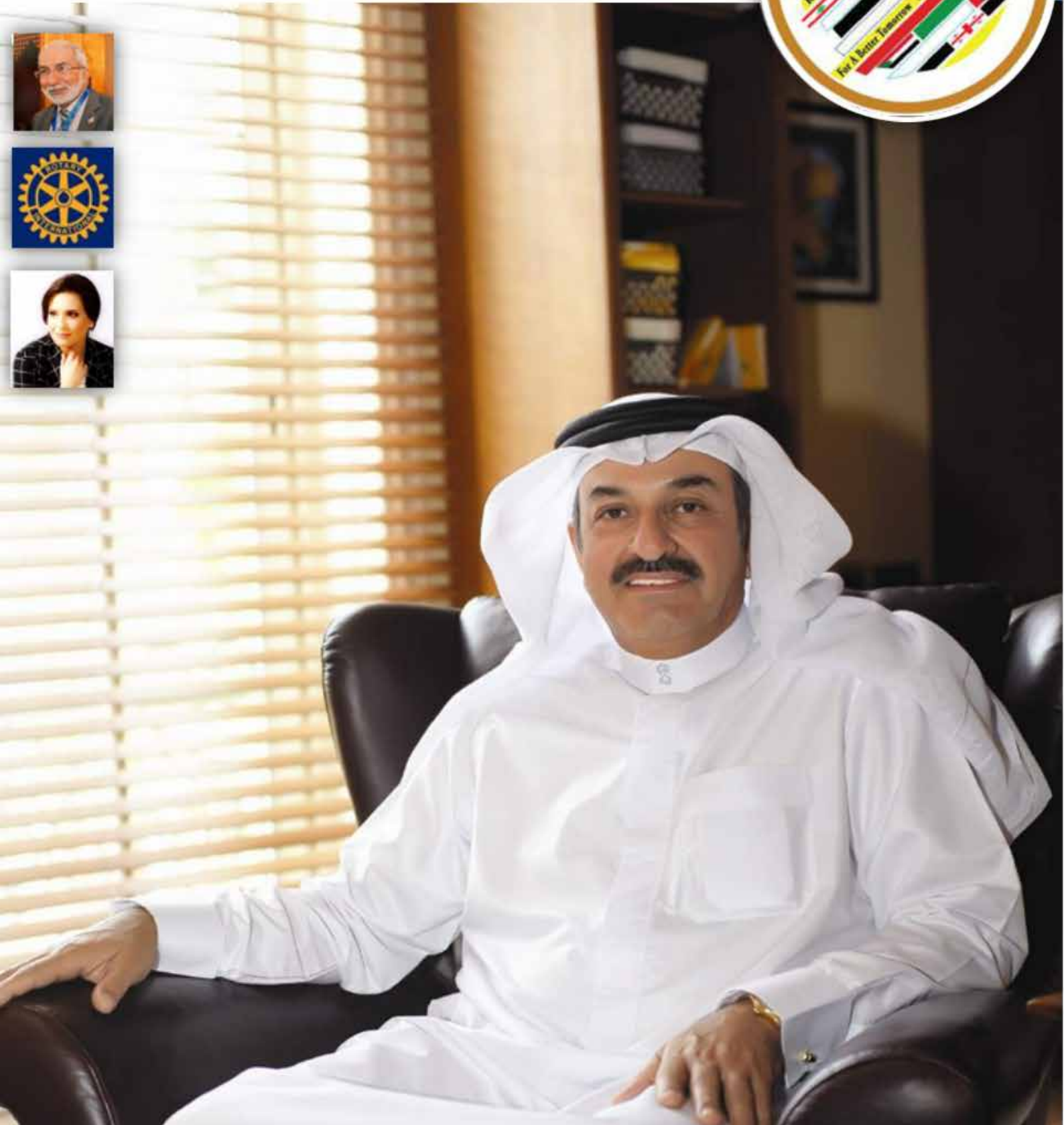
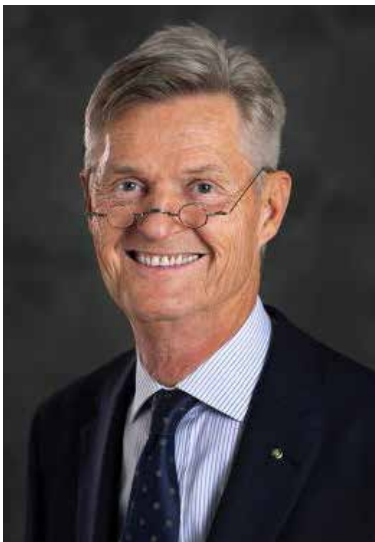


DISTRICT 2452

Monthly Newsletter





RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

November 2020 - Message

We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them.

