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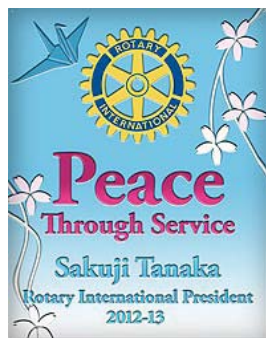
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**DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
2012-13**

Kevork Mahdessian

**RI PRESIDENT
2012-13**

Sakuji Tanaka



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Year is reaching its end with unforgettable memories of very exciting Club visits and visits to highly interesting and humanitarian projects all enhancing the excellent work that our fellow Rotarians are doing to alleviate the pain of others in need and offering comfort and love to



the less privileged people around us. We have a little more than a month ahead of us and we are determined to complete all that we promised, and much more, and I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the Rotarians of Bahrain to have succeeded in revitalizing their Rotaract Club. I will also Congratulate the Members of RC Nicosia Ledra for initiating a new Rotaract Club whose Charter night we shall celebrate together on the evening of 24th of May.

I am exceptionally happy to announce the formation of a new Rotary Club, that of Bethlehem which will be Chartered early next month with appropriate celebrations which I will preside and personally convey to the members your Best Wishes Of Success and Congratulations. We shall refer to these in our next and final issue.

Now is the time when Incoming Committees are in the final stages of completing their Planning Guides to present them next month to their Club members and after approval, sending them through their AG's to the Incoming Governor as of 1st July.

We still have weeks ahead to continue our efforts to achieve and finalize our goals and I must admit I am amazed at seeing our members working so hard with zeal and enthusiasm to complete and deliver their promises before the end of the Rotary year.

One draws renewed energy just by watching our Rotarians and Rotaractors achieving so much for those in need and when they are Serving Above Self. The most important is that they are achieving all this whilst enjoying Rotary, promoting fellowship and love amongst their club members thus making their Clubs healthy and vibrant.

In conclusion, the month of May requires me to submit recognition forms for the RI Membership Development and Extension Award, forms for RI Recognition for Membership Development, and Nomination for the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Services.

Dear Rotarians, it will give me great pleasure to record praise and favourable comments on your hard work for this year.

With Warmest Greetings to you all,

Kevoork Mahdessian

District 2450 Governor 2012-13



Message from
RI President 2012-13
Sakuji Tanaka
May 2013



Dear fellow Rotarians,

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.

We hear the word *peace* every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define *peace* by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others – to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where they are most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection, and caring. And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand one another.

However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve – every day, and in many simple ways.

And so I thank you for your commitment to *Peace Through Service* – and to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

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



In Canada, May is usually a beautiful month. Spring has blossomed, trees and flowers are in bloom, and everyone is filled with a renewed energy as winter finally comes to a close. The changing of seasons can also serve as a time for action as Rotarians bring a fresh perspective to the goals they set for the 2012-13 year.

Every Rotarian, every contribution, and every project makes a difference every year. Through The Rotary Foundation, we can all do our part to work toward global peace from the ground up. Has your club worked on a humanitarian or educational project through the Foundation? And if not – why not?

There is still time to make your contribution. There is still time to give a community the chance to drink clean water, a young girl the opportunity to attend school, and a mother the access to the safe maternal care she needs. Contact your district Rotary Foundation chair and see how you and the other Rotarians in your club or district can participate.

I understand the impact these difficult economic times have had on all of us, but we still need your help. Foundation programs and projects all start with money. I hope each Rotarian reading my message will have given something based on his or her own situation. It doesn't take much from each individual when you have the support of more than 1.2 million members, but that assumes 100 percent support. If you've given, I thank you sincerely. But if you haven't, I hope you will as together we make May a great month for Rotary and for our Foundation.



District News

The Country Illiteracy Committee Celebration in March

On the occasion of March the Illiteracy Month in Rotary, the Illiteracy Country Committee in Egypt District 2450 headed by PP. Pakinam Abdel Fattah conducted its annual celebration ceremony on Sunday 17th March, 2013 to recognize the Rotary Clubs that participated with the Committee to open illiteracy classes to help eliminate illiteracy in Egypt using the CLE (concentrated Language Encounter) program and in the presence of Deputy District Governor PP. Mayan Raslan, Vice Chairman of the General Authority for Illiteracy and Adult Education, the Presidents & Members of Rotary Clubs and also members of the Associations that cooperated with the illiteracy committee's in opening illiteracy classes.



