



Third and Forth Governor's Letter

Dear Presidents, dear friends in Rotary!

The first quarter of our common Rotarian year is over and your plans and projects are in full swing. The Club visits are great, surely one of the highlights of my duties.

I am pleased to announce some changes in the Interact structure in Austria as well as some new ideas regarding the training.

Please keep in mind our **President's Conference in Sarajevo**, on Saturday October 29th! Parallel there will be

- DGE Arno Kronhofer's **Kick-Off**, where he will familiarize the incoming presidents with the next year and his plans as well as
- the **Youth Exchange workshop**, which is organized by Mira Grbić and Leila Bičakčić.

We are looking forward to your registration and a useful and inspiring exchange of knowledge and experience.

But naturally, after business comes pleasure – and so I am looking forward to meet other Rotarian friends at the traditional [Rotarijanka!](#)

In my last Governor's Letter I underlined Rotary's role in our civil society. This time, I would like to add a new dimension: **Referring to John Germ's motto "Rotary serving Humanity" I would like to focus on our internationality.** Rotary is a global community. By the means of our Foundation Grant system we are able to take important steps towards an improvement of life conditions in undeveloped and underprivileged countries.

For that and other reasons the World Polio Day and our initiative – [End Polio Now](#) (October 24th) does matter. For years we are fighting poliomyelitis and I invite you to learn more about the disease as it is still one doorstep away and still relevant.

Polio, our efforts regarding the eradication and the Rotary Foundation are the core messages of this Governor Letter.

So I would like to inform you that the Foundation is celebrating its 100 anniversary in 2017. And you all know that the Foundation is our main source to finance projects all around the globe.



Referring to this fact I would like to propose the following:

Each Rotarian donates every year a certain sum to the Rotary Foundation. On the occasion of the anniversary **I invite you to think about a suitable fundraising event and donate the money to our Foundation.** Each and every Mark, Euro, Dollar will be refunded and redirected into projects. Some Clubs in Bosnia and Hercegovina had this positive experience already, and I am sure that more Clubs will follow and “use” the Rotary Foundation for the implementation and realization of projects.

The District is planning a **festive event on March 17th 2017 in Graz**, the evening before the official opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Winter Games 2017. We would like to hand over a check to the Rotary Trustees and I would be delighted to welcome you in Graz.

Dear Presidents, dear friends in Rotary, as you all know the deadline for the District Grant application process was September 30th. The commission had to review over 40 applications. **Each Club which fulfilled the criteria will get a financial support.** Due to the numerous applications the requested amounts are not congruent with our contribution to your projects. Our District Rotary Foundation Chair, Günther Greindl, will inform you soon.

And so to close the “virtual financial loop” our districts additional “cash injection” towards the Rotary Foundation (hopefully including yours as well) would result in an increase of our future District’s Funds which are part of each Foundation Grant. So you see – your donation is essential and would make sense.

Finally, please have a look at the itinerary as we have made some changes in the [itinerary](#). Other events are published on our website as well. Making regular visits to our site is worthwhile.

I am now really looking forward to seeing you soon in Sarajevo and Tuzla!

Yours in Rotary

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