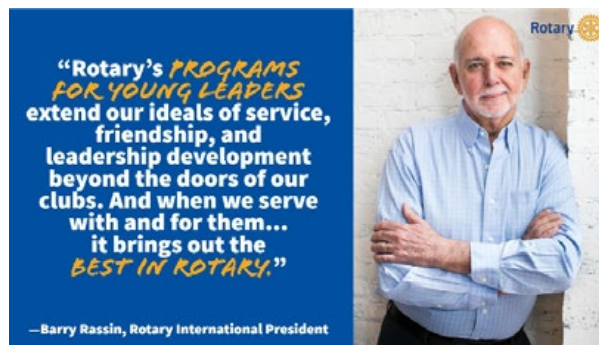
As it has been difficult to travel or interact in face-to-face settings due to Covid-19 restrictions over the past year, this limited the activities of the Interact Clubs but a lot of attention has been given to our Rotaract Clubs.



Our Rotaract Clubs across our District, which were designed for our youth who are 18 years and above, provided opportunities for our youth to develop leadership skills, to make friends, to create positive change in their lives while getting involved in projects that served their Communities, even while participating on-line.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) programme ran on the same line. This leadership programme for young adults of the ages of 14-30 years, was coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the World, to train youth in leadership skills, character and personal development and good citizenship.

It provided an opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their communities and beyond, but it also brought new energy to the Rotary District, inspired ideas for service, increased support for community service and developed future Rotarians.



It was important to note how publicly recognizing and commending the work of young people rendering services to their communities, acted as a great motivator and brought purpose to our youth.

So, we have been striving to arm our youth with leadership skills to face whatever the future brings.

Skills like problem solving, conflict management, effective communication. Add to that developing their characters, building self-esteem, self-confidence and

enlightening them to the fundamentals of good community service and global citizenship.



In summary, how were we trying to prepare our Youth?

Other than what they learn in their own homes, schools and community clubs, we as Rotarians should try to make sure we have played our role in preparing potential leaders to be of service to their World.

President Holger Knaack said....“to be prepared for the future, Rotary must continue to be revolutionary and must believe in the power of Youth.”



The future of the World belongs to the Youth of the world.

So as the future of the world belongs to the youth of the world, let us strive to **make sure they are well prepared** to make, **“The World a better place.”**

DG Mazen Alumran

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**Rotary District 2452
8th Conference
Manama, Bahrain
June 10th to 12th, 2021**

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ROTARY DISTRICT 2452 8TH CONFERENCE

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

10TH TO 12TH JUNE 2021

SPEAKERS

First Plenary Session: Young Generation & Youth



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Second Plenary Session: Supporting Environment / Water and Sanitation



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Third Plenary Session: Women Empowerment



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Fourth Plenary Session: Disease Prevention and Treatment



H.E. DR. MARYAM AL JALAHMA
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Fifth Plenary Session: Economy & Community Development



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Sixth Plenary Session: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution



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Seventh Plenary Session: Economy & Community Development



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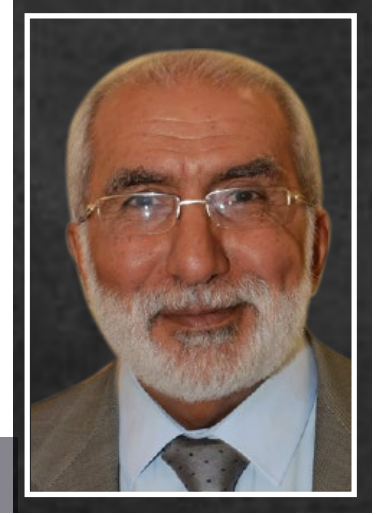


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JUNE WORDS OF WISDOM!



BY PDG EMAD ALMOAYED

This, you will be pleased to know, is my last Rotary Words of Wisdom!!

June is Rotary's Fellowship Month, and the timing couldn't have been more appropriate in view of what our District has recently endured.

Early Islamic poet Hassaan ibn Thabit (554- 674 AD) says;

أَخِلَاءُ الرَّجَالِ هُمْ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنْ فِي الْبَلَاءِ هُمْ قَلِيلٌ
فَلَا تَغُرُّكَ خَلَّةٌ مَنْ تَوَاضَى فَمَا لَكَ عِنْدَ نَائِبَةِ خَلِيلٍ
وَكُلُّ أَخٍ يَقُولُ أَنَا وَفِيَّ وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يَقُولُ
سِوَى خَلٍّ لَهُ حَسَبٌ وَدِينٌ فَذَلِكَ لِمَا يَقُولُ هُوَ الْفَعُولُ

In English;

One's fellows are many, but during calamities they are few.

