



Fifth and sixth Governor's Letter

Dear Presidents, dear Friends in Rotary!

I hope that all of you are doing well and that the preparations for the turn of the year and Christmas are in full swing. Considering the large number of Club activities and personal obligations, I do hope that you are looking forward to a quiet, restful and peaceful time, too.

Often, we are missing out these terms of peace and tranquility, though it is a frequently expressed wish. Therefore I would like to start my Governor's letter with this timeless wish.

By the end of October we had our first [President's Conference](#), including two workshops for Youth Exchange and President Elect Training. I would like to express my gratitude to the organization team of the RC Sarajevo. Thank you also for your active and productive participation. Thank you, dear friends, from RC Tuzla, for the unforgettable [Rotarijanka!](#)

In November, we had a dense **Rotarian program**.

The so-called Governor's council met and discussed important topics like the Club and membership development, further trainings for the avenues of services, joint projects, etc. It is gratifying and encouraging seeing that the cooperation between the Districts 1910 and 1920 is fruitful and that strategic issues like the databases and the protection of data, the communication in general and in detail, the youth service and other relevant matters are coordinated and realized.

A dominant theme in many discussions is the further **development of our organizational culture** within the Clubs and the District. We are facing tough times and the most important questions are how to make Rotary attractive for our members and how to integrate non Rotarians.

On many occasions, like President's Conferences, the RI Institute in Madrid or in the course of my Club visits we talked about common objectives and the aim of Rotary. I would like to continue with this train of thoughts and implement some of the ideas.

All of you are invited to think about our future, our progress, enlargement, improvement and further success.

Regarding the keyword **communication** I would like to underline two important aspects.

One aspect is the yearly maintenance of the two **databases** (www.rotary.org and www.rotary.at)

As we stressed already, without correct information we are not able to stay in touch. It is also important to announce the incoming board and check all contact details.

The second aspect is our biggest project ever: the **Special Olympics**. The Austrian Clubs are hosting over 2.000 athletes, trainer and delegations officers. The Club in Bosnia and Hercegovina collected a respectable amount of money to ensure the transport. As agreed on the President's Conferences in Tuzla and in Sarajevo, the RC Sarajevo International Delta will coordinate the funds with the Special Olympics Committee in B&H. I want to use this opportunity to thank you all for your support, your donation, your engagement!

We all know, that Rotary is willing to help, but we all know, too, that we cannot do all. Nevertheless, I am very happy and pleased that the whole Rotarian community, including Rotaract and Interact, are pulling together and that we are about to realize the biggest project we ever had.

I would like to congratulate our "Mr. Special Olympics" – Past Assistant Governor Laurenz Maresch, for his dedication, engagement and continuous efforts to make this dream come true.

In these difficult times, we have to show that Rotary is a proponent of an "inclusive society".



Please “use” the Special Olympics to promote your Club, your engagement, your dedication towards people who are different. I would like to invite you to use the Special Olympics for your own purpose. Show that our humanitarian spirit and our motto “Rotary serving humanity” are not just words! In Austria, the media resonance is overwhelming. I do hope, that also the Clubs in B&H will take the opportunity to position effectively Rotary’s commitment.

In my last letter I explained and underlined the **Rotary Foundation** as the most important sources of funding for Rotarian projects. Considering the Foundation Centennial I ask you to think about a special donation in favor of the Rotary Foundation. Some Clubs already donated, some other will follow and I invite you do so, too. As stated before and as presented in the seminars – each donation can be reclaimed by a suitable project. As far as I know, nearly each Club made already the positive experience with a Global (Matching) and/or District Grant. Scholarships and Paul Harris Fellow awards are also financed by the Rotary Foundation. By the way – the [RC Bihać](#) honored 8 members with the Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulation to all of the awardees!

The District will celebrate the **100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation in Graz**. I want to use the opportunity to invite you all to join us: **March 17th at 7p.m.** We will hand over a check to RI’s Foundation Chair and I would be glad if many participants from B&H will come, too.

So, if you would like to donate, please use the following account:

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We will ensure that your donation is forwarded to the annual fund and that your donation may be reinvested into projects. Thank you very much in advance!

Before I finish my letter, I would like to state that I appreciate the diversity of projects that have been realized so far. The **RC Dobož** initiated an exhibition with and for disabled children. Please read the [project description](#) and have a look at the [pictures](#).

Several **Rotaract Clubs** celebrated *Movember*. This is achieved by challenging men to grow moustaches during November to spark conversation and raise funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.

The **IAC Srebrenica** organized a workshop on December 1st informing pupils about [HIV](#).

Now, I would like to wish you nice and relaxing holidays and a healthy 2017. Please keep in touch and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours,

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