



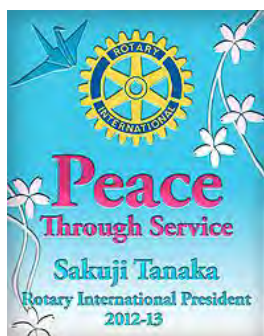
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Happy New Year

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Governor's Newsletter



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2012-13

Kevork Mahdessian

RI PRESIDENT

2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians in our great District 2450,

I wish you, your families, and your beloved ones a Happy New Year, full of challenges and opportunities for service above self, and especially for working to achieve Peace Through Service.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. I ask Clubs to celebrate the month by training members on Rotary history, the new Rotary Foundation programs and Grant model, or how to raise awareness of your projects among your community.

I also ask Rotarians in our great District to share a personal story or experience that they have had because of Rotary. Every Rotarian has a Rotary story that can be educational and inspiring. The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to renew inspiration for the rest of the Rotary year.

And this is a good time to also join "Rotary Club Central," the new RI project that allows Clubs to plan and track service projects, from beginning to end. The online features make it easy to manage service projects and activities. Club leaders are encouraged to log in to Member Access and enter their data in Rotary Club Central so that club members, their district governor and assistant governors can see it. Since Rotary Club Central



was launched in July, thousands of clubs have already used the tool to set and track their goals. January marks the start of the second semester of the current Rotary year and our terms of service. This is the time to review our plans and fine-tune our projects so that we stay on course and meet our objectives by the end of June. The Club Assembly in January is the appropriate place and time for doing this.

It is also the start of preparation for the new Rotary year. I ask Clubs to invite their DDG/AG for a presentation on strategic planning at the club level, making sure that the incoming president and incoming board attend the meeting. The presentation is a good opportunity for the incoming president and board to review their club's three-year strategic plan of action, refine objectives and reset annual goals that support each objective. As the Japanese say, "vision without action is a daydream, but action without vision is a nightmare."

Yours in Rotary

Kevork Mahdessian

District 2450 Governor 2012-13

*New Year wishes to all Rotaractors of District 2450 from
Rotaract Club of Nicosia-Aspelia*



Message from
RI President 2012-13
Sakuji Tanaka
January 2013



Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin.

This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary's work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.

Message from
Foundation Trustee Chair 2012-13
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
January 2013

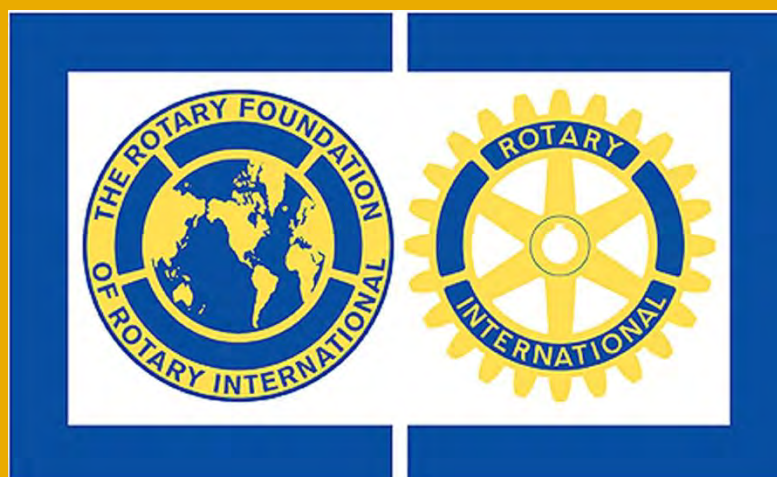


A year of momentous change

As we begin another calendar year, I'd like to offer my best wishes to all Rotarians for 2013, the 108th year of Rotary's existence. This will be a year of momentous change for our Foundation. Our new grant model will be implemented worldwide six months from now, bringing changes to every district. We are looking to you to make sure those changes will be a success.

One of the fundamental premises of district grants under the Future Vision Plan is that Rotarians at the district level can determine what they can accomplish, whether in their own communities or abroad, more effectively than the Foundation can from a central office in Evanston. The new grant model puts responsibility for decision making, and for wise and careful use of substantial Foundation resources, into the hands of Rotarians at this level.

Our success will be supported by our investment of time and money in our International Assembly, the annual training for district governors-elect that takes place later this month in San Diego. This year's event will include a great deal of information and education about Future Vision. As a result, when your district leaders return home, you will find them specially trained to lead Rotary and its Foundation to a successful conclusion to the 2012-13 year. We'll create a solid basis for an even stronger Foundation in 2013-14, helping us as Rotarians with Doing Good in the World.



