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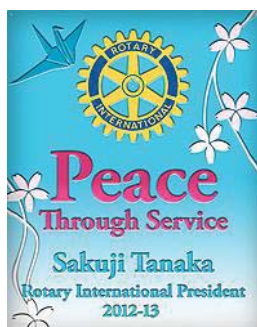
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2012-13

Kevork Mahdessian

RI PRESIDENT

2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka



Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and partners in service,

I wish once more to bring to your notice the importance of the Rotary Calendar Month, the ethics of which is to lead our working path during that particular month towards our effort to accomplish its dictate.

October is Vocational Service Month and we are encouraged to focus on it's Avenue ,which is the basis of our membership in Rotary and it is basic to our organization. It is an excellent time to look at Vocational Service activities .



We should consider to :

- ◆ Devote the first meeting in October to examining Vocational Service, including the FOUR WAY TEST and the ROARY CODE OF CONDUCT. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- ◆ Introduce a "Classification Talk" series in which each member gives a five minutes talk on his/her professional or vocation. These presentation give members the chance to learn in the inner workings of jobs including the various problems that arise and the solutions used to address them.
- ◆ Present a Vocational Award to some one in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement .Promote the presentation in the community and consider making it an annual event

each October.

- ◆ Help young people prepare for their careers by sponsoring a character project, career day, job shadowing day or mentorship program.
- ◆ Support professional development in the community by sponsoring a professional networking event or workshop, or start a career counseling program to help unemployed or underemployed adults compete in the job market.
- ◆ Have club members volunteer their vocational skills on a community of international service project.

The use of the classification principle assures that each club has among its members a cross section of communities business and professional population; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations as an opportunity to serve . These values are expressed in the 4 Way Test.

Paul Harris wrote " Each Rotarian is a connecting link between idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

Hands on Vocational Service in the community is the best possible public image Rotarians can give to the community . The side benefit is the ability to attract new members. PRIP Ray Kinginsmith emphasizes the opportunity Rotarians have in building communities bridging continents with use of the Vocational skills ,upholding high ethical standards and maintaining supportive professional relationship are goals toward which Rotarians should strive.

Vocational Service involves aspiring to high ethical standards, recognizing the worthiness of occupations and contributing professional talents to solve society's problem and meet community needs. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities, including discussions, awards and community projects.

How can we bring the Avenues of New Generations Service and Vocational Service together?

By:

- ◆ Inviting Rotarians to mentor Rotaractors as they begin their careers.
- ◆ Assign Rotarians or Rotarctors to help Interactors prepare for University.
- ◆ Host Community career fairs and workshops
- ◆ Create a job board for local teens.
- ◆ Organize internship for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Offer professional services to promote Rotaract or Interact led events, service projects and activities.

Well fellow Rotarians you have it all, let us get down to work and you may rest assured that you will receive great satisfaction by your worthy actions and feel proud of rendering service to the Youth and your Community in general.

Yours in Rotary

Kevork Mahdessian

Governor

District 2450 (2012-2013)

Message from
RI President 2012-13
Sakuji Tanaka
October 2012



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Every Rotarian is different. Every Rotarian was drawn into Rotary for different reasons, and many vividly remember their first "Rotary Moment" – the moment when they went from being members of their Rotary clubs to being committed Rotarians.

I love hearing these stories and learning about what drew each Rotarian into Rotary. For some, it was a Rotary office, a particular project, or a convention. For me, it was a speaker at an ordinary weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Yashio, about two years after I'd joined.

I am a charter member of my club, and I was invited to join by the charter president. I had never heard of Rotary, and at the time, I didn't really know what service meant. But I was new to Yashio. I had just moved there from Tokyo, and I didn't know many people. I thought Rotary would be a good way to make friends and to help my business, and I respected the person who invited me, so I joined.

