

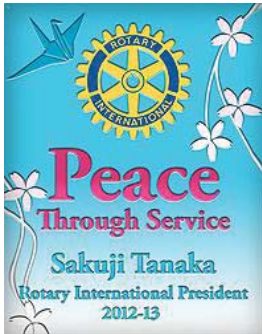


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2012-13**

Kevork Mahdessian

**RI PRESIDENT
2012-13**

Sakuji Tanaka



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians in our great District 2450,



December is Family

Month in the Rotary calendar. And how fitting to celebrate family in the festive season! There is something magical about family and the holidays. This month is an opportunity to celebrate the wonder of

our own family which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.

Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.



Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December. Consider bringing together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and members of your Rotary family into shared activities.

Participate in a community service project that will help strengthen families in your community as the family is the starting point for everything we are trying to accomplish and the building block of the community.



If we wish to see a world that is more joyous, we first have to make sure that the families of the world are more joyous, that they have the things they need to be happy, to thrive and move forward.

I hope the magic of the holidays, the celebration of a New Year, and the blessing we share as being fellow Rotarians, warms your heart as it does mine.

From our home to your home, may you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

Best Wishes For the Festive Season.

Yours in Rotary

Kevork Mahdessian

District 2450 Governor 2012-13



*Seasons Greetings and
wishes for a happy
and healthy 2013*



Message from
RI President 2012-13
Sakuji Tanaka
December 2012



Dear fellow Rotarians,

The year 2012 is nearly gone, and we have reached the midpoint of this Rotary year. It is time to take stock of the goals we have set for ourselves, and the progress we have made toward them. Are we on track to achieve what we set out to accomplish?

I am a great believer in the importance of setting goals that are high but realistic. A worthwhile goal should be within your reach but still require you to stretch. Opening yourself to a new challenge helps you find out what you are really capable of – which may well be more than you think.

On 1 July, we will embark on our newest challenge as an organization: the full rollout of the Future Vision Plan, the new grant model for our Rotary Foundation. We in Rotary have set for ourselves a simple and vital goal: to do the most good we can with all the resources we have. To do this, we will be working to reduce overhead; to improve accountability, transparency, and local control; and to focus our service more intensely in the areas where we know we can have the most impact.

With Future Vision, we will implement a simplified grant structure that will encourage Rotarians to serve in our six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. These are areas in which Rotarians around the world have already been working for many years, and in which we have experience and a track record of project sustainability.

Sustainability will be a major focus under Future Vision, as we shift our emphasis to long-term, high-impact projects. Simply put, a sustainable project is one that will continue to benefit the world even after Rotary funding ends. The ultimate example of a sustainable project, of course, is polio eradication: When polio is gone, the good that we have done will continue forever, centuries after the last polio vaccine is given. And the lessons we have learned from PolioPlus are universal. A truly sustainable project requires an emphasis on planning and cooperation, a long-term perspective, and an approach that considers community members as partners in our service, not passive recipients.

Embracing Future Vision means embracing a more ambitious view of Rotary – one in which we work to address major issues in a serious, lasting way. It is a new way of thinking about our service, and an approach that I believe will lead to a Foundation more capable than ever of Doing Good in the World.

Message from
Foundation Trustee Chair 2012-13
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
December 2012

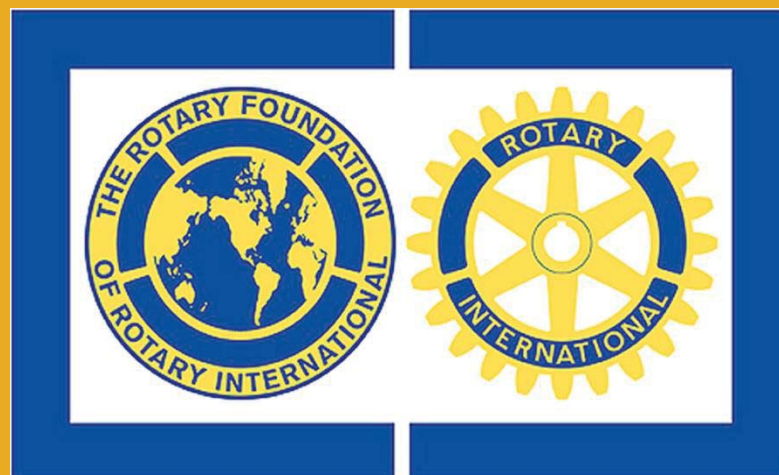


Are you on track to meet your goals?