The RI Board of Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming

and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want and need. The selection of Jennifer E. Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23 — the first woman to lead our organization — is another step in this direction.

At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali — who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards alumna and past president of the Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia — offers her perspective.

I still remember the relief I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem.

Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city, and in every person. How do we root it out?

As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently.

We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make?

I made a heartbreaking choice between Rotary and my religion when a Rotary convention was held during Ramadan. I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter? Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse Rotary.

We already connect so many people across the world. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride. That's the future of Rotary I want to see: one where we are unstoppable in our service, relentless in our kindness, and intentional in the change we want to see.

Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures, and opportunities — and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models. It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club. Rotary Opens Opportunities through diversity.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

DG MAZEN ALUMRAN 2020-2021



Dear Rotarians,

The Month of October 2020 designated by Rotary International as that for Economic and Community Development. It is also been selected to deal with Healthcare and Polio Eradication. While we celebrate October 24th as World Polio day, it is good to bear in mind that Rotary International has played a vital role in raising awareness to help eradicate Polio for over 35 years.

Economic and Community Development

Nelson Mandela once said, “Overcoming Poverty is not a gesture of charity, it is an act of justice.”

According to Rotary international, there are nearly 800 million people who live on less than \$1.90 a day. Therefore, providing ‘Sustainable Solutions’ to Poverty in impoverished communities is a vital cause that Rotary has taken upon itself.

The idea is to strive to Create Opportunities to help individuals and communities to thrive financially and socially.

How has it been done?

Rotarians have looked into areas of need and developed sustainable ways of assistance. For example, in strengthening local Entrepreneurs by providing Microloans to help them start or sustain their small businesses like in tailoring, weaving, food preparation street vendors and rickshaw driving.

They helped in agricultural ventures like buying livestock or crops or farm vehicles. Also, with the help of governments and specialized companies, they provided communities with Training such as in “sustainable farming”. In some remote regions they provided an energy source, like Solar batteries in remote areas that did not have access to Electricity grids. This helped the people to carry on with small craft businesses from their homes to support their livelihoods. There are many other examples.

However, every country and community has different economic development issues and there are lots of ways to help eradicate Poverty. Sustainable solutions is the keyword. We, as Rotarians, are entrusted with assisting the projects already running but also in being alert to other ones that we can develop and fund.

District Governor Message

Healthcare and Polio Eradication

How does Rotary Help in this connection?

Treating and preventing disease is vital as it reduces misery and also poverty in many parts of the world.

The Rotary International Community has focused on health education for prevention of diseases, but also in projects that assisted governments in providing infrastructure that helped doctors and patients to work together, such as bringing people routine hearing, vision and dental care.

Members have combated diseases such as malaria, HIV, Alzheimer, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and Polio. Every community has its priorities, and that is why we as Rotarians, representing many districts, with many backgrounds, can assist in diverse ways.

As far as Polio is concerned, as you know, this has been a Rotary Project for over 35 years.

While it has been reduced by 99.9 cases since the first project, today polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The latest statistics on September 23rd 2020 showed 47 cases in Afghanistan and 73 in Pakistan. While we are working to reduce these figures, it is crucial to keep working to keep other countries free as well, otherwise within 10 years, Polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. This last point is very important. People are starting to forget how devastating Polio can be to a family and community, let alone a country. Some people are wary of vaccines, so it is important not to stop educating about the dangers of Polio and to make sure that vaccinating children does not stop and we go back to square one.

While it costs \$3 to fully protect a child against Polio, it costs \$100 million to conduct polio surveillance Worldwide.

There are three action that will make a world of difference:

- 1. Learn:** Get informed about Polio and make it a subject of conversation in your community.
- 2. Share:** most people, heard of polio but few know that the disease still affects children around the world. You can help by spreading the word.
- 3. Donate:** Every donation helps us obtain the support, transport and materials needed in the fight against Polio

I will add another point

- 4. Educate:** Do not let the access to a lot of misinformation on the internet and social media confuse parents and make them stop vaccinating their children by thinking it is not important.