Do not be deceived by apparent brotherhood, for in times of troubles friends are scarce.

And every brother says; I am loyal. But he does not do what he has undertaken to. Except a friend of honor and decency, for he honors his promises.

Imam Alshafi'i (767- 820 AD), said;

فَمَا أَكْثَرَ الْأَصْحَابِ حِينَ تَعُدُّهُمْ وَلَكِنَّهُمْ فِي النَّائِبَاتِ قَلِيلٌ

In English;

Oh, how many are the friends when you count them, but they are few in times of trouble.

And he also, apparently, said;

سلاّمٌ على الدنيا إذا لم يكن بها صديقٌ صدوقٌ صادق الوعد منصفاً

In English; Bid farewell to the world, if it has no honest friend, who is trustworthy.

Saleh Abdulkaddous (8th century AD), says;

يعطيك من طرف اللسانِ حلاوةً ويروغُ منك كما يروغُ الثعلبُ

In English;

He gives you sweetness from the tip of his tongue, and swerves away from you like a fox.

The ‘calamity’ I am referring to that our District endured in the month of May, obviously, is the carpet-bombing Palestine was subjected to by their ‘land usurpers’, leaving hundreds of Palestinian men, women, and children, killed, maimed or orphaned.

The fellowship, friendship, and brotherly love we share with the Palestinians, our District members, call on us to rise, and lend a hand, some funds, and necessary assistance, just like we put our hands together to offer some help to our Lebanese brothers when they needed help last August.

Morally, we also need to let the world know, through our distinguished world-wide network of clubs and decent Rotarians that;

Palestinian Lives Matter

We realise, of course, that we are an apolitical organization, and we always try to stay away from politics.

Palestine, however, is not politics, it is a human tragedy the whole world has belatedly awakened to.

So, lets use our District and international fellowships, to help Palestine, for there is no better cause, and Palestine, to yours truly, at least, resembles Life itself.

Love you all.
Salam.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BY RTN/CHAIRPERSON LAMEES ALHASSAR

DID YOU KNOW? THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S BEGINNING

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning. In 1917 R.I. President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that “it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world.” The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the “Rotary Endowment Fund,” as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II. In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering “understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations.” By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received. It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$40 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain

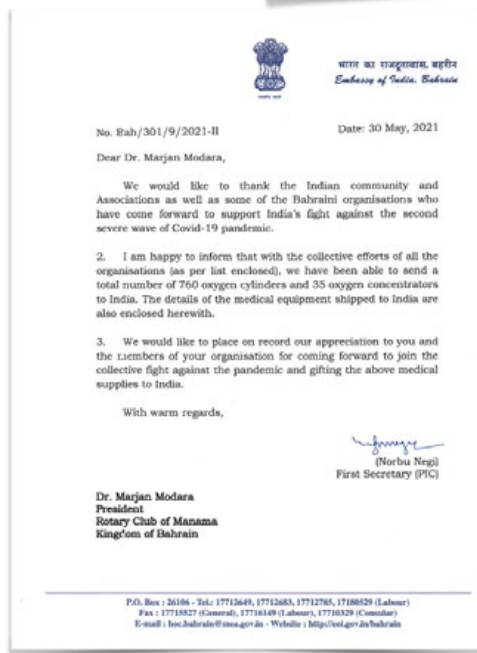


Rotary Club of Manama

The Indian Embassy reached out to RCM for contributions toward purchase of Oxygen Cylinders due to urgent need of support in India due to the outbreak of COVID pandemic. An announcement was made to the members and a total BD 5200/- was immediately raised towards the cause.

The Board met the Indian Ambassador in the Kingdom of Bahrain during which HE thanked RCM for their generous contribution.

