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Message from the Deputy District Governor 2011-12 Themis Themistocleous

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In the Rotary calendar, April is **Magazine Month**, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians.

The [Rotary Press](#) consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. Most of us subscribe to "The Rotarian", Rotary's English-language flagship publication.

The RI Bylaws require all club members to subscribe to [The Rotarian](#) or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, district governors, and club presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or district by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts.

Magazine month is about communication. Ever since I first joined Rotary, I have heard Rotarians say we have a communication problem in our club or in our district. This is an age-old problem. We have our club bulletins, our country newsletter, our district magazine and newsletter, and The Rotarian, to keep us informed of what is happening in the world of Rotary.

Every club president and committee person should encourage Rotarians to read the maga-

zines and newsletters, to keep up to date with Rotary outside the club level.

Furthermore, clubs are urged to distribute their newsletters and Rotary magazines to community and civic leaders, businesses and other associations, in order to promote their humanitarian work and networking opportunities, and to attract new members.

Meanwhile, time flies and we are entering the final quarter of our year together. With DTTS, PETS and RYLA now behind us, clubs are urged to start wrapping up their projects, and incoming presidents and boards to step up their preparations and especially to complete their strategic planning in order to give members a vision, priorities, goals and roles for the future.

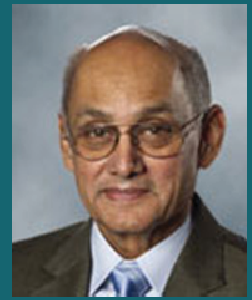
In concluding, I convey my best wishes for a happy Easter to Rotarians of the Christian religion and their families and special ones.

Best Rotarian regards,

Themis Themistocleous
PP [RC Nicosia-Salamis](#)

DDG for Cyprus 2011-12, D2450

Message from
RI President 2011-12
KALYAN BANERJEE



March 2012

“We need to commit ourselves absolutely and fully and say, What I must do shall indeed be done.”

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In this issue, you will read about what Rotary is doing to combat one of the most pressing humanitarian crises facing us today: hunger. It is, I think, common knowledge that when we talk about food shortages, the problems we face are nearly always local. There is more than enough food produced in our world to feed everyone in it. The problem is getting the food where it is needed, and helping people in the poorest regions achieve food security.

In so many parts of the world, subsistence farming practices are the only way food can be acquired, and a few months of poor weather, or even a single storm, can mean catastrophe. It is unfortunately also the case that the parts of the world where food supplies are the most vulnerable are often those that receive the least attention when disaster does strike.

But this is one of the greatest advantages of Rotary: our local presence in so many parts of the world, and our ability to see, and react to, crises when they occur. More important than this, however, is our commitment to a long-term approach to addressing the root causes of hunger.

There is a great deal that all of us in Rotary can do about global hunger, but as always, we rely on the work of local Rotarians to bring help to where it is needed the most. And there is little question that when we look at the world today in terms of poverty and hunger and extreme material want, the place we need to be looking first is Africa – which is why Africa is also where we should be looking to expand.

Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative seeks to increase Rotary club membership in Africa, mobilize African Rotarians to address local needs, and raise awareness of African issues among Rotarians in more developed regions. It is just one way to connect the people who need help with the people who want to give it but may not know where to begin.

There is no question that the obstacles to global food security are significant. But they are not insurmountable, and the Rotary model is perhaps one of the most promising paths forward for development – if we continue our work to build Rotary into an ever more effective agent of global change.



76th District 2450 Conference

17-20 May 2012, Aqaba



Fellow Rotarian,

Less than two months are left until the beginning of the 76th District Conference, an event which will truly be memorable. By now, majority of Rotarians have marked their calendars and are already registered for our District Conference. Themis, this is the time to get together, enhance Rotary fellowship, support our District's activities and unite the Rotary spirit under the motto of service above self.

Visit Jordan's captivating Red Sea Resort of Aqaba and enjoy the topside scenery combined with its crystal clear water and countless varieties of exotic marine life. Experience this magical place while you indulge and relax in its luxurious hotels; explore its dazzling sites and fascinating history.