We have a shared responsibility to take action to deal with the most persistent issues that face us all in the world. Let us work together "For a better Tomorrow."

Thank you.

DG Mazen Alumran

There is a sort of an accord that the best action to make a difference is to 'Learn and get properly informed about Polio, 'Share' the information to spread the word and 'Donate' to support those fighting against it. It is also important is to continue to 'Educate on the importance of vaccinating to counteract the possible social media misinformation.

NOVEMBER WORDS OF WISDOM!



BY PDG EMAD ALMOAYED

We celebrated Polio Day on October 24th, by promoting Rotary's role in virtually eradicating the disease off the face of the earth, while the world was, and is, struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic, and our region of the world still struggles with less globally well known, and almost forgotten diseases like Sickle Cell and Cholera, reminding us of our indebtedness to the medical profession.

A stanza that comes to mind is by Antara (525-608 AD);

يقول لك الطبيب دواك عندي إذا ما جسَّ كَفِّكَ والذراعا
ولو عرف الطبيب دواء داءٍ يرد الموت ما قاسى النزاعا

'The doctor tells you, upon touching your arm and palm, that your cure is in his hand. But if the doctor knew a medicine that prevents death, he, would never have felt the throes of death, himself'.

Almutanabbi's (915-965 AD) experience with the Flu is probably more relevant, as he was almost quarantined, and complained from it 'the quarantine' more than the Flu itself, like we all are feeling, almost;

يقول لي الطبيب أكلت شيئاً وداؤك في شرابك والطعام
وما في طبه أني جوادٌ أضرَّ بجسمه طول الجمام

'The doctor says you've eaten something, and your illness is from your food and drink. It is not in his medication that I'm a 'horse' that is harmed by the lengthy rein ins'.

So, don't be 'reined in', says Almutanabbi, not me!!

We also, in October, cooperated with Beirut Marathon Association to raise funds for the Lebanese Red Cross efforts to alleviate the Beirut Disaster of 4th August. We organized a virtual run in Bahrain to coincide with the same activity in Beirut. Many Rotarians took part and ran a 5 km, including our respected DG and much-loved Conference Chairperson. And I don't need to make you guess who won, since I also ran, and led the field throughout! It reminded me of Almutanabbi saying, mockingly;

November Words of Wisdom!

إذا شاء أن يلهو بلحية أحمق أراه غباري ثم قال له الحق

‘When he wanted to mock someone, he would show him my dust, and tell him to follow!’
Only kidding, of course. It was a glorious day of fun and unity.

But we are celebrating Rotary Foundation Month, now in November. The foundation we are all proud of, and queue in appealing to. The foundation, the generosity of which has given Rotary its world-wide popularity, and millions of benefactors globally. It reminds me of Abu Tammam (803-845 AD, Arab poet) saying;

تعود بسط الكف حتى لو أنه ثناها لقبض لم تطعه أنامله
ولو لم يكن في كفه غير روحه لجاد بها، فليتيق الله سائله

‘He got so used to spreading his palm in giving, that if he wanted to close it, to receive, his fingers wouldn’t let him. And if he didn’t have, in his hand, other than his soul, to donate, he would’ve given it, so may his beggars please fear God in asking’.

He exaggerates, I know, so don’t take it literally, but celebrate, and promote Rotary Foundation Month!!





DID YOU KNOW?

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BY RTN/CHAIRPERSON LAMEES ALHASSAR

ROTARY MOTTOES

The first motto of Rotary International, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, in August 1911. The phrase was first stated by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon, who made a speech in 1910, which included the remark, "He profits most who serves his fellows best." At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted--"Service, Not Self." These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved to be the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 Convention in Detroit--"He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service Above Self." The 1989 Council on Legislation established "Service Above Self" as the principal motto of Rotary, since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.

The District 2452 Club News - Jordan

المؤسسة الروتارية



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من أهم اللحظات لنصبح كروتاريون أكثر إيجابية وقوة وفاعلية ونطور أساليب خدماتنا لمجتمعنا والعالم في هذا العقد من الزمن ونجسد قيماً الرفيعة على أرض الواقع وبأوسع نطاق ونخطو خطوات تكنولوجية وعلمية نستعملها ونطوعها في طريق تجسيد القيم والمثل العليا للروتاري؟ فلعل وعسى أن تتحقق قناعتي، لأن ذلك يتطلب روتاريون يؤمنون أكثر بالعمل والبناء والخدمة فوق الذات.