RCM contributes oxygen cylinders to India



Rotary Club of Manama (RCM) Board of Directors met with Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, who in return thanked the Club for their generous contribution of BD5,200 to provide oxygen cylinder and medical supplies in India in their fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19). Founded in 1965, RCM consists of 58 members who have been actively participating and organising key community projects for the past five decades, with the focus on meeting towards societal and international needs. The Club forms part of Rotary International which is the largest service club organisation and includes over 1.2 million members. Above, from left, incoming President Royant Marjan Modara, Ambassador Srivastava, Past President Bob Thaker and Treasurer Renuka Ravindra

The incoming board of RCM met with the Head of Bahrain Sickle Cell Society, Mr. Zakaria Kadhem to discuss a mutual collaboration to serve the community.



It is RCM Boards pleasure to announce the launch of its new logo and the formation of the first Manama Youth Satellite Club with 12 members in the Kingdom of Bahrain and District 2452.

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NEW SATELLITE CLUB
Established - 21 May 2021



Rotary Club of Manama is happy to announce the formation of RCM's and the District 2452's first Satellite Club under the name of "Satellite Club of Manama Youth". It has been admitted to Rotary International with the ID number 22228.

We are very happy and privileged to establish this Club, an achievement, as per one of RI President Holger's key messages and our District 2452 Governor Mazen Alumn'an's message for the Clubs in 2020-2021 to expand Rotary members by creating satellite clubs.



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club Of Salmaniya

Rotary Club of Salmaniya and Rotaract Bahrain came together to distribute T-shirts and caps to Bahrain Deaf Society. Rotaract Club of Bahrain VP and IP Tanimia contributed the sum of BD 140 towards buying those T-shirts and Caps.



Al Jazira has kindly donated 25 food boxes as an in-kind donation towards the Rotary Club of Salmaniya sponsorship cause "Helping Hands". The Club has donated the boxes to Al Sanabel Orphans Care Society.



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain



Rotary Club Of Seef

At the end of the holy month of Ramadan, the Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain, represented by the club's president, Osama Mohammed Muein, and the incoming president, Muhammad Al-Khajjah, met with Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed, Secretary-General of the Royal Charity Foundation, where they talked about work developments in this new club, which includes an elite of Bahraini youth and people who work through it to serve Bahrain in the community sectors in need of these services, and they also wished to convey greetings and Wishing everyone good health and happiness to His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs Chairman Board of Trustees of the Royal Foundation for Humanitarian Action. On this occasion, the club donated an amount of one thousand dinars to contribute to covering the needs and buying gifts for a number of orphaned children who are sponsored by the Foundation on the occasion of the blessed Eid Al-Fitr, with a promise to continue cooperation between the club and the Royal Charity Organization. The Secretary-General, Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed, thanked the Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain

for this initiative, wishing success for the club and its members, and welcoming this initiative.



The District 2452 Club News - Georgia

Rotary Club Of Tbilisi Academia

In APRIL club members met for two online meetings. At both, an important Global Grant project was discussed, corrections were introduced and up-to-date achievements were shared. Two clubs promised help - one in Cyprus, another in US. Besides that at the second meeting, members discussed future visit (on 19th May) of a prominent American Rotarian K. Pierce who will participate in an online club meeting and will speak about his club's participation in the above mentioned GG club project.

Club's board is also occupied with club membership extension which has become very problematic during this Covid19 period.

Rotary Club Of Tbilisi International

There were 2 regular club meetings in April.

◆ There was a discussion about "Peace Palls" international project and preparation for it. In this process Rotaractors take an active part.

◆ On-line meeting was held with project sponsor, president of a RC in US and with District Governor. There was also a discussion of a future visit of a Rotaractor from US and on his participation as a guest-speaker.

The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club of Beirut Center



RC Beirut Center donated medical equipments to Quarantina Governmental Hospital through cash donation from Tripoli Association of Atlanta



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Beirut Cedars

Rotary Distributes 90 Oxygen Generators

In its mission of people of action to support the Lebanese hospitals and its population, the Rotary Club Beirut Cedars represented by its president P. Hagop Dantziguian provided Oxygen concentrators to different NGOs since the beginning of the year 2021.

Wishing to support this Lebanese project, the President of Rotary Club Tours Plumerau of Lebanese Origins, P. Robert Chidiac decided to call for help from his colleagues in France.

District 1720, the Inter Country Committee France-Lebanon and clubs of Loches, Colmar Bartholdi, Vesoul, Dijon Cote d'Or, Beaune, Dijon Bourgogne, Dijon Ducs de Bourgogne, Bayonne Biarritz Anglet, Chalon Bourgogne Niepce et Club Saintes answered the call.