An optional trip is arranged to the Nabataean Capital Petra, the Rose Red City

Register now and enjoy an unforgettable Experience. **Join our diverse activities prepared just for you.**

Please fill out the attached registration form ([click here to download](#)), indicate and specify on the form the hotel of your choice and pay your fees to guarantee your room

Kindly email it to: Aqaba.2012@gmail.com

Visit the Conference website to register on line: www.rotaryd2450.org/conference

Looking forward to seeing you in our beautiful Aqaba.

Ahlan wa Sahlan

Usama Barghouthi

District Governor 2011-12

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76th District Conference
D2450
17-20 May 2012

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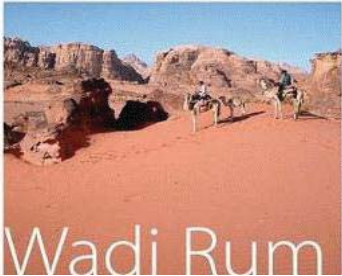
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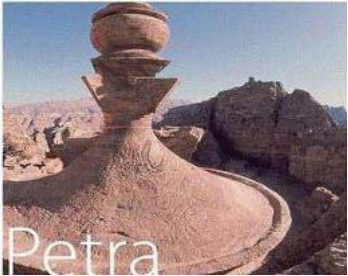
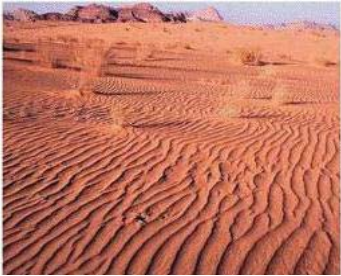
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My Hotel Aqaba



Wadi Rum



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DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR

by *PAG Biland Sadek*



3 - 4 MARCH 2012 / ELIAS BEACH HOTEL, LIMASSOL

Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th March have been opened for registration that gathered Rotarians from Cyprus ,Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and the Emirates.



PLENARY SESSION (I)

DDG Themis Themistocleous welcomed all the participants on behalf of all Rotarians in Cyprus.

DG Usama Barghouthi opened the Seminar and District Trainer **PDG Assem Abdel Razek** made the introduction followed by

DGE Kevork Mahdessian who exposed his year of Service with the topic “**Our Year Together** “, Plans, Visions, Goals and Administration ,the new RI Theme, What is new this year, District Organization and communication, District Goals for 2012-2013.



...DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR

PLENARY SESSION (II)

DG Usama Barghouthi presented the evaluation of his year followed by PDG Assem Abdel Razek's speech on "*Training in Rotary*" and the co-operation between the two Districts.

WORKSHOP (I)

PDG Mohamed Delawar illustrated on:

- Proper Administration
- District Leadership Plan
- Club Leadership
- Plan for effective clubs
- Check Lists
- Club Plans and objectives Format
- Strategic Planning
- Council of Legislation



WORKSHOP (II)

PDG Assem Abdel Razek exposed :

- Role & Responsibilities of Assistant Governors
- Assistant Governors working with clubs
- How they support & strengthen Rotary clubs
- Working with President and Board
- Preparing the Goal for the year
- Following Rotary Calendar
- Follow up of process
- Successful Projects.



...DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR

WORKSHOP (III)

PDG Ignace Mouawad: Expanded on:

- Membership Development
- Proposing methods to improve membership in clubs.
- How to involve members in clubs Administration and activities.
- How to invite membership from important society and groups
- (E) Clubs
- New Generation Clubs



PLENARY SESSION (III)

DDG Themis Themistocleous: Explained on District Secretary/Clubs working Relationship

Summary & Assessment of the Day : presented by **PDG Assem Abdel Razek**

Questions& Answers dealt with by **DGE Kevork Mahdessian** followed by Dinner and Entertainment.