على أرض الواقع يمكن تفسيره بالجيد أو السيء لحين التفاعل مع أحداثه اولا ولمس التسلسل الزمني لانعكاساته والا فلن نعرف نتائجه وكيفية التعامل مع ذلك الشيء.

فكل ما يمكننا أن نثق به أن كل فعل أو رد فعل يمكن أن يؤهل لوجود فرصة ، ولاكتشاف مبادرة جديدة تؤهل أمر تجارب جديدة للحدوث ومن ثم الاستفادة من الفرصة و تجاربها

فرصة تتيح لنا أن نعبر من خلالها عن رغباتنا وفرصة تفتح المجال أمام الروتاري بأن نعيش قيمنا ونحولنا لواقع محكي، وفرص تتيح لنا التعبير نحو ان نخطو خطوات موفقة وعملية باتجاه أن نجتهد ونبادر وننفذ في تطويو وخدمة مجتمعاتنا لتكون تلك التجارب الناتجة عن فرص الاحداث، اقرب للطريق المبتغى و الذي نرغب فيه أن يتحقق كمجتمع روتاري عالمي

ونحن كروتاريون نمثلك أوراقا حساسة ، وقنوات فعالة، ونحن قادرون من خلال تلك القنوات أن نحقق تلك التغييرات الملموسة والمنطقية. فمن خلال المؤسسة الروتارية نستطيع تطويو الفرص ، Rotary Foundation العظيمة والأحداث والاحتياجات ، ونخدم مجتمعاتنا و نقدم الخدمات التطوعية من أجل مقاومة تلك الأحداث وسلبياتها والتغييرات الناتجة عنها

فقد استطعنا من خلال المؤسسة الروتارية أن نقاوم بالعالم بالرغم من POLIO ونحصر تواجد فايروس شلل الأطفال من انتشاره لنصل الى ارقام مهولة بحصره ومنو انتشاره ، بحيث أصبحت عدد الحالات العالمية بحدود 94 حالة فقط في باكستان وافغانستان

كما وأن المؤسسة الروتارية حاليا تعمل كقناة دعم فقد تم فتح ابواب COVID-19 وعاون في محاربة فايروس كثيرة لدعم مشاريع مختلفة للقضاء على الوباء ، والأهم أيضا مد يد العون للمجتمع الدولي لحملة تطعيم شاملة عالمية والتي سيحتاجها سكان العالم قريبا

فأثبتت المؤسسة الروتارية أن بالإمكان المحافظة على الخدمة من خلال الروتاري لتعمل وتخدم في بعض المجالات الهامة في حين أن كثيرا من الخدمات المجتمعية المختلفة الأخرى، انحصرت وتقلصت وربما توقفت عالمياً نتيجة الاختلالات التي حصلت بسبب الوباء الحالي للكورونا

وأنتني مقتنع من ان هذه الأحداث والتغييرات ستكون

The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain

*By: PP Mohamed Al khaja
Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain*

Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain concluded its campaign “Hand in Hand for Beirut”, a campaign you deliver essential aid items to Lebanon in support of those impacted by the recent painful explosion in Beirut port.

After a period of one week, in-kind donations that contain basic foodstuffs, hygiene products and clothes, with a focus on children’s needs, have been delivered from the headquarters of the campaign to the warehouse of DHL carrier in order to start the shipping procedures.

On this occasion, Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain would like to express it’s gratitude and appreciation to all the club members who have spared no effort in working and organizing for eight consecutive days, in addition to colleagues from Bahraini Rotary clubs of Manama, Salmaniya and Adliya, Rotaract Bahrain and Lebanon and volunteer friends. The club also values and thanks all the citizens and residents who visited the headquarters and donated personally, as well as representatives of charitable institutions and societies who supported the cause on daily basis.

This campaign marks the first project of the newly established Rotary Club of Seef Bahrain, demonstrating Rotary’s official motto “Service Above Self”



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain

Rotary Club of Manama Bahrain

The Rotary Club of Manama (RCM) sent out a request for members to contribute BD 180/- towards purchasing a laptop that will be donated to students in need and thus the club would be supporting education in the month of Education & Literacy.