40 additional Oxygen Generators have been sent to Lebanon and distributed on Tuesday, 4th May at Farra Design Center in Mkalles to the total of 27 clubs in Lebanon listed below. This increased the number of Oxygen Concentrators supplied by Rotary Club Beirut Cedars to Lebanon to 90 since the beginning of the pandemic.

These units will be shortly handed over to more than 28 dispensers and institutions in Lebanon to help the entire country fight COVID-19. Beneficiaries are Ajjalouna Association - Tripoli, Batroun Ozanam Clinic, Darb El Sama - Sahel Alma, Dar Al Ajaza of Madinet Riadyeh Dispensaries of Abey, Ain Saadeh, Betir El Chouf, Brotherhood of the Sad Mother, Mazraat Yachouh, Nabay, St. Antoine Greek Catholic, Ter Harfa, Federation of Saida El Zahrani Municipalities, Hammana Civil Defense, Islamic Charitable Society, Primary Health Care Center, Karagheusian Center, Kfarmatta Medical Center, Municipalities of Aley, Babliyah, Bechmezzine, Bhamdoun, Byblos, Mtayleb, Zgharta Ehden, Nabatieh Medical Assistance, Righteous Orthodox Christian Society in El Mina, Shalifa Shelter, Tripoli Governmental Hospital and Women's

Volunteer Committee - Sahel Alma.

Rotary Clubs of Aley, Aley West, Baabda, Batroun, Beirut Cadmos, Beirut Cedars, Beirut Center, Beirut Hills Ashrafieh, Beyrouth, Byblos Jbeil, Chouf, Chtaura Bekaa Gate, Hammana Upper Metn, Kesrouan, Koura, Metn, Metn Gate, Sahel Metn, Saida, Tripoli, Tripoli Cosmopolis, Tripoli El Mina, Tripoli Maarad, Tyre Europa, Zahle Bekaa and Zgharta Zawieh would like to thank the Rotary Community for making this happen.

Furthermore, Rotary Club of Beirut Cedars would like to express its gratitude to the Lebanese Armed Forces who allowed the fast clearance of the medical material to be supplied to the population in the shortest times.

Learn more about about us at www.rcbeirutcedars.org

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The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon



Rotary Club Of Tripoli

In light of the compelling economic conditions, and on the occasion of the Glorious Easter and the blessed month of Ramadan, the Rotary Beirut Cedars Club, in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Tripoli, Tripoli - Al-Mina, Tripoli - Maarad and Tripoli - Cosmopolis, initiated the distribution of food boxes to families from Tripoli and Mina and to members and volunteers of the Civil Defense in the city Tripoli.

These food boxes were funded by the Rotary Club of Los Angeles-Cedars, and other Rotary clubs from around the world, as part of the “Feed The Hungry” initiative of the Rotary Club Beirut Cedars which began last year.

The distribution took place at the Tennis court of the “Union Sportive” in the presence of Presidents Hagop Dantzgian (Rotary Club Beirut Cedars) Randa Zaouk (Rotary Club of Tripoli) Bishara Habib (Rotary Club of Tripoli El Mina) Nasser Chahal (Rotary Club of Tripoli-Maarad) and Past President Rym Dada Housseini (Rotary Club of Tripoli-Cosmopolis), along with many Rotarians, Rotaract and Interact club members, and Civil Defense volunteers.

On this occasion, the Rotary Clubs thank all the contributors in supporting their social and charitable projects, especially the expatriates, and hope that they will be able to continue their donations in the service of society, for “God loves the cheerful giver”.





The Last Word

Rtn. Renuka Nambiar, Editor

“The only constant is Change”

We have seen change and how!

Our superbly planned conference showcasing Bahrain in all its glory, now - has to go Virtual. We had to give up the glitz and the glamour but we have retained the best part of the Conference, our Speaker Panels. Do register to hear an array of, some of the best, Speakers.

It is time for another change, I will be handing over the baton of being the editor of the District Newsletter to DGE Ashot Karapetyan's team . It has been quite a journey and such a pleasure interacting with the PR of all the nine countries in the District. The fellowship we Rotarians share is next only to the joy of Community Service.

The Rotary focus this month is Fellowship... What better month to end this year, than on a note of fellowship!

Adios Fellow Rotarians!

*“When we are no longer able to change a situation – we
are challenged to change ourselves”*

-Viktor E. Frankl