DDG Mayan Raslan started the opening ceremony by presenting District Governor Kevork Mahdesian's speech on behalf of him and praised the efforts of the Committee during the Rotary Year 2012/2013, then a presentation on the CLE program was presented and finally Head of the Illiteracy Committee PP. Pakinam Abdel Fattah presented a speech and introduced the work of the committee during the year with the Rotary Clubs and conducting 13 Training Courses to prepare teachers in different governorates (Cairo - Giza - Kalubia - Fayoum - Beni Suef - Sohag), the technical Follow up to 175 illiteracy classes for 2655 literacy persons in different governorates and accordingly the Committee has done its target projects for this year which equaled 726000 Egyptian Pounds in addition to the Rotary Clubs that paid the direct expenses of illiteracy classes as follows:

- ♦ **RC Heliopolis**, opened 30 Classes at Kalubia Governorate and 22 Classes in El Haggana and Embabaa.
- ♦ **RC Fayoum**, opened 30 classes in Fayoum.
- ♦ **RC Cairo North**, opened 12 classes in Embabaa region at Giza Governorate.
- ♦ **RC Kasr El Nile**, opened 10 classes in Embabaa region at Giza Governorate.
- ♦ **RC Giza North**, opened 8 classes in Embabaa
- ♦ **RC Cairo**, opened 8 classes in Beni Suef.
- ♦ **RC Heliopolis El Golf**, opened 1 class in El Haggana region at Cairo.
- ♦ **Illiteracy Country Committee**, opened 3 classes in Koftan village at Beni Suef Governorate in coordination with Country Community Service Committee as part of the project of developing 3 deprived

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...The Country Illiteracy Committee Celebration in March

villages at Beni Suef, also completed 28 classes in Sohag Governorate from last year.

- ◆ **Other Associations**, the committee cooperated with them as the Committee trained teachers for them and technically supervised their classes (Food Bank opened 6 classes – Sadko Co. opened 3 classes – El Zahraa Association opened 3 classes – Auto Club opened 1 class).

At the end of the celebration ceremony DDG Mayan Raslan and Head of Illiteracy Committee PP. Pakinam Abdel Fattah recognized the Rotary Clubs and the participated Associations by presenting to them a Shield and Appreciation Certificates,

Then DDG Mayan Raslan recognized PP. Pakinam Abdel Fattah head of Illiteracy Committee in a special recognition and awarded to her Paul Harris +1.

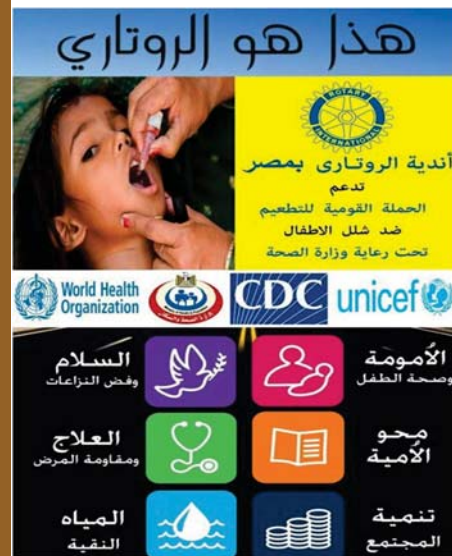


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The National Campaign to Combat Polio

((Egypt is Polio Free))...

Was the slogan of Rotary Polio Committee in year 2006 during its celebration with the participation of the Ministry of Health that announced Egypt Free from this terrible disease that infects Children under 5 years... During January 2013, The Ministry of Health indicators showed that the Polio Virus is back in Egypt (Pakistan Source) and was spread in sewage water at 2 areas (El Haggana and El Salam) the matter that made Polio Prevention Committee in Egypt and all the concerned parties for planning to move with the presence of **The Rotary International Representative for Polio Dr. Ahmes Ghobrial, Deputy District Governor Mayan Raslan, Chair of TRF Committee Adel Hafez and Head of Zone Rotary Image Committee Ayoub M. Ayoub.**



The Following coordinators were chosen:

Magda El Alfy, Sahar Gad, Adel Abdel Shafei, Maha Salem, Sahar Sobeih, Jailan El Shazly, Ayman El Sayed and Abla El Badry, the coordinator and Administrator.