A total number of 51 used laptops were purchased by RCM for a total amount of BD 4845/-.

26 laptops were delivered personally to students in dire need and as per a list received from societies which had done research on the living conditions of the students and their parents.



4 laptops were donated to Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled.

2 laptops were donated to underprivileged 10 year old students at Alia Center.



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain

Rotary Club of Salmaniya Bahrain Covid-19 food aid

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya plans to distribute 1000 food boxes throughout the year to families who were economically impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic crisis.

The project already began in the month of September, when club volunteers distributed 100 food boxes to many areas in Bahrain. The boxes contained basic food items which were distributed every other week. The team distributed boxes in Isa town, Sanad and Hamad Town. The Hamad Town Charity Association helped with the distribution in some areas.

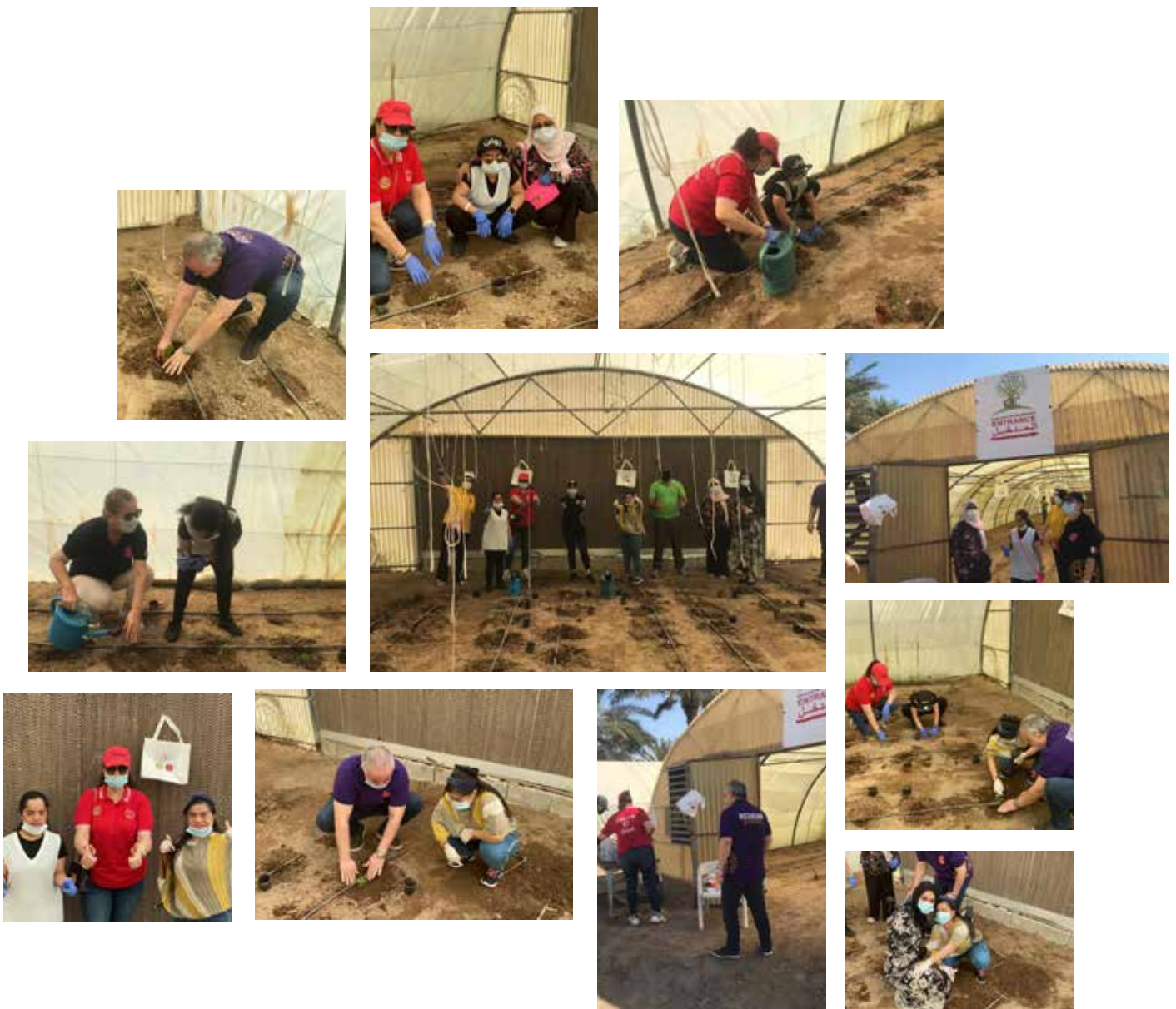
This is a continuous project until the rest of the year. The Club volunteers are very careful following all social distancing and Covid related regulations.