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the month of December, the month that celebrates the family of Rotary. We are also nearing the halfway point of our Foundation's year. Now is the time when our plans to reach our 2012-13 goals should be reevaluated. Our words, our promises, our actions should be taking shape to ensure that we will accomplish what we planned during the last calendar year.

The month of December also provides each of us with much to think about. It is during this month that we pause to recognize World AIDS Day, International Volunteer Day, and Human Rights Day – all significant reminders to Rotarians of our Foundation's aim of Doing Good in the World. Many of our clubs are working to help people with AIDS, others are volunteering all over the world to deliver *Peace Through Service*, and it is hard to count the number that will be raising their voices on 10 December for human rights.

My friends, as we start to wind down another calendar year, I am thankful to report that your Foundation is on track to achieve its goals for 2012-13 because of each and every Rotarian. This provides us with much to celebrate over the upcoming holiday season. My prayers and best wishes go out to each of you for a happy holiday season, and I eagerly look forward to sharing 2013 with you.



District Governor's Official Visits
October/November 2012

Dinner at DDG Mayan Raslan



District Rotary Foundation Seminar, Egypt



Egypt Interact 50th Anniversary Week at Heliopolis Sporting Club



Egypt Interact Project at Cancer Hospital 57357 (Celebrating Interact Week)



District Governor's Official Visits

October/November 2012

R.C. 10th of Ramadan



R.C. Heliopolis East



R.C. Horus Heliopolis



R.C. Nasr City



RC Amman Cosmopolitan / Project : Gift of Life



District Governor's Official Visits
October/November 2012

Lunch by AG Hoda Hamada



R.C. Cairo El Orouba



R.C. El Obour



R.C. New Cairo



R.C. Al Shorouk



R.C. Heliopolis Al Shorouk



District Governor's Official Visits

October/November 2012

R.C. Oraby



R.C. Oraby - Project Installing Equipment for Clinics



R.C. Oraby Interact Vocational Training Project



Joint R.C. Orouba / Caritas Project.
Manufacturing Spare parts and Artificial limbs



R.C. Cairo South



R.C. Maadi El Gedida



District Governor's Official Visits
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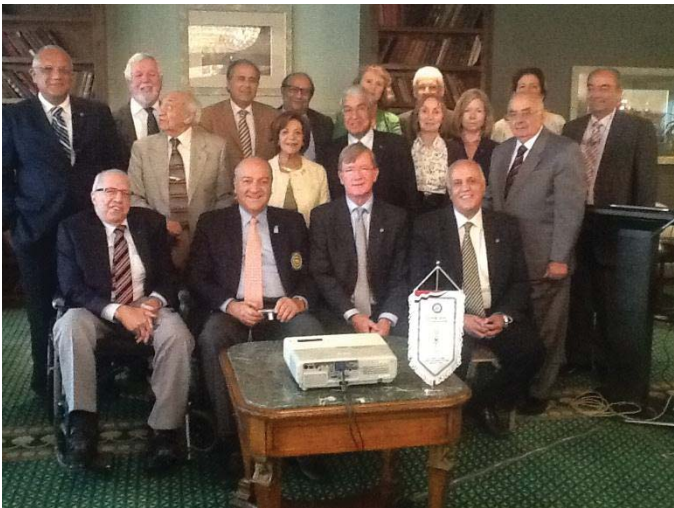
R.C. Sarayat El Maadi



R.C. Wadi Degla



R.C. Cairo Cosmopolitan



R.C. Cairo West



R.C. Garden City



R.C. Gezira Sporting



District Governor's Official Visits
October/November 2012

R.C. Kasr El Nile



R.C. Zamalek



R.C. Cairo Greater



R.C. Cairo Royal with Interactors and Rotaractors



R.C. El Tahrir



R.C. Gezirate El Roda



District Governor's Official Visits

October/November 2012

R.C. Cairo



R.C. Cairo - Vocational Project



R.C. Cairo North



R.C. Cairo Sunrise



R.C. Mansouria



R.C. Mokattam



District Governor's Official Visits

October/November 2012

R.C. Rhien Nile



R.C. Katameya



R.C. Sakkara



R.C. Al Fustat



R.C. Cairo Capital



R.C. Le Caire Champollion



District Governor's Official Visits

October/November 2012

R.C. Sphinx



Lunch PDG Zakaria El Shafei



Dinner of AG Adel Iskander at Kababgy - Sofitel



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Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Rotary Club Presidents and Members as well as the DDG and AGs for their warm hospitality and support during my official visits

Kevork Mahdessian
District Governor 2012-13

District 2450 News

Rotaract District Conference 27-30 June 2013 , Limassol

Dear Rotarians,

We are really delighted to be hosting the **Rotaract district conference in Cyprus** this year, and this is a great opportunity for Rotarians to join us!