It was decided to implement National Campaign targeting Greater Cairo that was divided into 37 regions following the Ministry of Health to vaccinate around 2.5 Million Child under 5 years old with a grant from Rotary International with 406 Thousands Dollars equal to 2.7 Million Egyptian Pounds that has been allocated to purchase the necessary vaccinations and distributing them on different regions under the supervision of the Ministry of Health, WHO and Unicef.



TRF Committee in coordination with representatives from Ministry of Health had chosen 7 regions from the 37 regions targeted by the campaign so that the Rotary Clubs participate in the vaccination campaign over 5 days from 10th to 14th of March, 2013... the Chair of the Committee distributed the mentioned coordinators on 7 groups that include all the Rotary Clubs in Greater Cairo which equal 48 Clubs, in order to coordinate work with them during the period of the campaign to provide the needs requested by the Ministry of Health, which included the following:

- ◆ Provide dry meals daily over 5 days.
- ◆ Provide a number of Microphones to use during the campaign.

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- ♦ Advertising Banners/Fliers for the campaign with Rotary Logo on it.

He also stressed on the importance of the participation of Rotaractors in the above mentioned activities in co-ordination with their Rotary Clubs and also the participation of any outside volunteers in this National Campaign. The Coordinators worked according to particular plan targeting contacting all Rotary Clubs (attached).

Challenges and lessons learned:

- ♦ Enhance Media Coverage to show the real image of Rotary.
- ♦ The Need to Educate the Rotarians about the importance of participating in the National activities of Rotary.
- ♦ Unexpected needs were noted during the implementation of the campaign with the lack of appropriate funding.

Adel Hafez, Chair, TRF Committee

Abla El Badry, Admin, Polio Committee



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Mega Project of the Clubs in Egypt ...

The aim of this Mega project is to "Supply Potable Water and Drainage Sanitation by Trenches for 600 House" in the 3 deprived villages and also the Rotary Clubs provided development services and health care for the people of these 3 villages as follows :

- ♦ Medical Convoy Sponsored by all Rotary clubs in Egypt where 1320 Cases were detected from various medical divisions and 360 eye cases were also detected.
- ♦ 3000 Blankets were distributed to the poor families of the villages.
- ♦ 225 Wheel Chairs were distributed on the needy Handicapped kids & adults.
- ♦ Revolving Funds of around 100,000 Egyptian Pounds were presented to the poor people.
- ♦ Vocational Training Project for unemployed youth.
- ♦ Illiteracy Classes were opened.



The cost of this Mega Project and all the services that have been provided was around Two Million Egyptian Pounds.

All the projects were covered by the Media and in different Newspapers to enhance Rotary Image in the Society.



District Governor's Official Visits

April 2013

Raft Race 2013 organised by RC Sulmanya / Bahrain



Raft Race 2013 / Rotaractors



Raft Race 2013 / Participants



Raft Race 2013 / Participants waiting for results



Raft Race 2013 / Winners in ecstasy



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April 2013

Raft Race 2013 / Award winners



Raft Race 2013 / Winners receiving metals



DG on Samahiji "Titanic" in Bahrain



Relaxing on DDG's Samahiji yacht in Bahrain



DG thanking the hosts PP Mazen Al Umran and spouse at their residence



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April 2013

Party in honor of DG and spouse at PP Mazen Al Umran residence



District Governor's Official Visits

April 2013

RC Manama / Bahrain - Exchanging banners



RC Manama / Bahrain - Committee Members



RC Adlia / Bahrain



RC Adlia / Bahrain - Committee Members



RC Sulmanya / Bahrain - Exchanging banners



RC Sulmanya / Bahrain - Committee & Members



District Governor's Official Visits

April 2013

DG presenting banner to PDG Nidjad Al Atassi



No Comment!!



Lunch meeting with Bahrain Club Committees



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