



## **11. and 12. Governor's Letter**

Baden, June 29th 2017

Dear Presidents, dear Friends in Rotary!

Our joint year with the motto "Rotary Serving Humanity" is coming to an end.

Evaluations are carried out, reviews are held, the current presidents will hand over their duties, the District celebrated its farewell party – also known as the District Conference, and, a few days ago, the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta took place, too.

Therefore, I would like to make a short review as well and express my deep gratitude to all of you!

As we all know, appreciation and recognition is the only "currency" we have in our organization.

I had a wish when starting the year – I wanted us to experience a joyful, ambitious year, based on real friendship and joint actions.

And – thanks to all of you - my wish became true!

It is up to each and every Individual and Club to draw conclusions and to resume, to learn from experiences and hopefully to continue with successful Rotarian work.

As your Governor, I would now like to say goodbye by sharing some personal thoughts:

Rotary is an international community of friends who are changing the world.

Friendship, which is key in every Club, gives us energy to develop a certain organisational culture, to manage projects and thus to make the world a better place.

### **As District 1910 we achieved many things this year, most importantly:**

- We had a very positive membership development.
- New Clubs were chartered - RCs [Sarajevo Ilidža](#) and [Banja Luka Aequalitas, Rotaract Club Banja Luka Gloria](#)
- Others are in the pipeline: RC Neulengbach-Wienerwald, RC Wien DC, e-Club in Vienna – and further RACs and IACs are planned, too.
- Sustainable projects were made real – details would go beyond the scope of this letter – but I am proud of our bh projects and those in Africa – and this continent will become one of our future focus areas, too.
- The Host Town Program and the Special Olympics with the participation of so many clubs and interested people.
- The Centennial of the Rotary Foundation was celebrated with spectacular Club initiatives.

Thank you, dear friends, for your engagement and commitment. It was an extraordinary year and all of you surpassed yourself!! My heartfelt thanks go to all members of my team, the artists, supporters and sponsors and to all dedicated friends in Rotary.

Without their help many things and projects could never become true!

My dear friends, I am an optimist – and please pass on our message – we have as Rotarians an answer to isolation and the withdrawal into a Biedermeierstyle cosiness. Based loosely on Maslow and his famous "hierarchy of needs" I would like to state that Rotary, besides our families and professions is giving us the opportunity to give meaning to our lives and to contribute to a better world. We tried to live this year's motto "Rotary serving Humanity" – and I think we met the challenge.

Let me finally share some impressions of our District Conference in Baden:



The dynamic prelude to the District Conference was the horse race at the *Trabrennbahn in Baden*. It is 125 years old and shall become a UNESCO world heritage.

Members of our team faced a joyful "Governor's Challenge".

All further pictures are published on [facebook](#).



To the official District conference I invited new members in particular – I wanted them to learn more about the professional organization in our District and to get an impression of Rotary overall. Although we are volunteers, we act as professionals. Transparency and other values are as important as friendship and acceptancy.



Thanks also to Pauline Leung from Taiwan, our RI Representative, for her deep insights into Rotary International.

Dear Friends, thank you once again for this special year. I wish you all the best, a pleasant summer and a wonderful upcoming Rotarian year. Please give my best wishes to all of your Club members, friends and your families.

Yours,

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