The District 2452 Club News - Bahrain

Rotary Club of Salmaniya Bahrain Green House project

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya started the Green House project on 26th September 2020. The club invited members from two charity societies to plant the seeds. The team was very careful to consider all the COVID-19 social distancing regulations.



The District 2452 Club News - Cyprus

Rotary Club of cyprus



Attached are photos from the blankets donation from Cyprus to the victims of the Beirut Blast.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

إحتفل نادي روتاري عاليه ونادي روتاري بيروت قدموس باليوم العالمي للقضاء على شلل الأطفال الذي يصادف في الرابع والعشرين من شهر تشرين الأول من كل سنة، هذا الفيروس الذي ظهر في العالم وراح يهدد الاطفال في كل اصقاع الارض، و تصدت له المؤسسة الروتارية العالمية واندية الروتاري حول العالم ، والتي اتخذت على عاتقها عملية متابعته واقتلعه من جذوره عبر حملات التطعيم، والتوعية في كل بلدان العالم حتى اختفى بشكل نهائي ليعاود الظهور في بعض البلدان الأفريقية في مطلع شهر اب الفائت لضعوبة وصول اللقاح اليها بسبب انتشار فيروس كورونا. وقد نظم الناديان رحلة مشي شارك فيها أعضاء من مختلف أندية روتاري لبنان والعالم، ومن ثم حفل غداء تخلله بعض الإرشادات و الكلمات للتوعية في الحملة



بالقضاء على مرض شلل الأطفال



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

The Rotary Club de Beyrouth Rotarians and Friends,

RC Beirut Center has been organizing various polio awareness events such as members wearing t-shirts and hats with polio logo and distributing food boxes.

More over visiting Abey Municipality and Medical Center to distribute and hang posters where by we were received by the President.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

Rotary Club of Chtaura Bekaa Gate

RC Chtaura Bekaa Gate under the presence of P. Amer Sabbouri, Walid Faraoun and Bachir Machaalany went on Wednesday 7th October to nabatiye (south) for delivery and distribution of the Donated food Boxes God helps us to utilize our efforts for the welfare of humanity. Our Clubs Goal is to focus on "service above self" to help people in need.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

Rotary Club of Tripoli

Following the reception of boxes of Gloves and Masks, a generous donation from the German Rotary Clubs, with the help of ICC Germany, Lebanon and the Association of Lebanese Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Tripoli jointly with the Rotary club of Tripoli Maraad paid a visit to the Tripoli Governmental Hospital, that handles most of the Covid cases in the north, to offer them the surgical gloves, much needed by the medical staff of the Hospital, along a pack of masks.

Another pack of masks was subsequently offered to the Dar Al Yatima Orphanage, to be used by the teachers and employees.

The remaining masks will be distributed to the needy people of Tripoli, along with the Food boxes.

Heartfelt thanks to the German clubs for their gifts that are much needed, now that the virus is spreading dangerously.

Once more Rotarians around the World unite to spread Service Above Self.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

*By: PP May Monla Chmaitilly
Rotary Club of Tripoli Maarab*

ROTARY & ROTARACT Tripoli Maarad hand in hand distributing the donations received from Rotary Clubs of Cyprus.

Big Thank you to all Rotary Clubs in Cyprus for their support after the horrible blast that hit our beloved capital Beirut.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

Rotary Club of Zahle

The Rotary Club of Zahle and the Bekaa celebrated the World Paralysis Day with the students of the Armenian Evangelical School in Anjar.