WORKSHOP (IV)

Conducted by **PDG Mohamed Delawar** on:

- Rotary Foundation "Why is it so important".
- Overview and Programs
- Share System
- Every Rotarian Every Year
- Future Vision Plan
- How to support the Foundation
- How to benefit from the Programs of the Foundation
- Future Vision of the Rotary Foundation



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WORKSHOP (V)

Facilitated and supervised by **PDG Doros Jeropoulos**

- Develop Leaders



WORKSHOP (VI)

Conducted by **DGE Kevork Mahdessian** who presented:

- Planning our Year

WORKSHOP (VII)

Focus & Increase Humanitarian Service, Partnership & New Generation presented by **PDG Doros Jeropoulos**

WORKSHOP (VIII)

Enhance Public Image & Awareness by: **PDG Assem Abdel Razek**

WORKSHOP (IX)

PDG Mohamed Delawar: Commented on:

- District Committees. How they work
- Committee Plan and Objectives
- Their relations with AGs and Clubs

PLENARY SESSION (IV)

Closing:

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| • Seminar Summary and Evaluation | PDG Assem Abdel Razek: |
| • Future Vision of District 2451 | DGN Yasser Assem |
| • Future Vision of District 2452 | DGN Jamil Mouawad |
| • Go forth to serve | DGE Kevork Mahdessian |
| • Closing Remarks | DG Usama Barghouti |

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RYLA 2012

JUBILEE, TROODOS



17-18/03/2012



The weekend of 17-18 March 2012, the Cyprus RYLA for the year 2011-2012, was held in Troodos Mountain at Jubilee Hotel.

The RYLA was attended by 25 young people who enjoyed the white snow on Troodos Mountain and they also had the opportunity to learn the objectives and targets of the Rotary International.

The participants were from four countries, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon and Egypt.

The welcoming speech and an introduction to Rotary International were made by Past AG Phaedon Stylianides, representing the DDG Themis Themistocleous.

The theme of the RYLA was **“Educational Workshop for Leadership”**. The presentations included workshops for *“effective verbal and non verbal communication”*, *“volunteer workshop”*, *“volunteering today”* and *“Marketing and Resources”*.



The seminars were given by Mr. Christos Zachariades, Mrs. Lina Ellina and Mrs. Skevi Avgousti.



The night closed with dinner and a close up party with the participants developing their friendship with music and games. Also they were awarded with certificates of attendance.

The RYLA was sponsored by ten Rotary Clubs.

The event was organized and supervised by the Cyprus RYLA Officer Rot. Marios A. Couvas.





We are supporting the Parents and Friends Association
of Children with Congenital Heart Diseases

"Rotary Spring Charity Rally"

18 March 2012

Start: Nicosia – Finish: Ayia Napa (Grecian Park)



President : Joseph Merhi

Secretary : Panayiotis Moiras



Κάθε χρόνο ο Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσία-Λήδρα σε συνεργασία με τον σύνδεσμο Φίλων Ιστορικού και Παλαιού Αυτοκινήτου (ΦΙΠΑ), διοργανώνει το "Εαρινό Φιλανθρωπικό Ράλι". Η εκδήλωση αυτή "φέρει την υπογραφή" του Ροταριανού Ομίλου Λευκωσία-Λήδρα (signature project) και αποτελεί έναν ιδιαίτερα σημαντικό θεσμό για τους ροταριανούς του Ομίλου, καθώς διοργανώνεται με μεγάλη επιτυχία τα τελευταία τέσσερα χρόνια.

Την εκδήλωση με την παρουσία τους τιμούν όχι μόνο ροταριανοί άλλων Ομίλων αλλά και εξέχουσες προσωπικότητες της τοπικής κοινότητας και πλήθος φίλοι του αυτοκινήτου. Φέτος η εκκίνηση δόθηκε από το Δημαρχείο Λευκωσίας και μέσα από μια γραφική διαδρομή ο τερματισμός έγινε στην Αγία Νάπα. Τα έσοδα της εκδήλωσης διατέθηκαν για τον σύνδεσμο γονέων και φίλων παιδιών με εκ γενετής καρδιοπάθειες.

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Every year the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Ledra in cooperation with the Association of Friends of Historic and Old Cars (FIPA) is organising the "Rotary Spring Charity Rally".

This event a signature project of Nicosia-Ledra Rotary Club and is organised with great success for the last four years.

The event is honoured with the presence of many Rotarians and prominent individuals of the local community as well as friends and owners of antique cars. This year the start was given from the Nicosia Municipality and through a scenic route finish line was at Ayia Napa.

The proceeds of the event were donated to Parents and Friends association friends of children with congenital heart diseases.