But to be honest, for the first two years, we didn't do much. Every week, I came to my meeting, I ate lunch, and I listened to a speaker. I paid my dues, and I gave money to The Rotary Foundation. But I wasn't involved in any service. I didn't know what Rotary service was supposed to be.

That all changed one week, when we had a speaker who talked about vocational service. This was a new idea to me. Until then, I had never thought much about the purpose of my life, or why I was in business. I was too busy working. I was always focused on my business, and on how to make it larger and better. I never stopped to consider any deeper purpose of my work.

Understanding the idea of vocational service completely changed my attitude toward my work, and toward my own purpose in life. I realized that the goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of the community, to make the community stronger, and to help make other people's lives better. When I understood this, and understood the concept of Service Above Self, it changed my life – and set me firmly on the path to a life of Rotary service. That is my Rotary Moment.

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



A new approach to vocational service and training

In 2013, all districts will have the opportunity to support vocational training teams (VTTs) with Rotary Foundation grants. These teams of Rotarian and non-Rotarian professionals will travel abroad to meet a humanitarian need, either by teaching local professionals about a particular field or learning more themselves.

VTTs, like Group Study Exchanges (GSEs), can be sponsored by district grants, which have no area of focus requirements. Districts 6200 and 9600 used district grants to organize a VTT exchange dealing with the environmental impact of oil spills. VTTs can also be sponsored by global grants.

Some districts have expressed disappointment that the Foundation will no longer support the GSE program. However, many districts have had difficulty finding professionals who meet the program requirements, forcing the Foundation to grant dozens of exceptions to the GSE guidelines every year. Under Future Vision, districts can still sponsor such activities through district grants and search for partners on the District Grant VTT Partner Forum on LinkedIn.

Unlike GSEs, VTTs have no restrictions on participant age or length of training. They also offer an opportunity for the hands-on activity with lasting impact that many GSE participants have requested. The GSE program established the Foundation's commitment to vocational training; VTTs are taking that commitment to a new, more dynamic level.

I encourage every district to take advantage of the humanitarian service that can be generated by a VTT, once Future Vision is fully introduced on 1 July. This doesn't mean that your Foundation won't allow GSE teams. They will still be funded, but with the money allocated to the district, and only when the district committee feels that it will be a meaningful exchange.

District Governor's Visit to Lebanon Clubs
September 2012

R.C. Beirut - Meeting



R.C. Beirut - Lunch gathering



R.C. Beirut - Lunch



R.C. Byblos Jbeil - Rotaractors



R.C. Byblos Jbeil - Meeting



R.C. Byblos Jbeil - Dinner



District Governor's Visit to Lebanon Clubs
September 2012

R.C. Baabda - Meeting



R.C. Beirut Cedars



R.C. Baabda Dinner at Wadi Feghali / P. Nazih Gattas



R.C. Beirut Cedars - Fund raising Dinner at Philip Skaff's residence on World Peace Day - P. Rami Majzoub



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September 2012

R.C. Beirut Cosmopolitan - Meeting



R.C. Sahel Metn - Meeting



Joint Dinner by R.C. Beirut Cosmopolitan and R.C. Sahel Metn



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

R.C. Sahel Aley



District Governor's Visit to Lebanon Clubs
September 2012

R.C. Saida - Donation of 20 wheel chairs to the old people`s home «Alhouna Centre»



R.C. Saida



R.C. Chouf - Water Purification Project



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September 2012

R.C. Chouf - Generator for electricity & water for the hospital «Des Soeurs De La Croix»



R.C. Beirut Centre - Meeting

R.C. Beirut Centre - Dinner



R.C. Beirut Centre - Donation to Oum El Nour Drug Rehabilitation Centre of a waste desalination plant
by AG Michel Jallad



District Vocational Seminar Under the Patronage of H.E. Atif Odhibat Minister of Labour