District Governor's Official Visits

November/December 2012

R.C. Amman Jerash - Meeting



Governor and Spouse with Rotaractors of R.C. Yerevan International



Cairo District TRF Seminar



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Egypt Interact Project at Cancer Hospital 57357



District Governor's Official Visits
November/December 2012

RYLA Egypt 2012 at Ain El Sokhna



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DG Meeting with HH Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan - Abu Dhabi



DG Meeting for lunch with HH Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan - Abu Dhabi



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Bike Ride Fundraising for Polio Plus - R.C. Dubai



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District TRF Seminar - Dubai



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District TRF Seminar - Dubai



District TRF Seminar - Dubai



District TRF Seminar - Lebanese Rotarians



District TRF Seminar - Dubai



R.C. Dubai Lunch Meeting



R.C. Dubai - DG with new initiated members & sponsors



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November/December 2012

R.C. Dubai Lunch Meeting



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Presentation of TRF Appreciation Certificates to RC Kyrenia Liman and RC Nicosia Sarayonu



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November/December 2012

Presentation of New Interact Club Certificate



Thank You

My spouse and I would like to thank most sincerely all the Rotary Club Presidents and Members as well as the DDG and AGs for their warm hospitality and support during our official visits

DG Kevork Mahdessian

77th DISTRICT 2450
CONFERENCE
4-7 APRIL 2013, LIMASSOL-CYPRUS



The Last of the Best
Together we'll make it
The Best of the Last

District 2450 News

ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA-SALAMIS HELPS FAMILIES IN NEED

Within the framework of its social activities and on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year the members of the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Salamis have collected foodstuff and other necessities which they delivered to the «Pancyprian Association of Single Parent Families and Friends» for distribution to families in need in the whole free area of Cyprus.



Rotary Club Nicosia - Salamis also donated to the Metropolitan Bishop of Constance and Famagusta Mr. Vassilios a considerable number of turkeys for distribution to families in need through the Social Grocery of the Holy Bishopric of Constance & Famagusta.



DISTRICT RYLA 2013

15-18 March 2013



Crown Plaza Hotel, Limassol

District 2450 News

ROTARY CLUBS NICOSIA & KYRENIA VISIT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER

The Rotary Clubs of Nicosia and Kyrenia have celebrated the beginning of the New Year by embracing the children at Makarios hospital and made them happy with visits to their wards, and gave them gifts and chocolates.

The party started at the Rotary Playroom at the Makarios hospital, a multifunctional place which includes a place for the children to play, a sitting room for their families and a small kitchen where the families can have a snack and a hot or cold drink close to the wards.

The Rotary Playroom has been constructed by the Rotary Club of Nicosia, in 2002 under the Presidency of Dimitris Shukuroglou. All these years the Playroom has hosted hundreds of children and parents, and the RC of Nicosia has been constantly supplying toys, coffee and tea as well as weekly entertainment program organized by the Rotaractors.

This year's New Year party organised by Rotarian Presidents Yioula Papakyriacou and Akis Kaisis with AG Maria Christopoulou who is coordinating the Playroom's weekly program, has added a special dimension to the work that has been done with a special celebration and engagement of more Rotarians to the sustainability of this project and to the sharing of the compassion for the children in hospital and their families.

President Akis Kaisis has delivered a very touching speech outside the ward of the children with cancer, where a lot of Rotarians and friends as well as football team were waiting to offer presents and love.





THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Dear district governors, district governors-elect, district Rotary Foundation committee chairs, district grants subcommittee chairs, club presidents, club presidents-elect and club Rotary Foundation chairs:

We are happy to announce that the online application for global and packaged grants is now available. Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the six areas of focus. Packaged grants have been predesigned by Rotary and our strategic partners. The activities they fund are similar to those funded by global grants, but the work of designing the activity's general framework has already been done. More information about Rotary grants is available at www.rotary.org/grants.

Districts must be qualified through the online system in order to apply for grants. Clubs may apply for global and packaged grants after they are qualified by their district. In addition, all reporting for existing Foundation grants, such as Matching Grants, must be current before you can apply for a new grant. Online training about the new grants model is available at learn.rotary.org.

Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Foundation staff will begin reviewing applications in April.

If you have any questions, please send an email to the Rotary Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or call 1-866-9ROTARY. They are there to help you.

Sincerely,

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