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...MORE PHOTOS

<http://nicosialedra.shutterfly.com/>



ROTARY CLUB OF PAPHOS-APHRODITE

President : Carl-Erland SCHRODER

Secretary : Elena Ioannou

THE DABASO SCHOOL STORY 2011

When several of the Paphos-Aphrodite Rotary Club members attended the Luxor District Conference, we learnt of a number of Rotary International initiatives, one of which was ROTA, Reach Out To Africa. The Club had previously orchestrated a large water and sanitation project in Kinkiizi, Uganda. And initially our reaction was to discuss and envisage how the Club could help, possibly involving an educational project.



Equipment for a school was considered a possibility as many school children in Africa are taught by 'chalk and talk' sitting on the floor to listen to their teacher. When we heard that Ann and Graham Lawrence of Geriskipou, Paphos regularly visit Kenya and are heavily involved in supporting the Dabaso School, Watuma which is approximately 30 kilometres south of Mombasa, we enquired if there was some way in which we could help.



The school caters for primary children and is supported by many volunteers, a grant from the local constituency Development Fund and involvement of a few parents who endeavour to provide new classrooms and maintain existing ones. With a school roll of less than 1000 in 2007, Madame Kutto (headmistress) registered 1700 at the beginning of 2011 and a further 180/250 new entrants for the reception class are anticipated in January 2012. There are also about 30 special needs children at the school. Given the family circumstances of many of the children at the school who are either orphans or from families without regular employment, together with Madame Kutto being unable to refuse entry to any child, logistical and financial challenges are ongoing.

Nevertheless, the educational results are continually improving and of the 197 who sat the secondary school examinations, 136 passed, however many of these young people then need sponsorship or financial help in order to continue their education.

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ronment and achievement. Dabaso is no exception to the rule and Ann and Graham Lawrence in recognising this, endeavour through their voluntary work to strive to raise standards in whatever way they can. As part of their commitment to Dabaso, they instigated an appeal from local schools for stationery items for first year children since many do not have the basic equipment such as a pencil, biro, erasers, pads etc. The school itself also needed items such as balloons with which to help teach.

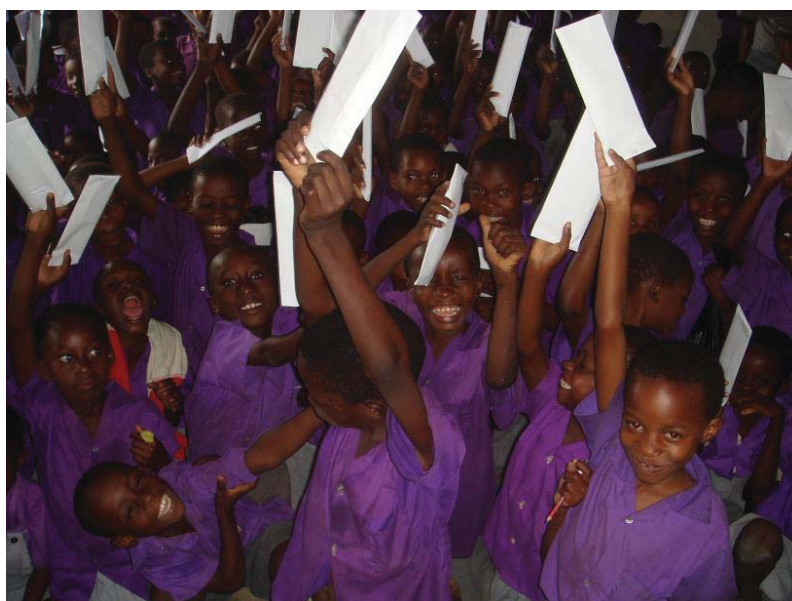


Paphos-Aphrodite Rotary Club decided rather than make a financial donation it was more in the spirit of Rotary to ask all its Club members and friends to support them by contacting local banks, companies, stationers, shops etc and seek a contribution to the collection. The collection started on 4th November and ended on 15th December when the items were handed over to Ann and Graham at the regular Club meeting.



The generosity of the people they contacted was overwhelming and the collection far exceeded the Club's expectations. They are considering a similar project next year either continuing the support for Dabaso or perhaps for another school in Africa. A plaque, initiated by Paphos-Aphrodite Rotary Club, commemorating the work of Ann and Graham Lawrence, showing Rotary's support and that of the other contributors will be erected at the school when they return to Dabaso at the end of January 2012.

