



## **7. and 8. Governor's Letter dedicated to the Rotary Foundation**

Dear Rotarian friends!

Hopefully, the first two months of the year 2017 started off well.

Since all around the world the Rotarian community is celebrating the [100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Foundation](#), (Centennial), which is known as the “project machine” of Rotary, I am dedicating this letter to the Foundation.

More or less each and every Club got in touch with the Foundation, either through Global and/or District Grants, scholarships, VTT-, GSE-programs and/or special awards (e.g. [Paul Harris Fellow](#) by RC Bihać).

With reference to this year's **District Grants**, I would like to refer to Günther Greindl's information letter which was sent on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

We expected, as in the previous years, the payment in January. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to answer a bunch of questions regarding the cash flow, the correct usage of money, the beneficiaries, the methods of payment, etc. The queries affected nearly all applications and blocked the whole transfer.

We all know that we are dealing with a lot of money which shall be spent properly. All donations must be handled with care and therefore I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and I would like to ask for your patience as we are doing our best to get the money as soon as possible.

I am proud that, nevertheless, e.g. the [RC Lukavac](#) started with the realization and finished the first parts of its project.

As I said before, the whole Rotarian world is celebrating the centennial of the Rotary Foundation and of course D 1910 is no exception.

**We will have a Gala Concert on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 o'clock at the [Helmut List Halle](#) in Graz and so I would like to invite you to this concert and look forward to welcome you there.**

**[Tickets](#) for this fundraising event are available and we do hope that a lot of friends will join us.**

In Austria, I invited the Clubs to **donate** a certain amount of money to the Rotary Foundation.

I want you to think about this extraordinary donation, too, and if your club decides to contribute it will be much appreciated. Even if this year's District Grants come to a halt, many Clubs made (again) a positive experience with the Rotary Foundation. As far as I know, the RC Bijeljina and the RC Dobož have a Global Grant application in the pipeline. Other Clubs will get the District Grant's support soon!

Thank you, dear friends in [Tuzla](#), for organising the swim marathon in favour of our global Foundation project END POLIO NOW! *You see – it's all about the Foundation - So let us make use of the centennial!*

Dear Rotarian friends, 2017 is a very special year and a Centennial is a unique event for the Foundation. Therefore I am dedicating this letter to the forthcoming events and would like to stress

- that your presence at the centennial concert and/or maybe
- your additional donation to the Rotary Foundation will lead to a higher amount of financial means in the future,
- will manifest your (and the Districts as a whole) standing within the Rotarian community and will enable you to participate in all programs and projects worldwide in a better way.

But, even greater and never seen before, is our engagement regarding the **Special Olympics**. Rotary in BiH enabled the bh delegation to come to the Winter Games and [70 Clubs in Austria will host](#) nearly 2,000 athletes.

Besides Coca-Cola and Audi **ROTARY** is the biggest sponsor of this event. Our overall valued services are in the range of about a million euros – including our work, our expertise and our connections ... and our money!!

Your commitment (thank you - RC Sarajevo International Delta for the organization) enabled the delegation of Bosnia and Hercegovina to join the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017!!

What makes me especially proud – many Rotaract and Interact Clubs in our District joined in as well!

**Thank you all!!**

Before concluding this letter, I would like you to point out several events for your information:

- The **RC Brčko** and the **RAC Brčko** are celebrating their [charter anniversary](#).
- The [PETS/SETS](#) in Sarajevo will take place in Sarajevo (April 8<sup>th</sup>)
- The [District Conference](#) will take place in Baden (May, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>)

Furthermore we will welcome **THREE new Clubs in our Rotarian Family**:

- RC [Sarajevo-Ilidža](#) (Charter April 8th in Sarajevo) after the [PETS/SETS](#)
- RC [Banja Luka Aequalitas](#) and **RAC Banja Luka Gloria** (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Again many thanks for all the efforts of the founding friends.

I am looking forward to pictures and further information regarding the [International skiing weekend](#) by RC Sarajevo International Delta at Jahorina and all other events organized by YOU!

Finally I am using the opportunity to inform you that we will prepare a video summary about 5 years of more intense cooperation between BiH and Austria, a phase starting back in 2011. This can be used in presenting Rotary in BiH as well as give an overview what happened in the areas of action like health, education, general support etc. We hope to show this at the PETS in April.

Last but not least – the [District Conference](#).

“Conference” sounds very official ... I decided to call the most important event of each and every year „Rotarian Family celebration within our District” and it will take place in my hometown Baden - a very old imperial spa south of Vienna.

Very soon, you will get the invitation, the program and the registration details.

In advance, I want you to know, that we are doing our best to facilitate your attendance.

We will organize the transfer to Baden, we will cooperate with a local travel agency to enable the registration and the payment in BiH, we will present you, our Clubs in BiH in a special manner, and we enhance the awareness of our friendship. So I think this event will be a very good roundup to a year full of big events and projects.

Dear Rotarian friends, with this I will finish, looking forward to see you soon in Graz, Schladming, Sarajevo and/or Banja Luka and of course in Baden.

Best regards,

**Paul Jankowitsch**

*District Governor 2016/17 and District Governor 2011/12*

*D1910 International Service Chair D1910*

*National ICC Coordinator Austria and BiH*