Saturday 13/10/2012

Landmark Hotel - Amman - Jordan

Time	Item	Session Title	Speaker(s)
9:00- 9:30	Registration		
9:30 - 10:15	Opening		
10:15 - 11:00	Session	Rotary Vocational Award	PP Samir Bdair
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30 - 12:00	Session	مفهوم العيب	Dr. Amjad Al-Aryyan
12:00 - 12:45	Session	Vocational Training Centers The Cyprus Experience	DG Kevork Mahdessian
12:45 - 1:30	Session	Success Story	Dr. Mark Turrentine
1:30 - 3:00	Lunch		
3:00 - 4:30	Panel Discussion	Women @ Work	H.E. Nadia Al-Aloul
4:30 - 5:00	Closing		



Entrepreneurship Tools

Are you ready for the journey?

Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia invites you

To a hands-on workshop with local entrepreneurs on

Entrepreneurship tools, meet ups
and happenings in Cyprus

Moderated by Rotarian Marina Theodotou

DATE: Saturday, October 6, 2012

LOCATION: KPMG (Cyprus) 14, Esperidon Street, 1st Floor, 1087 Nicosia

TIME: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm (8:30 am Registration + Coffee + snacks)

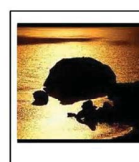
REGISTRATION FEE: 20 euro (15 euro for Rotaractors)

For attendance: www.facebook.com/groups/RCNAspelia/

or contact Secretary Pia Ceder, mobile: 99012486



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



GEOMORPHOLOGICAL FEATURES OF CYPRUS

Organised by:

- Rotary Club of Nicosia - Salamis
- Cyprus Association of Civil Engineers, Nicosia-Kyrenia Branch
- In co-operation with:
- Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ETEK)
- Cyprus Photographic Association – Nicosia Branch
- Cyprus Association of Geologists and Mining Engineers

Category A: Photographic Competition (open to anyone) 1st prize €250

Category B: Composition of photography and description of evolution of the geological feature (open to persons under the age of 25) 1st prize €150

Details and terms of competition: www.spolmik.org

- Photographs will be exhibited for sale
- The funds raised from the sale of the photographs will be used to donate water pumps operated with photovoltaics to an area in Zimbabwe which is suffering from poverty, AIDS, movement away from rural areas
- The evolution of the geomorphological features will be presented in an event
- Material collected will be posted on a dedicated web page

Submission Deadline: 25 January 2013

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77th DISTRICT 2450 CONFERENCE

4-7 APRIL 2013, LIMASSOL-CYPRUS

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*The Last of the Best Together
We'll make it The Best of the Last*

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PAG Christina Covotsou-Patroclou

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Message from District Governor Kevork Mahdessian

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Family and Friends of Rotary,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to the 77th District 2450 Conference to be held in Limassol, Cyprus, from the 4th to the 7th of April of 2013.

The city of Limassol is stretched along the shores of the Mediterranean and is the most exciting and vibrant city of the Island, with close proximity to historic sites and monuments as well as to the green pine forest covered mountains.

The venue hotels are in walking distance to each other, all strategically built on the sea-shore with facilities to meet all tastes.

Our exceptional organizing committee are preparing wonderful programs for you, with highly interesting topics from brilliant speakers and personalities. Visits for the spouses are organized to interesting sights and resorts, whilst visits for shopping are not forgotten.

Evening functions are going to be great, with lots of fun and surprises. We shall have fantastic fellowship and create an unforgettable atmosphere as we intend to make this 'The Last Of The Best' of District Conferences for District 2450.

We shall usher-in the two New Districts of 2451 & 2452 with great festivity, by strengthening our bonds of friendship with programs for future cooperation and joint activities. We promise to deliver to you an exceptionally interesting conference well balanced with interesting Rotary work but full of fun and fellowship.

Dear friends, we are waiting for you with open hearts and open arms, please join us so that TOGETHER, we make this Conference 'The Best Of The Last.'

See You in Limassol, 4th to 7th April 2013.

Kevork Mahdessian

DG 2012-2013