On the twenty-fourth of October of each year, marks the celebration of the International Day for the Eradication of Polio. This virus that appeared in the world and started threatening children at every corner of the earth. The World Rotary Foundation and Rotary Clubs from around the world addressed it, and took upon themselves of following it and uprooting it from its roots through vaccination campaigns, and awareness that roamed all countries of the world until it disappeared it then reappeared in some African countries at the beginning of last August due to the difficulty of reaching the vaccine due to the spread of the Corona virus.

From this standpoint, the Rotary Club of Zahle and Bekaa celebrated the International Day of Polio with students of the Swiss Christian Cooperative Work in the East, the Armenian Evangelical School in Anjar. The activity included the presentation of a documentary film on the virus and the role of Rotary in combating it. The school students also prepared a mural through which they expressed their solidarity with the Rotary International Foundation and the children of the world in combating this disease and eliminating it.

At the end of the activity, the students took pictures and cut a cake to celebrate the occasion, and had lunch prepared by the club to celebrate the occasion.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

Rotary Club of Saida

In honor of World Polio Day, Rotary Saida has today launched a campaign featuring adverts on Saida-Beirut and Saida-Jezzine public buses which aim to spread the word on the fight to end polio.

For 10 days the advert will remain with the aim to raise awareness about the importance of polio vaccination for children. Many thanks to mr. Khalil Zantout for providing us with the buses. *Together, We End Polio*.



The District 2452 Club News - Lebanon

By: AG Tony Abou Naoum

Rotary Clubs of Association in Lebanon

In coordination with the Rotary Clubs Association in Lebanon - ALRC - The Rotary Club of Tire Europe - Tire Europa - presented to the Lebanese Public Security the Tire Branch and Tire Prison a quantity of masks and gloves as a gift from among the grants that arrived in Lebanon from the Rotary clubs in Germany. The gendarmerie platoon was also visited in Tire, and masks and gloves were provided to the gendarmes and prisoners. In addition to the Abbasid gendarmerie, and a free vocational school in the area



Rotary Club of Beirut Center

Delivering Food Boxes To Al Ghina Association



The District 2452 Club News - Palestine

Rotary Club of Palestine



Caritas Children's Hospital, Bethlehem

On Thursday, October 8th 2020, the Rotary Clubs of Palestine delivered to Caritas Hospital an automated DNA extraction system device and 50 DNA test kits in support for the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

The device and all equipment were delivered by the presidents of the Rotary Clubs of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, & Ramallah Maggie Murad, Khaled Qutob, & Bilal Abu Hijleh in the presence of dignitaries.

Murad said: “Rotary clubs in Palestine are considered global charitable clubs and are interested in their homeland Palestine. Over the years, they have supported projects for various institutions in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip. With the beginning of the pandemic outbreak, the Rotary clubs of Palestine have intensified their efforts to combat the spread of the Coronavirus by increasing the donations in the area of medical equipment and materials.



St. Joseph Hospital, Jerusalem

On Thursday, October 22nd, 2020, a delegation from the Rotary Clubs of Palestine, led by the president of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, Khaled Qutob delivered to the director of St. Joseph Hospital, Dr. Maher Deeb, three “High Air Flow” respirators. These respirators are intended to provide patients with oxygen in large quantities for patients suffering from Covid-19.



Qutob said: “Rotary clubs of Palestine, as part of their participation in the anti-corona campaign, have donated \$141,000 to buy equipment for Palestinian hospitals in Ramallah, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Qalqilya, and Tulkarm. We have delivered the first equipment to Cartias Children’s Hospital, Bethlehem two weeks ago, and today we have delivered to St. Joseph. In the coming days, we will be supplying Al-Maqasid Hospital, Jerusalem with other equipment. He stressed that these projects come within a series of projects for Rotary Clubs of Palestine for the sole purpose of assisting Palestinian Institutions in Jerusalem and the West Bank during this pandemic.



The District 2452 Club News - Palestine

*By: Wijdan Alsharif
Rotary Club of Ramallah*



<https://youtu.be/XYaLNf5sPsA>



The Last Word

Rtn. Renuka Nambiar, Editor

It was really heartwarming putting this edition together and seeing the many ways that we, as Rotarians, are making a positive impact and bringing a change to the community we live in.

The vast challenges that the world is facing with the pandemic, a looming recession and global warming is overwhelming. However we Rotarians are striving to make small changes in people's lives that will make a big difference in the long run.

Do forward all the good work you are doing in your respective countries with pictures that will inspire us even more.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”
– Oscar Wilde

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