I'm contacting you in order to **invite all Rotarians from the District to join our conference which is on the 27th to 30th of June in Limassol.**



You can find out more details on our website <http://www.rotaract2450.org/district-conference-2013/> and the registration form attached. The cost with hotel accommodation is 340 euro. If Rotarians would like to join but not stay at the hotel, the cost is 210 euro.

In addition, we need all the support we can get, so **we are looking for sponsorship.**

Attached you can find the sponsorship letters that we prepared, both in Greek and English.

We would appreciate any help we can get.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the organizing committee for further clarifications.

Best regards,

PP Chrysanthi Danou

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

District 2450 News

REACH OUT TO AFRICA

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends,

I am writing to encourage all of you to participate in the island-wide collection of used and unwanted spectacles (no cases) in conjunction with Vision Aid Overseas (UK) and our own District initiative 'Reach Out to Africa'.

The collection will be held between 15 November and 15 December and on completion all the pairs of glasses collected will be sorted and recycled by Vision Aid Overseas and redirected to their clinics and eye centres in Burkino Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia where there is an urgent need for spectacles. Children often do not go to their local school simply because having been born with partial blindness and/or poor eyesight; they are unable to read the blackboard or school books. This could be rectified by having a pair of spectacles. Similarly some adults' employment prospects would be improved by being able to see to read.

Each Club has been asked to make a collection box for used spectacles available at all meetings and dinners during November and December. I would ask ADGs, Presidents and Rotaractors to supplement this with local collection points in opticians, chemists, supermarkets, etc.

This is the first opportunity and, if successful, will not be the last for Rotarians in Cyprus to work together on a local and international community service project helped and assisted by Rotaract.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

DG Kevork Mahdessian

Rotary International News

DECLARATION OF PEACE

“Peace Without Borders”

BERLIN, 1 DECEMBER 2012

All human beings have the right to live in a state of peace, free from violence, persecution, inequality, and suffering. As leaders and friends of the Rotary movement, united in service, we publicly declare our commitment to creating a more peaceful world.

We recognize that national boundaries and political ideologies often divide people, enabling dissent and conflict to thrive. While we take pride in our homelands, as ambassadors of goodwill, we also look beyond our own national interests. And while some of us may have fundamentally different opinions and beliefs, we are committed as global citizens to work together and focus on the good that we can collectively accomplish. In this spirit, we embrace the concept of peace without borders.

We believe that tolerance is necessary in order for peace to exist. Every day, we strive to acknowledge our differences and respect each other's rights to freely express political, religious, cultural, and social perspectives and practices that differ from our own. We support the principles of democracy and democratic governance, which guarantee the equal representation and protection of people of different backgrounds and beliefs. As citizens of many nations, we hold our respective leaders accountable for the advancement and preservation of individual rights, recognizing that peace can take root in a society only when all of its people are afforded justice and equality under the law.

We express our desire for a peaceful world through the action of service. By serving and helping others, we gain empathy and understanding, build lasting bonds of friendship, and empower others to become peacemakers. Consider some of the ways that we have enhanced peace together through Rotary:

- ❖ To help mend international relationships that were damaged during two world wars, Rotary established intercountry committees, which facilitate humanitarian and peace efforts between countries. Today, nearly 250 intercountry committees are working to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace.
- ❖ Through The Rotary Foundation's Peace Fellowships, more than 700 Rotary Peace Fellows have earned master's degrees or professional certificates that enable them to pursue careers in peace-building and conflict resolution.
- ❖ Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, polio, a disease that was endemic in 125 countries just 25 years ago, is now on the brink of eradication, with an estimated 5 million children to date saved from lifelong paralysis. As the largest global public health initiative in history, polio eradication has shown that amazing achievements are possible when individuals, governments, and private partners join together in cooperation and service.

We urge everyone who shares our vision of peace to take action:

- ❖ Encourage your national leaders to emphasize peaceful conflict resolution practices and avoid resorting to war.
- ❖ Reject the notion of enemies. Actively befriend people from countries that have traditionally had adversarial relationships with your own country.
- ❖ Reach out to marginalized groups in your community, such as ethnic or religious minorities, and develop new friendships and partnerships.
- ❖ Work to empower those who live in places that lack political stability and the rule of law, as these areas are the most susceptible to conflict.
- ❖ Connect with others to make a difference. There are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, working in more than 34,000 communities worldwide. Join us in advancing *Peace Through Service*.

Peace is not a final destination to be reached, but an active and continuous process. All of us are capable of becoming peacemakers in our own lives, and through our words and actions, we will demonstrate that peace is possible.



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