Roger Bailey, Service Projects Director, December 2011.





The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace is one of the cornerstones of the Rotary movement. With Rotary's active presence in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, our organization has established itself as a world leader in fostering *Peace Through Service*. We have accomplished a great deal in this area throughout our history, but we must continue to look forward and recognize that the future of Rotary — and the future prospects for world peace — rest with today's youth. To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people in a meaningful way and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future.

In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will consist of a three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders. The forum in Berlin will emphasize the value of democracy and freedom. The forums in Honolulu and Hiroshima will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants (Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, and RYL Arians), Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and young Rotarian leaders. I am encouraging each district to send at least two participants from these demographic groups. Others will have an opportunity to participate in the forums remotely through live, interactive telecasts. Find links to more information at www.rotary.org.

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Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International, 2012-13


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Peace
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2012-13
Rotary Global Peace Forums
Sakuji Tanaka
Rotary International President

Peace activities for Rotary clubs and districts

There are many activities that your club or district can undertake locally to promote *Peace Through Service* in 2012-13. I encourage every club and district

Consider planning a peace activity in conjunction with World Understanding and Peace Day, 23 February, which is Rotary's anniversary.

- **Hold a club or district peace forum.** Organize a forum in your community and invite non-Rotarians to participate. Consider some of the following suggested themes and emphases:
 - Hold your forum in the same week as one of the three Rotary Global Peace Forums and mirror its theme.
 - Focus on urban peace by discussing opportunities for conflict mediation and resolution.
 - Invite marginalized groups in your community, such as ethnic or religious minorities, to attend the forum and forge new friendships and partnerships.
 - Collaborate with local organizations on a joint project to promote peace and conflict prevention in the community.
 - Hold a forum that directly involves Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, and RYLA participants, and that challenges them to promote peace in their everyday lives.
 - Discuss and share strategies for helping young people deal with common sources of conflict, such as gang violence and bullying.
 - Recognize immigrants who have made a difference in your community.
- **Organize a community peace forum.** Partner with your local municipalities and other community institutions to undertake a public event or celebration that symbolizes your club's dedication to advancing world understanding and peace. Discuss issues related to urban peace and safe communities and schools.
- **Establish an international twin club partnership.** Promote world understanding and peace by forming a relationship with a Rotary club in another country. Twin club partnerships have the potential to break down barriers between countries that are experiencing or have experienced political or civic tensions. If you have an established twin club partnership, consider undertaking a joint project to promote peaceful relations between your countries. Learn more at www.rotary.org/makeconnections.
- **Sponsor a Rotary Peace Fellow.** Up to 100 peace fellowships are offered annually on a world-competitive basis for study at the Rotary Peace Centers. Rotary Peace Fellows are tomorrow's leaders who will promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities.
- **Support a service project that addresses the root causes of conflict.** Disease, illiteracy, hunger, poverty, and scarce environmental resources are all underlying causes of conflict and war. Develop a project that addresses one or more of these issues in your community, or collaborate with a club in another country on an international project.

District Peace Awards

District governors are encouraged to confer district peace awards on clubs that undertake a successful peace forum or peace-related project during 2012-13. RI will provide an award template that governors can use to recognize clubs that have made positive contributions to peace during the year.

2012-13 Rotary Global Peace Forums

Berlin, Germany
Peace Without Borders

30 November-2 December 2012

Examines the role of democracy in building peace and promotes opportunities for all people to engage one another in international understanding and cooperation. This event will celebrate and highlight the role of intercountry committees in promoting understanding among nations.

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
The Green Path to Peace

25-27 January 2013

Focuses on the importance of conserving and protecting our shared environmental resources and mitigating the effects of natural disasters as a prerequisite to peace. Special emphasis will be on New Generations and how to empower their visions of peace.

Would you like to be recognized at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon?

Governors are asked to provide a brief description of their district's best club peace activity throughout the year. Selected activities will be highlighted on www.rotary.org. One outstanding club peace activity will be chosen from all descriptions received by 15 April 2013 to be recognized on stage at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.

Hiroshima, Japan
Peace Begins with You

17-19 May 2013

Explores ways in which each of us has the power to promote peace in our daily lives and in our own communities. This future-focused meeting will ask participants to consider what impact they will make in the days and years to come.